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THE COAST GUARD TO GET THE JOB DONE

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

In 1970, author Alvin Toffler published *Future Shock*, the first in a trilogy and a futuristic look at the world. Toffler himself defined “future shock” as “too much change in too short a period of time.” The second part of Toffler’s trilogy, *The Third Wave*, dealt with the transition from the industrial to the information age. The themes of these books are the accelerated rate of technological and social change leaves people feeling disconnected and suffering from “shattering stress and disorientation” — future shocked!

Think about all the changes that have occurred since World War II. We’ve evolved from “modern conveniences” like telephones and black and white televisions at mid-20th century, to cellular phones and high definition television with hundreds of channels. In these first years of the 21st century, the use of computers and the Internet have truly revolutionized how we live, learn and work. If there’s been one constant the last few decades, it’s been the staggering pace of change — future shocked!

Within the Coast Guard Reserve, we’re living our own version of “future shock.” Just when you think you have things reasonably figured out, they change. I know this can be frustrating. Just recently, I talked with a reservist who was frustrated because things would change at the drill site every month. This reservist would look for something online and the Web site wouldn’t work, or the needed documents would be moved etc. At times the reservist couldn’t even log onto the standard workstation, because of security changes, etc. It’s tough to keep up on this even if you’re living it daily, so I can truly empathize with our reservists who only drill a few days a month — future shocked!

Here at *The Reservist*, change is all around us too. Computer software and hardware needs change and are upgraded fairly often. Keeping up with the daily influx of e-mails from around the nation (and world) can be daunting. In the early 1990s, almost all of our submissions for the magazine came via regular mail. Now, about 95 percent of our submissions come via e-mail.

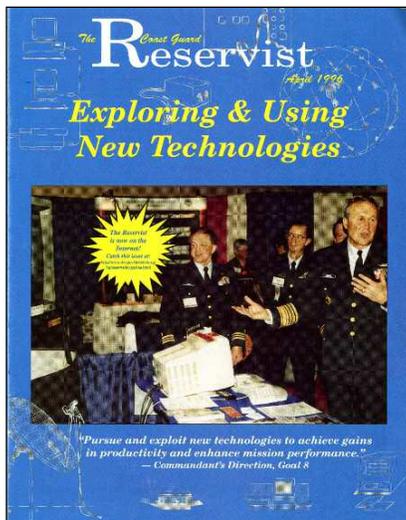
In an effort to keep pace, we run articles with technology-related themes occasionally. However, we have not run an issue devoted entirely to technology in quite a while. In fact, looking back through our archive, it’s been 12 years since we devoted a cover story to Information Technology. The last such issue was April 1996 (“Exploring and Using New Technologies,” which coincidentally, was the first issue ever placed on the Internet (www.uscg.mil/reservist). How things have changed since that first issue went online in 1996 (inset cover above).

Thanks to advance planning and the hard work of many authors and contributors, we bring you this Information Technology issue. Is there more going on in the Coast Guard technologically than what we’ve published here? Absolutely — and we don’t have it all covered here, but I think we’ve touched on many technology related topics that will be interesting and hopefully helpful to reservists, including the new Defense Message System, E-mail connectivity, Homeport, CACs, E-Learning, AOPS/TMT and the Innovation Expo.

Finally, happy birthday to Training Center Cape May as it celebrated 60 years of service to the Coast Guard on May 31, 2008. Compare 1948 to 2008, and you may ask if it’s the same place. Despite all the change they’ve seen over the years, their mission remains the same — to train recruits to be Coasties with Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty.

Have a great summer and enjoy this issue!

— ED



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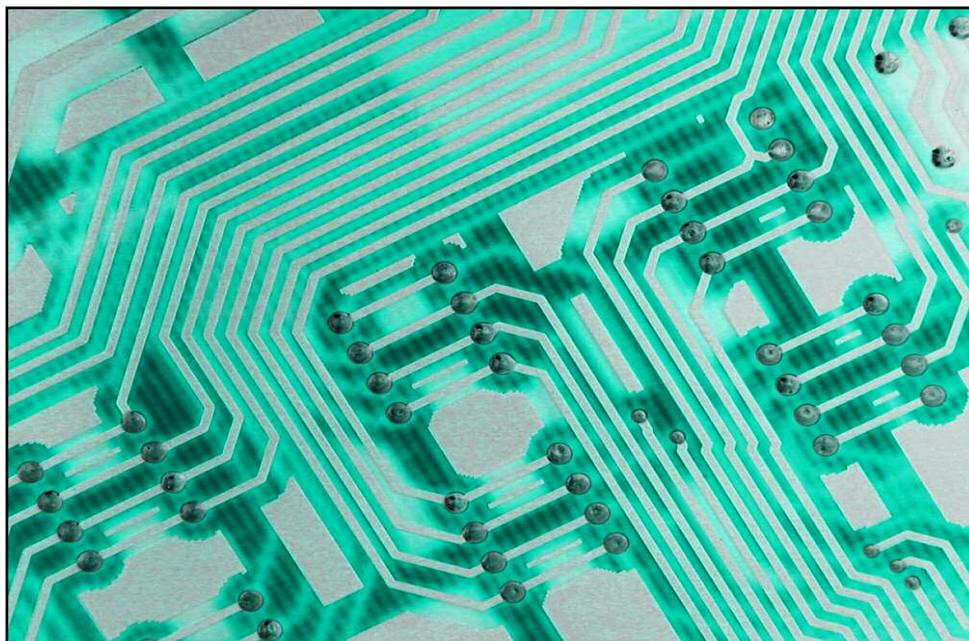
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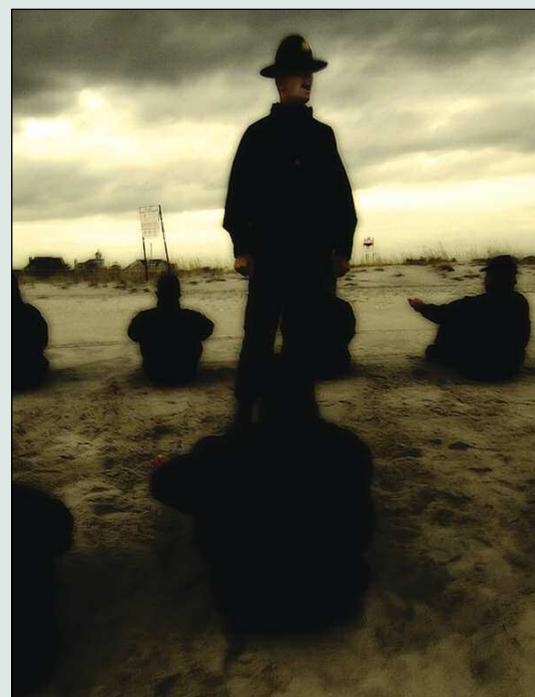


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Wearing of the Green!

Thanks for the photo of the USCG Pipe Band from the New York City St. Patrick's Day parade in Issue 3-08 on Page 17. It was 37 degrees, but at least it was dry. We will again be returning to the Coast Guard Festival this year, our seventh consecutive appearance in Grand Haven, Mich. for the Coast Guard birthday party. Speaking of consecutive appearances, I've lost count how many times BMCS Steve Cochran and I have visited the Outer Banks of North Carolina for the annual British War Graves Memorials (this year on May 8-9) hosted ably by Sector Field Office Cape Hatteras, N.C.

— **Pipe Major
Bruce Blanchard,
USCG Pipe Band
Richmond, Va.**



Ed's note: Pipe Major Blanchard is referring to the British Cemetery at Ocracoke, N.C. Every year on the Thursday and Friday closest to May 11, American and British armed forces meet to commemorate the British seamen buried in a piece of land deeded by the U.S. government to Britain on the Outer Banks. It's a story of heroism and gratitude that is little known outside of the tiny town. To learn more, go to: www.offbeattravel.com/british-cemetery-outerbanks.html.

Combat Action Badge Question

What is the difference, and who is authorized to wear, the Combat Action Badge (CAB) versus the Combat Action Ribbon (CAR)?

I'm hoping you may be able to answer that question as I've been unable to find the answer through my yeomen, internet searches, or Coast Guard manuals. I turn to you because Vol. 53, The Special Uniform Issue, printed in 2006, of The Reservist initially made me think of the question. Prior to seeing the Combat Action Badge in your magazine, I didn't know the Coast Guard recognized this award.

Prior to joining the Coast Guard Reserve, I served as an Infantry Officer in the 3rd Brigade of the 2nd Infantry Division. While serving in Iraq from November 2003 to October 2004, I earned the Combat Infantryman's Badge (CIB). Soon after, the Army began discussing implementing the Combat Action Badge for non-infantry and non-medic personnel who had been in direct contact with the enemy.

I'm not sure what date they actually authorized the badge for wear but they backdated the requirements to September 2001 and non-infantry members of my unit were awarded the CAB. While attending Reserve Officer Candidate Indoctrination, a classmate of mine who had served with the 82nd Airborne in the Gulf War told me to submit a copy of my CIB orders to receive the CAR to wear on my Bravos. My search of the Coast Guard Medals and Awards Manual, Enclosure 2, concerning the CAR does not list Iraq as a campaign that has earned the CAR, so right now I'm not really sure if my CIB transfers over to either the CAR or the CAB. Any clarification you can provide would be wonderful — if for no other reason than to satisfy my curiosity.

— **LTJG Ryan Townsend, USCGR
Morgantown, W.Va.**

Ed's note: The CAR is awarded to members of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard when the Coast Guard or units thereof operate under the control of the Navy, in the grade of

captain and junior, who have actively participated in ground or surface combat. For info on the Combat Action Ribbon, see the Medals and Awards Manual, COMDTINST M1650.25C, Section 2-10-7. On the other hand, the Chief of Staff, Army, approved the CAB's creation May 2, 2005, to provide special recognition to soldiers who personally engage, or are engaged by the enemy. As for the wearing of these awards as a Coast Guardsman (but earned in another branch of the military), we checked with Mr. Michael Gable of the Military Medals and Awards Division at CGHQ (CG-121). He gave us the following answer: "We're working to resolve this issue. The Coast Guard only has authority from the Navy to award the Combat Action Ribbon for the Vietnam War. For anyone involved in combat

during other periods, the Combat Action Ribbon can only be awarded to personnel working in direct support of a Navy command. We have a solution that must be routed to the DHS Secretary for consideration and approval. We are trying to fast track the proposal, but cannot give an estimated time for completion. We are requesting that the solution be retroactive to provide equity. As the proposal moves closer to resolution, information will be provided to the field." Stay tuned for updates.

Coast Guard Lady's Mailbox

I have been exchanging letters with Mrs. Lois Bouton, "The Coast Guard Lady," ever since The Reservist ran the [cover] story about her in Issue 2-07. She recently wrote to me about what has happened to her mailbox and I thought it might make for a follow-up story.

Her beat-up old mailbox was torn off its post by an end-loader being used by a neighbor. He replaced it with a nice new white one and asked if she wanted him to get rid of the old one. She said no — she would take it. The following is a quote from her letter:

"After receiving my mail since we moved here in 1974, it didn't seem right to just toss it in the trash. As I am trying to find homes for all my memorabilia, I thought maybe that old box should go to a museum. I gathered up a stack of interesting letters from an ex-Coastie who had been in World War II, and stuck them in the box along with an explanation as to how we



started writing. Then I suggested that a letter or two be taken out to read each week. The first person to come to take some of my things was from the Natchez, Miss. Station (CG GREENBRIAR). They are starting a museum for the World War II, Coast Guard-manned USS GULFPORT and The Coast Guard Lady. He liked my mailbox idea and quickly accepted that old, faded gold box. I know it will be happy in its new home.”

If you feel the above is newsworthy I am sure you can get a better perspective by talking to Mrs. Bouton. She was hospitalized recently but I understand is now back home.

— **Morris E. Lewis, USCGR, World War II Russell, Ky.**

Ed's note: *No need to publish a separate story, Mr. Morris — your letter did a wonderful job as is! Thanks much for taking time to share it. The Coast Guard Lady's cover story, published in Issue 2-07, sure has legs — we keep getting good “spin-off” stories from it more than a year later.*

RB-S “Boat Crew College” 2008

We received over 50 inquiries regarding our RB-S program from literally all over the planet — from non-rates to captains — following publication of Issue 5-07 (Boat Crew College). I had to look at a map to see where some of these units were located. BMC James Deal and I responded to all of them and provided the self-help style info packet.

This year I will be hosting the school at Castle Hill Station in Newport, R.I. from June 2-13. We increased the time from 7 to 10 days and expect about 18 students.

— **BMC Bill Saunders, USCGR Middletown, R.I.**

Ed's note: *For more info on “Boat Crew College,” a training initiative for RB-S crew qualifications, see Issue 5-07 and/or contact BMC Saunders for more information at 401-849-0971 or b.saunders@cox.net.*

130 IDT Points?

I'm just wondering: With the 2008 Defense bill finally signed by the president, did IDT retirement points get raised to 130?

— **LT Mike Byrne, MSU Wilmington Wilmington, N.C.**

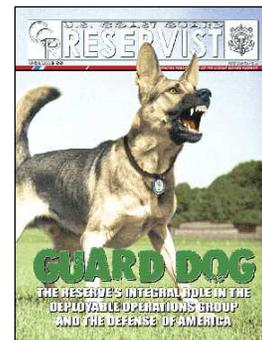
Ed's note: *According to Mr. Grafton “Chip” Chase of the CGHQ Reserve Policy and Plans Division (CG-1311), the 2008 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), Section 648, authorized an increase in the number of IDT points that may be used to calculate reserve retired pay from 90 to 130. However, this does not increase the number of paid drills authorized. The purpose of the provision is to ensure retirement points earned while performing non-paid drills, correspondence courses, funeral duty, readiness management periods (RMP), and other qualifying duty above the previous 90-point cap are retained and credited toward retirement. The authorized paid IDT is still either 48 or 60 drills, depending on the unit to which a member is assigned.*

“Guard Dog’s” Name?

I wanted to let you know how enjoyable The Reservist

magazine is for the entire family. My 11-year-old daughter, Leanne, asked me to e-mail you with a name she came up with for the “Guard Dog” on the cover of Issue 2-07 — “Guardian.” She may be the one to follow my path in the Coast Guard.

— **CWO3 Eddie Warren, USCGR Apopka, Fla.**



Reserve Retirement Calculator?

It's been awhile since you published one of those reserve retirement calculator articles. Could you do another one, using current rates, etc. I did look at the Web site, but I couldn't understand, or figure out what to plug in and then calculate. Thanks.

— **SCPO Tom Moore, Retired Cornelia, Ga.**

Ed's note: *Good idea, senior chief! The last retirement issue was Issue 3-05 so we're due — and it's on the planning docket for the next year. As far as a retirement calculator, there are two links to them on Personnel Service Center's Web site (www.uscg.mil/hq/psc), or go directly to a U.S. Army Reserve retirement calculator: https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/Reserve/soldierservices/retirement/retirementcalc.asp*

More on Citizen-Sailors

We were so excited to receive a copy of The Reservist magazine from a local reservist who noticed a photo of Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue Firefighter/Paramedic BM2 Jeff Wildes in Vol. 55/Issue 1-08, Page 42. Thank you for honoring him and other reservists in the Citizen-Sailor issue of your magazine.

— **Theresa MacLennan Central Kitsap Fire and Rescue, Kitsap, Wash.**

Long Names Cut-Off?

My name is SK2 Benedict Mackiewicz, and I was recently reading the online version of The Reservist (Vol. 55/Issue 2-08). I noticed in the advancements section that my last name was misspelled. It reads SK2 B J MACKIEWIC. At first I thought due to the length of my last name the “z” might have been dropped, but then I noticed other longer names that appeared to be fully spelled out. My name should read SK2 B J MACKIEWICZ.

— **SK2 Mackiewicz, USCGR PSU 301, Cape Cod, Mass.**

Ed's note: *There used to be an eight-character maximum cut-off on advancement lists, but that is no longer the case as you can see from the names longer than yours. In checking the original Enlisted Reserve Advancement Announcement (ERAA No. 1-08), your name was spelled without the “z” and we publish verbatim from that list. We regret the error — thanks for the correction.*

Web Site(s) of the Month

Not near a U.S. Coast Guard Exchange?
Then shop your Coast Guard Exchange online!
Go to: www.cg-exchange.com/

Need Coast Guard uniforms?
Go to: www.uscg.mil/uniforms/



WASHINGTON, D.C. — RDML Daniel R. May greets Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs Thomas F. Hall. Secretary Hall visited Coast Guard Headquarters for a briefing on Coast Guard Reserve activities May 14, 2008. USCG photo by PA3 Victoria Bonk, USCG





SUFFOLK, Va. — The American Flag still flaps in the wind May 2, 2008, despite the fact the house it was attached to was destroyed by a tornado. See story on page 16. USCg photo by PA2 Christopher Evanson, USCg





WASHINGTON, D.C. — Jim Lee of Great Panes Glassworks, Inc. in Denver, Colo. adds the final detail to the just engraved names on The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, May 3. Included is PS3 Ronald A. Gill Jr, a reservist who was killed March 25, 2007 while conducting maritime homeland security operations in Puget Sound, Wash. USCG photo by PA3 Victoria Bonk, USCG



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RDML
David T. Glenn,
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Technology (CG-6)

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An Open Letter From the Assistant Commandant for Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Information Technology (CG-6)

To All Coast Guard Reservists:

In the last issue of The Reservist, I shared with you my top three priorities for improving the readiness of our Reserve force. Included in that top three was our goal of improving communication and the ability of our Reserve force to access the Coast Guard network through their own computers. We are partnering with RDML Glenn and his CG-6 staff in a team effort to improve our communication capability for all reservists. The letter below is his commitment to making this goal of ours a reality within the coming year.

RDML Daniel R. May
Director of Reserve & Training

My fellow Coast Guard men and women,

As reservists, you play a vital role in helping the Coast Guard carry out its ever-expanding roles and missions and I commend you for your service and devotion.

Unfortunately as reservists you also know, first hand the problems our more remote units and personnel have in connecting to the Coast Guard Data Network and accessing and running enterprise applications. You also know the inconvenience and hassle of having to wait for your drill weekend or two week active duty availability to address personnel, pay and other issues because these times are your only opportunity to access your account.

CG-6 is well aware of these issues and will soon implement improvements that will make access easier and more convenient. Here are just three of the many items we are working on.

- **Outlook Web Access** — When this capability is activated, you will have a quick and easy way to access your e-mail account. Using the Common Access Card, you will be able to open Outlook and keep up with all the things that are going on with your unit and your world of work. We expect to have this capability by July 2008.
- **Elimination of Tokens for Remote Access** — For broad access to Coast Guard Systems, we are in the process of developing a solution that will eliminate the need for a RAS token in favor of the Common Access Card. This means that with the correct software (provided by the Coast Guard) loaded on your home computer, you will be able to access your account without the additional overhead of getting a RAS token from your drill unit.
- **CG Central, CG Portal and WWW** — CG-6 has also adopted a strategy to replace the outdated underlying technology for CG Central, the Coast Guard's current Intranet portal. We are working to define requirements and evaluate commercial products for the replacement. We anticipate standing up the new Coast Guard administrative portal, called CG Portal in December 2008. This effort will provide a single entry point for all Coast Guard information and make it easier to find the latest information on the important issues of the day like Deepwater, Coast Guard Modernization, upcoming events and other important issues.

These are three of the items we are working on. The bottom line is CG-6 has heard some of your issues and we are trying to address them as quickly as possible to help make you more efficient members of Team Coast Guard.

Thank you for your support, input and patience as we move forward.

RDML David T. Glenn
United States Coast Guard

2007 USCG Enlisted Persons of the Year Selection

HS1 Victor Ramirez is National Reserve Enlisted Person of Year

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Five of the Coast Guard top performers from across the nation were recently selected and will be honored in the nation's capital the week of June 9.

The five include: HS1 Victor M. Ramirez, Reserve Enlisted Person of the Year; MK2 Christopher O. Hutto, Active Duty Enlisted Person of the Year; Mr. Christopher M. Todd, USCG Auxiliarist of the Year; Ms. Lena M. Gavello, Civilian Employee of the Year (Coast Guard Appropriated Fund); and Ms. Peggy B. Pies, Civilian Employee of the Year (Coast Guard Non-Appropriated Fund).

HS1 Ramirez, stationed at MSU Port Arthur, Texas, was influential in increasing the overall medical readiness percentage for over 300 personnel assigned to MSU Port Arthur, Station Sabine, ANT Sabine, CGC HERON and MSU Lake Charles through an innovative program designed to have corpsman conduct weekly visits to outlying units. Ramirez actively participates as an EAP counselor, advanced level CISM counselor for peers, youth and families, and has used those skills to assist members through several difficult situations resulting in successful resolutions that have benefited all concerned. In addition, Ramirez organized an E-6 mess that collected and distributed school supplies for disadvantaged students and collected coats and blankets for donation to the Port Arthur Hospitality Center. He also volunteers to teach Spanish to fellow unit members.

“Winning the REPOY of the Year award is a great honor,” said Ramirez. “I am fortunate and blessed to work alongside with some of the best men and women who serve in the Coast Guard. We work together as a team and I share this award with my shipmates from Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur, Texas.”

MK3 Hutto, of CGC HICKORY (WLB 212), showed his commitment to expand his area of expertise in his dedication to obtain several qualifications outside of his rating as a deck rigger and crane operator for buoy deck operations. He assumed responsibility for CMPLUS correcting errors and tracking parts worth over \$1 million in the absence of the unit's assigned storekeeper. Hutto drafted small boat engineer qualification standards and procedures that have been implemented as the standard on several other WLBs and completely updated the

import security watchstander qualification process for incoming personnel. Additionally, he is a mentor with the Big Brothers and Sisters Program and volunteers at the local Boys and Girls Club teaching boating safety classes, organizing fund raisers, and coordinating the hosting of hundreds of youth aboard the cutter during the “Haunted HICKORY” Halloween event and other shipboard tours.

Hutto and Ramirez were selected from 25 nominees nationwide. Ramirez was the 8th District's nominee and was presented with a plaque at an April 11 ceremony in New Orleans by 8th District Commander, RADM Joel Whitehead.

Mr. Christopher M. Todd is a member of the Auxiliary's Flotilla 6-11 in the 7th District. Todd, who joined the Auxiliary in December 2006, dedicated over 750 hours to training and qualifying, including the use of his two personal vessels. He also completed qualifications as crewman, coxswain and PWC operator in a single calendar year, and conducted over 60 hours of patrol operations. For more info on Mr. Todd's selection as Auxiliarist of the Year, see ALCOAST 206/08.

Civilians Employees of the Year for 2007 are Ms. Lena M. Gavello, Education Specialist at Training Center Petaluma, Calif., and Ms. Peggy B. Pies, NF-3, Lodge Post Manager at ISC Kodiak, Alaska.

These five award recipients are being honored the week of June 9 in Washington, D.C. A June 12 ceremony at Fort McNair will be the highlight of the week's events. For more info, see ALCOAST 174/08 (REPOY/EPOY), ALCOAST 206/08 (Auxiliarist), and ALCOAST 246/08 (Civilians).

The Coast Guard's Enlisted Person of the Year predecessor program began in 1984 and was originally called the Naval Enlisted Reserve Association's Outstanding Enlisted Coast Guard Reservist. NERA still honors the Reserve winner at their annual conference each fall. In 1995, the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard's Office became the program administrator and it was renamed the Enlisted Person of the Year Program. In 2001, the program was expanded to recognize exemplary civilian employees, and in 2006, the New Auxiliarist of the Year program was added so that all components of the Coast Guard are represented.



RADM Joel R. Whitehead, commander of the Eighth Coast Guard District, right, presents the Eighth Coast Guard District Reserve Enlisted Person of the Year Award to HS1 Victor M. Ramirez, center, while looking on is VADM Brian Peterman, commander of Coast Guard Atlantic Area, during a ceremony in New Orleans April 11. Ramirez has also been selected as the national REPOY recipient.

Charleston Reservists Reach Milestone



Photo by MC1 Brianna K. Dandridge, U.S. Navy

Reservists recalled to active duty in Charleston, S.C. gathered recently to commemorate surpassing 30,000 boat hours underway in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM and OPERATION IRAQI

FREEDOM. Coast Guard Reservists have provided continuous maritime safety and security for DoD's strategic sealift and airlift mission in Charleston, S.C. since February 2003.



Photo by PA1 Alan Haraf, USCGR

D11 RCMC Reenlists

D11 Reserve Command Master Chief Forrest Adams, left, is accompanied by his grandson, Logan, during his reenlistment ceremony March 1 aboard the Lightship RELIEF, berthed at Jack London Square, Oakland, Calif. Administering the oath is reservist ENS Jeremy Rodrigues of Sector San Diego. Adams mentored the former SN Rodrigues when they were attached to the Sea Marshals program when activated after 9-11.



Photo by BMC1 Mark Allen, USCGR

Bruckenthal Remembered

SKC Teresa Hass recites the story of DC3 Nathan Bruckenthal's U.S. Coast Guard service and sacrifice during a memorial service sponsored by the DC CPOA at Arlington National Cemetery April 24, 2008, the fourth anniversary of his death in OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. Family, friends, and fellow Coasties showered Bruckenthal's final resting place with flowers and notes.

Photo by PA2 Matthew Schofield, D9 External Affairs



D9 Sector Reserve Command Chiefs

D9 hosted the first gathering of Sector Reserve Command Chiefs in Cleveland, April 29. The District RCMC and newest "Silver Badges" met with senior staff and program managers to discuss Reserve workforce management and planning aimed at enhancing the District's Reserve program. Pictured, l-r: MCPO Kurt Shoemaker, Sector Detroit; SCPO Nancy Seely, Sector Sault Ste. Marie (West); SCPO Jaime O'Kelly, Sector Buffalo; CPO Heather Caskey, Sector Sault Ste. Marie (East); MCPO Mark Stainbrook, Sector Lake Michigan; and MCPO Frank Jennings, Jr., D9 RCMC.



Photo by CWO3 E.J. Kruska, USCGR

Papal Pause...

CWO2 Sean Fennell, left, and SK2 Alexis Cook, right, pause with retired RADM Steve Rochon, center, while waiting for Pope Benedict XVI to arrive at the White House South Lawn the morning of April 16. Ten Coast Guardsmen were among a throng of 13,000 people in attendance at the papal arrival ceremony on a brilliant spring day in our nation's capital. Rochon, a former Reserve Program Administrator, is currently serving as the eighth White House Chief Usher.

Urban Warfare Training for PSU 307

Photo courtesy PS1 Thomas Stenger, PSU 307 Shoreside Division



Members of PSU 307 Shoreside Division move building to building during the division annual training at Camp Blanding, Fla.



BLOWN AWAY

COAST GUARD, NAVY WORK TEAMS PITCH IN FOLLOWING TORNADO'S WAKE

SUFFOLK, Va. — When a tornado touched down multiple times in this southeastern Virginia city, it left widespread damage, more than 60 people injured locally and 200 injured statewide.

The tornado, which struck shortly after 4 p.m. April 28, leveled many homes, including the one owned by Coast Guard Reservists CDR Annette and CWO4 John Tomkins.

“CWO Tomkins was home at the time of the tornado and was found by neighbors in a debris pile about 100 yards from his home,” said CDR William Csisar, who helped organize a work party of more than 20 Coasties to assist with cleanup efforts May 2. “One of the neighbors who found Tomkins was CDR Wes Pulver, commanding officer of CGC BEAR.”

CWO Tomkins described the tornado as “something right out of a movie.”

“I had just gotten home when I heard this tremendous noise off to my left,” said CWO Tomkins. “They describe tornadoes as sounding like freight trains and that’s pretty accurate. I saw a funnel cloud coming down the street just like in the movies with everything in the air and coming at me. I turned around, ran back into the house, got into the hallway

and that’s as far as I got.”

The last memory he has is glass coming into the house and then everything is very fragmented. The Tomkins’ neighbors — including the Tagalow family, Mr. Art Ford and CDR Pulver — went out looking for him shortly after the tornado passed.

They found him with multiple broken bones, a punctured lung, bruises and lacerations. He was immediately hospitalized at Obici Hospital in Suffolk. Meanwhile, CDR Tomkins, a Reserve Program Administrator (RPA) currently stationed at Headquarters approximately 200 miles north, was wrapping up a day’s work when she received the news from CDR Csisar. She was on the road heading south soon.

Once the area was reopened to homeowners, Friday, May 2, a Coast Guard work crew of 24 reservists, civilians and contractors moved in as part of a debris search and recovery team. There were at least two other Coast Guard teams working in other neighborhoods, and approximately 40 Navy personnel pitched in as well. The Tomkins home was totally destroyed — there was nothing left but the front steps.

“Everything we collected from the Tomkins’ house



Members from various Coast Guard commands assist in the clean-up effort at what remains of the Tomkin's home in Suffolk, Va., May 3. A total of 24 Coasties and 40 Navy personnel responded to the tornado ravaged community.



U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Christopher Evanson

fit into a 5-by-8-foot trailer,” said LT Katy Coombs, an RPA stationed at Headquarters who drove from suburban Washington, D.C. to assist with the cleanup for two days.

Csisar added that the Coast Guard team helped a total of five families, including a retired Marine major and a mother who survived the storm despite being tossed around in a bathtub with her two small children.

Tons of debris were searched. The teams recovered numerous important personal possessions including identification, pictures, financial documents, credit cards, money, and photographs.

“The most rewarding recovery was the discovery of a small box that contained the first locks of hair and baby teeth from the children of the mother that went for the ride in the bathtub with her kids ... something totally irreplaceable,” said Csisar.

CWO4 Tomkins, currently serving on ADSW at the Federal Building in Portsmouth, Va., was released from the hospital May 5. He was still wheelchair bound and on oxygen but improving daily and convalescing at a friend's home.

“They [the Coast Guard work crew] really helped a lot of folks out that day and I know our neighbors really

appreciated it,” said CDR Tomkins.

Echoing his wife's sentiments, CWO Tomkins said, “The work crew was wonderful. They were truly angels to come down and do all they did. One of the things about this whole episode is that we, our organization, the lifesavers, well, we need help at times too and we are truly appreciative that they (our neighbors and other Coasties who helped) were there for us. It fits right in with all the virtues we hold dear in our Coast Guard. It just meant a terrific amount to me.”

Fortunately, despite the tragedy for the Tomkins, all was not lost. They had bought another home in Lake Ridge, Va. and had moved most of their personal belongings to that home already.

“We were fortunate in that respect,” said CWO Tomkins. “We didn't lose everything.”

And, when they went back to their Suffolk neighborhood a week after the tornado, they were impressed by what they saw — the American community in action.

“People are working very industriously trying to get things back how they were,” said CWO Tomkins. “This is a true example of the American spirit — it's pretty amazing.”



Happy “60th” Birthday, Training Center Cape May!

Tourists and beach-goers probably think of Cape May, N.J. as a Victorian-era seaside community at the southern end of New Jersey — that’s true! It’s also a National Landmark Historic Site. But, mention Cape May to Coast Guard personnel, and it may conjure up images of boot camp. And there’s good reason — over 4,000 recruits pass through Cape May annually. May 31, 2008 marks the Training Center’s 60th year of continuous operation.

Prior to falling into the capable hands of the Coast Guard in 1948, Cape May first belonged to the Marines, then the Navy. Regardless of who has had “ownership” of Cape May, it has always been used for some type of training.

The first Marine Aeronautical Company trained and flew seaplane operations at Cape May beginning Oct. 14, 1917. The Marines who trained here later fought in Europe during World War I. In December 1917, the Navy began to use the site as well for seaplanes and “lighter-than-air” dirigible anti-submarine patrols. Called Camp Wissahickon by the Navy, activities continued here until 1922.

In 1926, the second Coast Guard Air Station was founded here (the first was at Gloucester, Mass.) to deter rumrunners. The air station’s first commanding officer was

CDR Carl C. Von Paulsen, a pioneer in Coast Guard aviation. LCDR Elmer F. Stone, Coast Guard Aviator #1 and one of the pilots of the Navy NC-4 Curtis Seaplane that made the first successful trans-Atlantic crossing in 1919, relieved him. CAPT Richard L. Burke, who set a national and international speed record with 500 kilograms of payload at 174 mph on June 25, 1935, at Cape May, relieved Stone. Two days later, Burke set the world record for altitude for amphibious planes at 18,100 feet.

An aviation school for enlisted personnel was founded at Cape May in 1934. The air station was decommissioned in 1938 due to a lack of funding. However, air patrol detachments were maintained at Cape May until 1941. During World War II, the Navy used Cape May again, this time for training pilots in aircraft carrier operations. The unique position of Cape May on the Atlantic Ocean shore provided excellent training conditions.

Coast Guard Receiving Center Cape May, N.J. officially opened May 31, 1948.

It later changed its name to Training Center Cape May. Today it is the service’s only recruit training facility center and enlisted accession point. Prior to that, the east coast’s recruit training facility was located in Mayport, Fla. while the west coast location was Alameda, Calif.

After the Navy turned over Cape May to the Coast Guard, the World War II vintage buildings were slowly replaced. On



Dec. 18, 1957, several 200-person classrooms were dedicated. In 1968, the administration building was dedicated and a new hangar was then built for Air Station Cape May, recommissioned July 17, 1969. In the late 1960s, three 500-person recruit barracks and housing facilities were constructed. On April 28, 1998, the air station was once again decommissioned and relocated to a new facility in Atlantic City, N.J. The Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Hall classroom building was dedicated April 2, 2004.

Coast Guard Training and Support Center Cape May's mission is to build the enlisted corps by forging recruits into basically trained, highly motivated and proud Coast Guardsmen who are morally, mentally and physically fit to wear the Coast Guard uniform and execute Coast Guard missions in the 21st century. At Training Center Cape May, the 350-member staff of military and civilian personnel instills in recruits the Coast Guard's Guardian Ethos and the core values of Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty.

The Training Center also serves as a support center, providing services to 14 tenant/collocated units including a Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic. Cape May is also home to CGCs VIGOROUS, DEPENDABLE, FINBACK, MAKO, IBIS, Station Cape May, an Electronic Support Detachment and an Industrial Support Detachment. The Uniform Distribution Center has a satellite facility in Cape May's Dempsey Hall. That building is named for World Heavyweight Boxing champion Jack Dempsey, who served in the CGR during World War II.

The recruit training "boot camp" program spans eight weeks and covers military customs and courtesies, fire fighting, damage control, marksmanship, physical fitness, seamanship, first aid and Coast Guard history. Boot camp is designed to test recruits' abilities to react under extremely stressful situations. It is theorized that if recruits can react

positively under closely supervised, stressful situations in basic training, the same will hold true when they enter the field.

In addition to boot camp, Cape May hosts four other training programs: Recruiter School, Company Commander School, the Prior Service Training Program and Reserve Enlisted Basic Indoctrination.

The purpose of Recruiter School is to enable recruiters to more effectively recruit: that is, to reach out into a given community and encourage the best prospective Coast Guard recruits to join, not to simply be content with or rely upon only those individuals who seek out the recruiter. This four-week course is required for all personnel assigned to duty as a recruiter or Recruiter in Charge.

The Company Commander School trains the petty officers and chief petty officers that train the recruits. All enlisted personnel assigned to Training Center Cape May as Company Commander, Section Commander and Battalion Commander must attend Company Commander School.

The goal of the Prior Service Training Program is to provide basic training and facilitate transition into the Coast Guard by students who have experience and a foundation of military bearing and self-discipline gained from prior military service.

The Reserve Enlisted Basic Indoctrination (REBI) training program is a two-week program designed to introduce incoming reservists, new to the service, to the customs, courtesies and operations of the Coast Guard. Most of these students come into the Coast Guard Reserve via the RX/Direct Petty

Officer program. Coast Guard Reservist GMCS Donald Clayton is the current REBI School Chief.

Congratulations to Training Center Cape May on "Sixty Years of Service" and for training the future Coast Guard Guardians. For more information, including the 2008 Sunset Parade schedule, see Cape May's Web site: www.uscg.mil/hq/capemay/.



Above:
Coast Guard Training Center Cape May in 1961.



Below:
Coast Guard Training Center Cape May in 1997.

REBI Class Romeo 04-08

Congratulations to Reserve Enlisted Basic Indoctrination Class Romeo 04-08, graduated Feb. 22, 2008, at Training Center Cape May, N.J. Front row, l-r: GMCS Don Clayton, company commander; and MK1 Corey Koura, company commander. Back row, l-r: SN Ferdinand Deang, SN Patrick Kingsberry, SK3 Jason Blocker, PS3 Shane Branham, PS3 Robert Cruz, PS2 Ricky Justus, SN William Killingsworth, SN Jimmy Stefanidis, SN Jeffery Dykstra, SN Peter Blunk and SN Terry Riessen.



Photo by Mr. Scott Prince

REBI Class Romeo 05-08

Congratulations to Reserve Enlisted Basic Indoctrination Class Romeo 05-08, graduated March 28, 2008, at Training Center Cape May, N.J. Front row, l-r: GMCS Don Clayton, company commander; IS2 Carlos Villanueva, PS2 Richard Sapp, SN Eric Haymans, PS2 Sean O'Laughlin, SN Douglas McNealy, SN Robert Centonze, SN Ilan Baret, SN Matthew Boudreau, SN Alfredo Lomando, SN Michael Carey, SN Leia Marquez and MK1 Corey Koura, company commander.



Photo by Mr. Scott Prince

In His Father's Footsteps...

GMCS Don Clayton, left, celebrates with his son, SA Jacob Clayton, right, at graduation from recruit training at Training Center Cape May, N.J. Nov. 2, 2007. The younger Clayton graduated with Hotel-178 before shipping out for BM "A" School, and is now on Title 10 orders at Corpus Christ, Texas, while his father is the REBI School Chief at Cape May. Both father and son are reservists. Cape May celebrated its 60th birthday as a Coast Guard Training Center May 31, 2008.



Photo courtesy BMCS Don Clayton, USCGR

Reservist serves as Vessel Movement Officer for LNG Carriers

BOSTON — Ask BM2 Barry DuMoulin if he likes his job and he'll tell you he loves it! DuMoulin is Assistant Deepwater Port Manager for the first deepwater liquefied natural gas (LNG) port on the East Coast, an offshore facility named Northeast Gateway.

He may be one, if not the only Coast Guard Reservist qualified as an LNG Vessel Movement Officer.

“The VMO is the liaison with Unified Command as well as with the Officer of Tactical Command in overseeing the safe transit of these highly controversial LNG vessels” said DuMoulin. “Prior to reporting to the bridge, a safety inspection is conducted of the major components of the ship. The VMO works with the master, pilot, and docking pilots to communicate any concerns that may evolve during this evolution.”

The VMO has the highest vantage point from the bridge wing, and also acts as lookout to relay any potential problems during the transit. Having knowledge of these deep draft vessels is extremely valuable, not only to the USCG, but to the maritime industry as well.

“The responsibility of this position is highly visible to many and is just another segment in port and facility security,” said DuMoulin. “The great training I’ve received in the Coast Guard was truly a major factor in my career. Many thanks go out to the chief warrant officers that took me under their wings. If I had known when I joined the Coast Guard in 1986 that this part of it existed, I would have switched to the “M” side much sooner.”

DuMoulin’s other major qualifications include Port State Control Boarding Officer, Facility Inspector, Maritime Security Inspector of Foreign Vessels, as well as some other minor “M” qualifications. Although a native of New England, DuMoulin normally resides in Rio Rancho, N.M., where he owns a ranch.



Photo by MKC Samuel Brown, USCG

BM2 Barry DuMoulin, USCGR, stands on the bridge wing of the Liquefied Natural Gas tanker BERGE BOSTON (now SUEZ BOSTON) serving as Vessel Movement Officer (VMO) in September 2006. DuMoulin is one of the only qualified Coast Guard Reservists serving as an LNG VMO as he helped develop the USCG’s LNG VMO program and trained active duty personnel.

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For years, the Coast Guard has been working to keep pace with ever-changing technology. Since the technological leap that was SWIII, the Coast Guard has been on a never-ending quest to find the right fit for all aspects of the service's information technology needs. The Reserve presents a unique challenge in that quest. Amidst the dizzying array of new technologies and upgrades, the one constant is change. The following is the latest on those changes, some that are currently underway and some coming in the not too distant future. |

What's New at USCG's R&D Center

By CAPT Tom Jones, Commanding Officer, USCG Research and Development Center

The Coast Guard's Research and Development Center (R&D Center) in Groton, Conn. is the Coast Guard's resource for scientific knowledge and capabilities, providing innovative and adaptive research, development, testing, evaluation, analysis and technology solutions for the maritime environment.

The command exists to enhance current and future asset acquisition and mission execution by providing decision-making tools for Coast Guard decision makers. The R&D Center's staff of 79 civilian and 19 military professionals is focused on helping ensure each Coast Guard unit has the equipment, training and policies necessary to fulfill the service's ever-expanding set of missions. With the recent move to the Acquisition Directorate, the R&D Center is also formally supporting the Coast Guard's significant acquisition efforts.

Among the projects currently under development at the R&D Center:

• Coast Guard Arctic Capabilities

In response to the Commandant's Arctic Initiative, the R&D Center is contributing to establishing relationships with potential arctic customers and partners in order to provide the Coast Guard with a ready knowledge base for future arctic operations. The R&D Center has researched and identified specific areas of concern to the service's current and anticipated arctic presence and is actively engaged in the collection, categorization and dissemination of arctic-related data for use throughout the fleet.

• Survivability of Distressed Mariners

The R&D Center is engaged in efforts to expand the Coast Guard's knowledge of survivability in marine environments, enabling the development of better operational guidance and decision support tools for use in Search and Rescue (SAR). Areas of concentration in this crucial investigation have focused on the development of guidance models applicable to warm and cold marine environments, providing survival probability information to SAR watchstanders for risk assessment, and incorporating information from both into SAR planning software, which could provide for more efficient SAR deployment of Coast Guard and other available sea and air assets.

• Unmanned Aerial Systems

The R&D Center has been assisting the Integrated Deepwater System (IDS) in acquiring the most effective Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) configurations and capabilities to support National Security Cutter (NSC) missions, greatly extending the search and reconnaissance

capabilities of the Coast Guard's seagoing platforms over the shipboard sensor equipment. UAS alternatives for both supplementary and long-term mission support have also been under research, ensuring Coast Guard members at sea have the immediate intelligence necessary for every mission.

• Sensor Visualization and Analysis

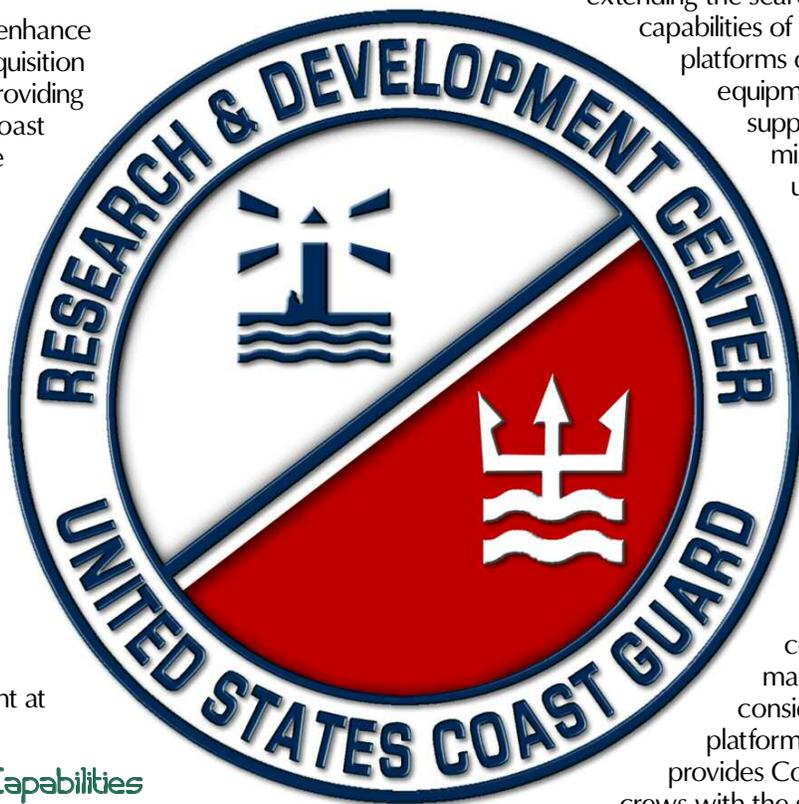
Helping the Coast Guard stay abreast of the latest technologies, the R&D Center has developed a modeling and analysis tool to visualize and assess sensor settings, search tactics and area coverage effectiveness. With many new sensors under consideration for air and surface platforms, R&D Center guidance provides Coast Guard helicopter flight crews with the sensor best suited to the mission at hand. Computer animations developed

from this project help crews and mission planners visualize how choices in camera settings and flight tactics can dramatically affect search mission results, resulting in substantial dividends in the form of more efficient flight operations, more successful missions and potentially more lives saved.

• Multi-Mode Detection Capability

Coast Guard boarding teams need devices to detect various types of contraband: narcotics, explosives, chemical and biological warfare agents, radiological and nuclear materials, toxic industrial chemicals and materials and even illegal immigrants. The detection equipment needed for successful interdiction of all types of contraband would encumber the boarding team beyond their ability to function safely and efficiently in a dangerous boarding environment. To alleviate this possibility, the R&D Center is researching a handheld system capable of simultaneously detecting all contraband from just a few samples. The handheld system allows the samples to be analyzed on the boarded vessel, thereby increasing the rate of sample analysis and delivering a reduction in sample analysis time.

These are just a few of the many valuable projects going on



at the R&D Center. At any given time, the R&D Center is working on over 80 projects that support maritime operations and regulatory programs for the Coast Guard and other agencies.

The R&D Center takes advantage of its close proximity to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and nearby cutters and small

boat stations for real-time working assessments of research projects. The R&D Center shares facilities with the Coast Guard's Marine Safety Laboratory and the International Ice Patrol, making use of the specialized resources each command has to offer. Stop by their Web site to learn more: <http://rdcms-iis.main.ads.uscg.mil/>.

Common Access Card — Our First Line of Defense

By LCDR Lisa Schulz (CG-113), CU02 Tina Tennyson (CG-1222) and Mr. Jason Arnold (CG-1B2)

Britain Charges Eight in Terror Plot Tied to U.S. Alert," "Madrid Bombing Death Toll Nears 190," "Officials Worry About al-Qaida Truck Bombs." -

These were the headlines when President George W. Bush signed the Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 (HSPD-12) in August 2004. HSPD-12 stated:

"Wide variations in the quality and security of forms of identification used to gain access to secure federal and other facilities where there is potential for terrorist attacks need to be eliminated. Therefore, it is the policy of the United States to enhance security, increase government efficiency, reduce identity fraud and protect personal privacy by establishing a mandatory, government-wide standard for secure and reliable forms of identification issued by the federal government to its employees and contractors (including contractor employees)."

In compliance with HSPD-12, the Coast Guard is currently upgrading its systems to issue HSPD-12 compliant cards by November 2008. The Common Access Card (CAC) contains advanced technology, which will enhance the security of federally controlled facilities and computer systems and

ensure a safer work environment for all federal employees and contractors. **Even though the new cards will be available in November 2008, your current CAC is valid until its current expiration date.**

The issuance of HSPD-12 compliant identification cards requires the verification of an employee's identity, a favorably adjudicated fingerprint check and the initiation of a background

investigation. Roughly 1,700 members of the Selected Reserve have no record of a background investigation on file

at the Coast Guard Security Center and will be required to submit documentation to initiate an appropriate level of investigation. The current plan is to initiate many of these investigations this fiscal year and members of the Selected Reserve can expect to be contacted by their servicing Command Security Officer in the near future.

For more information on CAC card issuance, contact your local DEERS office at <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/owa/home> or the CAC Web site at www.cac.mil. For information on background investigations, contact your Command Security Officer.

Ed's note: For a general overview of the CAC, see *The Reservist*, Issue 6-07, Page 9, "Military ID Cards: What You Need to Know About CAC Cards."



Privacy: A Look at Why it's Everyone's Responsibility

By CWO Albert Craig and Camilla Perry, CG-611

The continuing advancement of Information Technology has vastly increased the volume of Personally Identifiable Information (PII) maintained and types of media upon which PII is utilized, stored and transmitted. A negative consequence of this enhanced technology is that it enables more opportunities for PII to be lost, stolen or otherwise compromised. Individuals who utilize or have contact with PII are responsible for protecting it from disclosure, loss or misuse.

Privacy incidents, defined as a loss, breach or compromise of PII can occur at any time and place when appropriate safeguards have not been established and followed. These losses have emerged as a serious and important topic of discussion. As a result, the Office of Information Management, COMDT (CG-611) has implemented privacy awareness through policy, procedures for reporting/responding to privacy incidents and training.

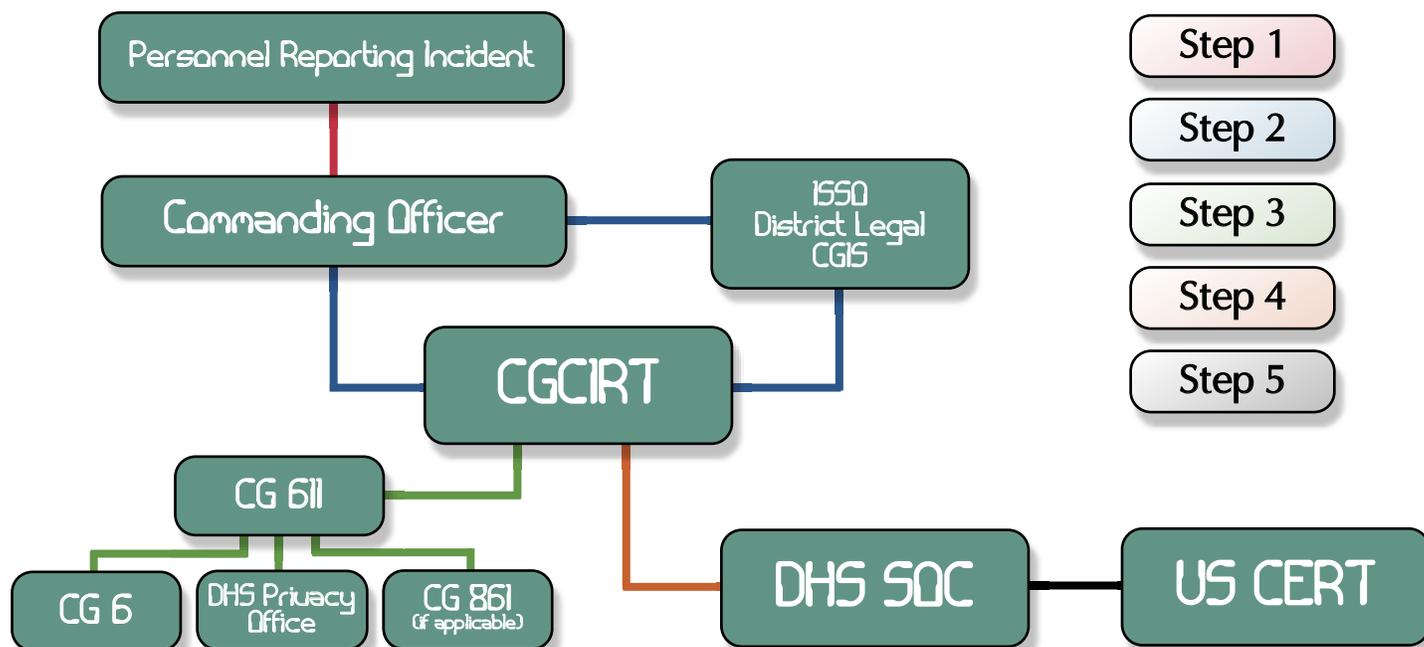
In response to an Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum, DHS directed its components to eliminate/reduce the use of Social Security Numbers (SSNs), a form of PII. SSNs create the biggest liabilities for federal agencies since they are linked to individual financial accounts and its loss could result in identity theft. When the Coast Guard collects a SSN, the collection must be connected with a legal requirement or by statute for compliance to the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552(a). Since the Privacy Act allows citizens to learn how records are collected, maintained, used and disclosed by the federal government, it is increasingly important that the Coast Guard only collect SSNs when an authority exists. The rule of thumb is, "There is less responsibility to safeguard PII as the collection diminishes."

Privacy incidents have received extensive media coverage and negative public scrutiny for the losses of laptops, thumb

drives and/or unauthorized disclosure of paper or electronic records that contain PII. Several federal agencies have experienced privacy incidents highlighted in the media. As a measure to protect the Coast Guard from such negative publicity, several policy documents have been developed: *Privacy Incident Response, Notification and Reporting Procedures for Personally Identifiable Information (PII)*, COMDTINST 5260.5; ALCOAST 425/07 entitled *Safeguarding Personal Privacy Information*; and ALCOAST 405/05 entitled, *Protection of Government Electronic Devices (GEDs)*. These documents provide guidance for safeguarding and protecting PII, associated reporting, and response procedures.

Upon discovery, ALL privacy incidents, suspected or confirmed, shall be reported to the Commanding Officer. The flowchart below demonstrates the five-step internal reporting requirement:

- Step 1.** CG personnel shall report the incident to their commanding officer.
- Step 2.** The commanding officer, in conjunction with the local Information Systems Security Officer (ISSO) and District/Area legal office, reports by telephone, fax, or e-mail, via CG-5250A, reports to the Coast Guard Computer Incident Response Team CGCIRT (CGCIRT).
- Step 3.** CGCIRT notifies Commandant (CG-611) for incident validation. COMDT (CG-611) notifies COMDT (CG-6), the DHS Privacy Office, and Commandant (CG-861) if applicable.
- Step 4.** CGCIRT reports to the DHS Security Operations Center (DHS-SOC).
- Step 5.** DHS-SOC reports to the United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT).



In concert with policy guidance, privacy awareness training has been developed that is located on the CG Learning Portal. This General Mandated Training (GMT) module provides an overview of the Privacy Act and highlights the procedures and the responsibilities associated therein. Additionally, COMDT (CG-61) has developed a "train-the-trainer" presentation entitled, "Privacy Incident Handling Guidance," and a "Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts Tutorial", posted on CG Central, <http://cgcentralweb.uscg.mil/cLink/2092>.

Every Coast Guard member is responsible for remaining

vigilant, safeguarding and protecting PII and immediately reporting privacy incidents. The Coast Guard's Privacy Office will continue to establish appropriate occupation-guided training and programs to reduce/eliminate negative behaviors or what is known as the "Insider Threat." Despite the established security parameters to safeguard PII from external attacks, "Insider Threats" are just as dangerous and must be thwarted. YOU must comply with existing policies and safeguarding measures because privacy is everyone's responsibility.



Homeport: A secure, enterprise Internet portal providing critical information and service to the public, maritime security stakeholders and Team Coast Guard.

On Sept. 1, 2005, Homeport was deployed in direct support of Hurricane Katrina response and recovery operations. Due to the massive rescue effort caused by Hurricane Katrina, Coast Guard operation centers were inundated with phone calls and requests for assistance.

The Homeport team was able to deliver the capability of allowing the public to complete a Missing/Stranded person request form online. Authorized Coast Guard personnel were able to log into Homeport on the Internet to view the reports. Within 24 hours of making the online request form available, over 6,000 requests were submitted. In the end, Homeport received over 15,000 requests for help.

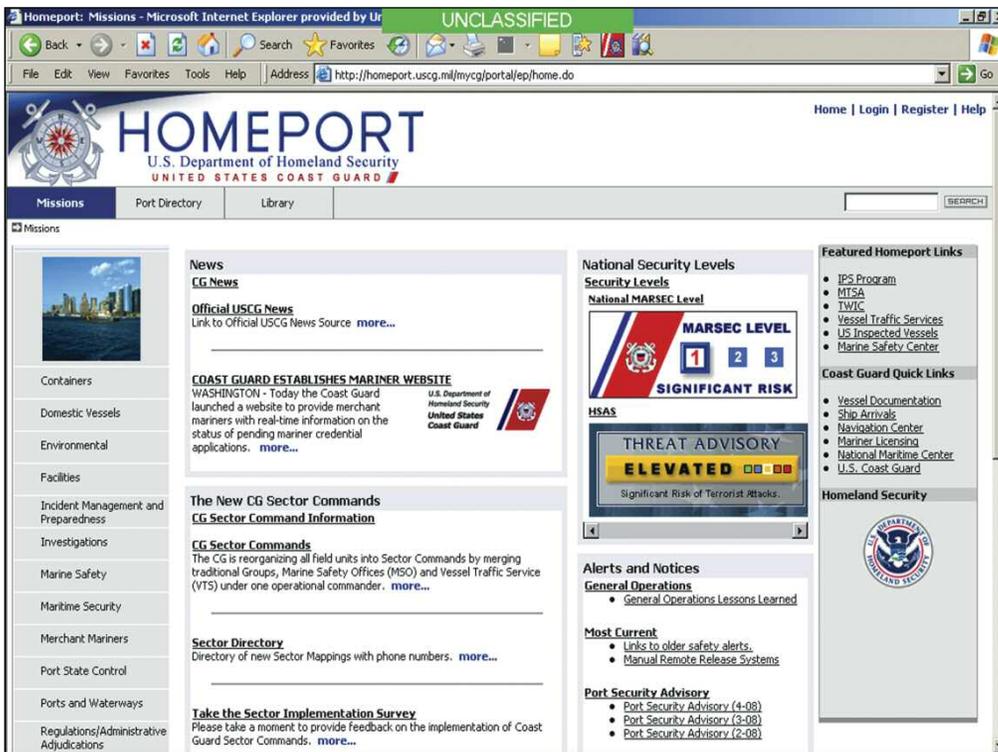
But what is Homeport? Homeport (<http://homeport.uscg.mil>) is a publicly accessible, secure

internet portal that supports unique Coast Guard business requirements by providing personalized information delivery and critical services to the public and Team Coast Guard. Version 1.0, which primarily supported port security functionality, was deployed Oct. 3, 2005 for operational use and now serves as the Coast Guard's primary communication tool to support the sharing, collection and dissemination of marine safety, security and environmental protection information, including Sensitive but Unclassified (SBU) information. Homeport meets critical mission needs by delivering an unprecedented level of collaboration and information sharing capability.

Access to Sensitive but Unclassified (SBU) information including Sensitive Security Information (SSI), For Official Use Only (FOUO) and Law Enforcement Sensitive (LES) information is available to authorized users with a user name and password. Central to the registration process is the proper vetting of registrants by those who approve accounts.

The maritime industry uses Homeport to communicate and collaborate with the Coast Guard. Coast Guard personnel also use Homeport to collaborate and communicate not only with the maritime industry, but also with other Coast Guard personnel who do not have easy access to the Coast Guard data network. Homeport's collaboration tool allows Team Coast Guard to collaborate and share SBU information with collaboration community participants. Homeport's collaboration communities were designed to give community owners the flexibility to collaborate as needed.

Additional information regarding Homeport is available at <http://homeport.uscg.mil>. Homeport questions can be directed to LCDR Karrie Trebbe (CG-ACO-R-61), 202-372-1278, Karrie.C.Trebbe@uscg.mil.



Marine Information for Safety and Law Enforcement (MISLE)

By LCDR Paul LeDoux, Commandant (CG-ACD-R-61)

<http://misle.osc.uscg.mil>

The Marine Information for Safety and Law Enforcement (MISLE) System is the single largest repository for USCG data, aligning Coast Guard field activities with Coast Guard missions. The MISLE system enables users to plan, document and track cases, activities, vessels, property and personnel in relation to performance of Coast Guard missions. There are approximately 9,000 users that apply MISLE in their day-to-day business.

Getting Most Out Of MISLE / MISLENET

Did you know that MISLE has its own support Web site? MISLENET (<http://misenet.osc.uscg.mil/>) is your first stop for training support, release notes and system enhancement news. MISLENET provides a direct link to MISLE and related applications, as well as to MISLE Customer Support.

Whether you need to contact a Headquarters Program management officer, find the answer to a frequently asked question or learn about new or upcoming functionality, MISLENET is the place to "save as a favorite."

One of the new features of MISLENET is the Computer Based Training (CBT) Tutorials. These visual training aids actually allow the user to interact with the application, emulating actual field scenarios. They can either be viewed directly from MISLENET, or can be downloaded and saved to a local computer, or to a media device for viewing when disconnected from the CGDN network. There are 35 tutorials available, including the core areas of MISLE and MISLE Mobile, as well as new functionality, with more tutorials being added all the time.

MISLE Team Member Functionality

The new MISLE Team Member Functionality allows users to create teams of USCG personnel and other government agency personnel and assign them to activities. Teams can be created from the Unit Admin screen, or directly from an

activity. Team members can be added by selecting names from a unit list, searching the system for personnel, or adding individuals not already in the system. Team rosters, including Full Name, Type, Rank, Agency Type and Agency Name, can be exported to Excel for reporting purposes. Once a team is created, it can be saved and used again with future activities. Individuals can be associated with more than one team; also, a saved team can be modified by adding or removing members for future use. Visit MISLENET to view an interactive tutorial for the Team Members functionality!

Member Login and Unit Account Management Improvements

In order to meet DHS and Coast Guard information security requirements, MISLE implemented new procedures for creating and managing user accounts as of Feb. 9, 2007. The only change that existing MISLE users noticed was they were prompted to select a new Security Question and Answer, which will be used if the user forgets his/her password.

A new MISLE user can submit a new account request as before, but will not receive access to MISLE until another MISLE user at their unit authorizes him/her. Once the user is approved, he/she will receive a password via e-mail, which will need to be changed during the initial logon.

User accounts can be managed at the unit level by granting temporary access to a user from another unit, accepting transfers from one unit to another, or removing a user who is assigned erroneously to more than one unit. Users belonging to only one unit cannot be removed at the unit level, but can be deactivated by the OSC Customer Support Division upon request by the unit.

Passwords are valid for 90 days. We understand that this creates problems for reservists who use MISLE less frequently, but MISLE must conform to information security mandates. The MISLE staff is also finalizing plans for migration to the new Active Directory e-mail addresses for



usernames. For example, a username of `pledoux@comdt.uscg.mil` will need to be replaced with `paul.g.ledoux@uscg.mil`. Additional guidance will follow. In the interim, all MISLE users are encouraged to ensure that their e-mail address listed in Direct Access is current.

It is also important to note the MISLE team is in the process of changing the "account unlock" process for accounts that have exceeded the 90-day login period, or have been locked by consecutive failed login attempts. The new functionality will allow a member of your unit to unlock the account for you using the unit management tool. Review the online tutorial for more supporting information and procedures to manage your and your unit's accounts.

Need Help?

An HQ program manager's point of contact list is available at: http://mislenet.osc.uscg.mil/cg_poc.asp. These individuals are prepared to provide assistance during MISLE Orientation with issues such as process changes, questions concerning user guides and MISLE help screens. A list of MISLE project officers is also available on MISLENET at http://mislenet.osc.uscg.mil/cg_poc.asp. When all else fails, MISLE has a 24-hour support Help Desk, 304-264-2500. The OSC Help Desk is available to take problem reports and assist MISLE users.

Questions regarding the MISLE application should be sent via e-mail to: HQMISLENETTEAM@USCG.MIL

Get in the "Coast Guard Mix"

By LCDR Paul LeDoux, Commandant (CG-ACO-R-6D)

An Online Resource Portal for the Maritime Community <http://cgmix.uscg.mil>

The United States Coast Guard Maritime Information Exchange (CGMix) is a web-based portal where anyone can access United States Coast Guard non-sensitive Marine Information Safety and Law Enforcement System (MISLE) data.

Using CGMix's Port State Information Exchange, you can search for MISLE data available for public use on U.S. flag vessels, foreign vessels operating in U.S. waters and Coast Guard contacts with those vessels. This information is updated weekly and contains vessel specific information.

Using the Incident Investigation Reports component of CGMix allows you to access information regarding maritime incidents investigated by the U.S. Coast Guard under Part D of Title 46 of the U.S. Code. These published reports are limited to reportable marine casualties, as defined in Section 4.05 of Title 46 of the Code of Federal Regulations, that were closed after October 2002. Ongoing investigations are not published on CGMix as they are not releasable to the public until the investigation is completed.

CGMix provides a means for you to learn what equipment is approved or certified by the Commandant for use on commercial vessels and recreational boats.

You can search a database listing USCG-accepted laboratories for testing of materials and equipment. This

database is intended for the use by manufacturers of commercial and recreational safety equipment and material to locate and contact USCG accepted independent laboratories for testing purposes for USCG Type Approval.

CGMix also has a searchable database containing a listing of USCG accepted Liferaft Servicing Facilities.

If you are looking for a reception facility that accepts marine pollution (MARPOL), CGMix has an answer for you. It has an online searchable database that contains a listing of U.S. Ports and Terminals holding valid MARPOL Certificates of Adequacy (COAs). This database can be searched by city or state and will provide a list of MARPOL facilities in the area. It will also tell you which MARPOL Annexes are accepted by each facility.

CGMix provide a Security Plan Review module for vessel and facility operators to check on the status of their security plans submitted to the U.S. Coast Guard. A tracking number is required.

Lastly CGMix provides XML web services enabling you to download this information to your computer.



United States Coast Guard
Maritime Information eXchange

The United States Coast Guard Maritime Information Exchange (<http://cgmix.uscg.mil>) has a wealth of information that is available even when you don't have access to a Coast Guard workstation. For more information/questions, contact MSTC Bridget Harrell-Donze (CG-ACO-R-61), 202-372-1296, Bridget.A.Harrell-Donze@uscg.mil.

SIPRNET? It's Classified!

By ITC Timothy M. Nugent, USCG's Headquarters Support Command (HSC) Secure Networks Manager

The transition of the Coast Guard from the Department of Transportation to the Department of Homeland Security has resulted in a change to Coast Guard operations. Instead of working primarily in an unclassified environment, we now operate in a mixed classified and unclassified environment.

In order to accommodate this shift, the Coast Guard has been implementing a significant expansion of the DOD's Secret Internet Protocol Routed Network (SIPRNET, pronounced "sipper-net"). This expansion includes the Sector, MSO and air station levels. Intelligence and operational units, such as the DOG (Deployable Operations Group), the TIC (The Interdiction Committee), FISTs (Field Intelligence Support Teams) and MSSTs (Maritime Safety and Security Teams) are also gaining access to the SIPRNET. When fully implemented, the Coast Guard will provide SIPRNET access to over 150 shore units and cutters.

These units contain large numbers of Coast Guard Reservists that manage and maintain day-to-day operations of which some of those use the SIPRNET on a daily basis.

Under the controlling authority of the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA), the SIPRNET is the Department of Defense's largest network for the exchange of classified information and messages at the secret level. Due to the operational criticality of SIPRNET and stringent regulation, strong configuration management of the entire system is essential.

The SIPRNET supports numerous classified war fighting and planning applications, including the Global Command and Control System, the Defense Message System (DMS) and Intelligence operations. Although the SIPRNET uses the same communications procedures as the Internet, it has dedicated and encrypted lines that are separate from all other communications systems. It is the classified counterpart of the Unclassified but Sensitive Internet Protocol Router Network (NIPRNET), which provides seamless interoperability for unclassified combat support applications and controlled access to the Internet.

How does SIPRNET compare to the regular Internet?

The SIPRNET is a private network that is international in size; it does not directly connect to any other network. Except for being completely isolated from other networks and existing within a secure environment, the SIPRNET is virtually indistinguishable from the Internet to the user. Its major visible difference is the domain name system, with almost all sites being under '.smil.mil' or '.sgov.gov.' Among its many features, computers cleared for SIPRNET access connect to the network via secure dial-up or LAN connections, access web pages are written in standard HTML (Hypertext Markup Language) using a standard web browser, can upload and download files via FTP (File Transfer Protocol) connections and can send or receive e-mail messages through SMTP (Simple Mail Transfer Protocol) services using any standard e-mail client.

Because of the nature of the data riding on the SIPRNET, the

network must be protected when it is not within a secured space. For example, cables that pass through unsecured spaces must be within an approved Protected Distribution System (PDS), and all SIPRNET data transmitted between secure facilities must be encrypted by approved National Security Agency (NSA) encryption systems.

Access to the SIPRNET requires at least a SECRET level clearance and a need to have information that is available only on the SIPRNET. To protect the data on the SIPRNET from compromise, all users must be approved and registered and the password requirements are strict. Additionally, SIPRNET workstations should not be left unattended while logged in.

As with all classified material, the hard drive and the network cables must be appropriately marked and secured when not in use, either in an area approved for open storage of SECRET information or in a storage container approved for SECRET information.

The ease of data transfer in the digital age poses other risks and for those reasons, it is always assumed that such a transfer has occurred. Once any media storage device such as a CD, floppy disk or memory stick (thumb drive) has been connected to a computer with access to the SIPRNET, it becomes classified at the SECRET level. It must be protected accordingly and shall not be used on any unclassified computer. ***Linking a SIPRNET computer to the Internet or to another computer or media storage device that has not been approved for use with SECRET information is a serious security violation.***

Technological advances in storage devices are making it easier for classified information to be removed from secure areas. Data-storage devices such as Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), key-chain drives, memory watches etc, are not allowed in an environment where classified information is processed because of their infrared and similar recording capabilities.

As a user of classified information, you are responsible for ensuring that all printed material is properly marked and for complying with appropriate procedures for removing that material from the vaulted or other secure area. Personnel with access to the SIPRNET must receive security awareness training at least once a year tailored to the SIPRNET system and the kinds of information accessed on that system.

An audit trail is also maintained for all users. This includes the identity of all persons accessing or attempting to access the SIPRNET, date and time of logon/logoff, and any noteworthy activities that might indicate an attempt to modify, bypass or negate security safeguards. Any misuse of classified information, intentional or not, is grounds for legal prosecution.

In this age of cyber-terrorism and the numerous computer networks available to them, security is a must. Whether you're on the SIPRNET or at home surfing the net, you should always be aware that there are people out there who would love to take over your machine for nefarious purposes, but that is an entirely different article. Bottom line: work smart, work safe!

DMS: The Future of Coast Guard Organizational Messaging

Coast Guard Moving from CGMS to DMS

By LTJG Amy Haas, USCG TISCOM (TSD-2)

In 2003, the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) mandated a commencement to shutdown the Automatic Digital Network (AUTODIN). While the Department of Defense (DoD) had already established the Defense Message System (DMS) program to replace and standardize its organizational and individual messaging systems, this expedited their timeline and as a result, the four DoD services have moved aggressively to implement DMS at all strategic sites (shore-based) and many tactical organizations. Also in response to the JCS mandate, the USCG Chief Information Officer directed the Coast Guard to transition to DMS to align with DoD and standardize its messaging system as well.

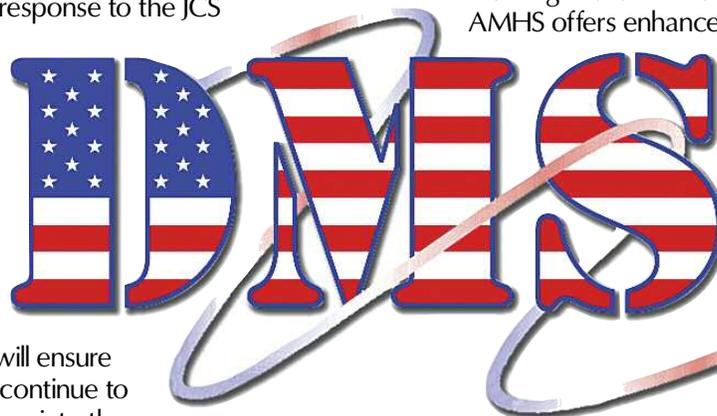
The transition to DMS is essential and will ensure the Coast Guard can continue to meet its military missions into the future. DMS is designed to enable all services and agencies to seamlessly exchange messages using a highly secure, accountable and reliable writer-to-reader messaging system. By policy, DMS supports only organizational messaging, in both unclassified and classified security domains. Replacing the costly, staff intensive, over-the-counter message technology of AUTODIN, DMS now services more than 40,000 organizations at more than 700 sites worldwide. In fact, DMS has been recommended to become the standard messaging system throughout the United States government. The DMS program leverages the latest commercial technology to maximize innovation, while implementing Allied Communications Publications (ACP) 120. Today's critical security needs are met using the international X.400 messaging and X.500 directory services standards.

DMS / CGMS Differences

To replace the existing Coast Guard Message System (CGMS), the Coast Guard is nearing completion of an enterprise implementation of the Automated Message Handling System (AMHS), a web-based user interface for DMS. AMHS allows users to remotely access the message traffic database to view, compose and distribute messages. Although AMHS is the replacement for the CGMS user interface, the process for accessing, creating and distributing DMS messages is significantly different than that of CGMS.

The biggest difference between the two systems is CGMS is a "thick client" system (requires a local application) and AMHS is a "thin client" system that uses a web browser

to access the system. This means AMHS inherently has lower associated IT overhead (i.e. less hardware, centralized management, support, etc.), and is easy to deploy in comparison to CGMS. As with most thick to thin client migrations, the capabilities and functions of the system will change. For example, AMHS is not integrated with Microsoft Exchange Server or Outlook like CGMS is, so users will not have the same "drag and drop" functionality or access to the Outlook Global Address List (GAL) while working in the AMHS application. On the other hand, AMHS offers enhanced message profiling options and personalized message management in comparison with CGMS.



Effect on Messaging User

New AMHS user accounts will be automatically created for ALL current CGMS users. The existing CGMS user accounts will be imported into AMHS by CG Telecommunication

and Information Systems Command (TISCOM) (TSD-2) staff. However, after each command migration is complete, any requests for new AMHS user accounts will need to be submitted via REMEDY (CG Helpdesk). Information and training materials (such as an AMHS User Guide and Computer Based Training module) are available on CG Central at: CG Central Home Page > Resources > Applications. General information about messaging projects is available in the "Organizational Messaging" community page in CG Central. Go to the Communities tab, click on "Find a Community," and then search for Organizational Messaging. At this page, you may also reference the two main DMS governing directives: NTP 21(A) Naval Telecommunications Procedures DMS User's Manual and ACP 123(A) Allied Communications Publications Common Messaging Strategy and Procedures.

Messaging Support Resources

For end user support, contact your servicing Communications Area Master Station (CAMS) or Communications Center (COMM-CEN). For messaging engineering support, contact TISCOM (TSD-2) Messaging Systems Division. For messaging policy concerns, Headquarters CG-62 is the Program Manager for Coast Guard Organizational Messaging.

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Coast Guard Enterprise Architecture

Helping You Navigate the World of C4&IT

By Jeanine Shipley and Piali Bandy, CG-6B

Uant to know more about the latest Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Information Technology (C4&IT) innovations? Are you interested in learning more about Coast Guard systems? Do you need an authoritative source of approved C4&IT products and standards?

Using the Coast Guard Enterprise Architecture (CGEA), you can get answers to all these questions and more.

Your Aid to C4&IT

The CGEA helps the Coast Guard community by sharing information about the Coast Guard's mission, business and C4&IT solutions. In essence, CGEA makes information more accessible to help the Coast Guard make informed decisions about how to invest its C4&IT dollars.

"CGEA can be used by anyone who is working on a project with C4&IT, looking to acquire C4&IT products, or seeking to align their initiative with the Coast Guard's C4&IT strategy and standards," said Andrew Blumenthal, director of the Office of Enterprise Architecture and Governance and Chief Enterprise Architect.

Think of it as your reference to commonly used systems and C4&IT products throughout the Coast Guard. It is your comprehensive guide to C4&IT planning and governance.

Stay On Course

To learn more about C4&IT, visit the CGEA Web sSite at <http://cgea.uscg.mil>. Once there, you can view the CGEA products (available through the "Products" tab) to find information about your specific area of interest.

Listed below are some products that may be helpful in your career as a Coast Guard Reservist:

C4&IT Systems Profile: This product provides a high-level view of the C4&IT systems that enable Coast Guard mission and support functions. The information presented in this profile is a roll-up of the C4&IT Systems Inventory, which has detailed information on approximately 185 C4&IT systems

used by the Coast Guard. You can look at the profile and inventory to learn more about the systems and applications available to you as a Coast Guard Reservist.

IT Products and Standards Profile: This product shows a sub-set of approximately 70 of the 380 IT products and standards documented in the IT Products and Standards Inventory. You can use the profile and inventory to identify products and standards that are common in the Coast Guard.

Command, Control, Communications and Computer (C4)

Products Profile: This profile shows the 407 C4 products documented in the C4 Products Inventory. When thinking about new C4 product, the profile and inventory can help you identify standard Coast Guard products.

C4&IT Transition Profile: This product shows the Coast Guard's target C4&IT solutions. The information in this profile is a roll-up of the C4&IT Transition Inventory. You can review both products to learn how the Coast Guard is transforming its C4&IT services to meet future mission needs.

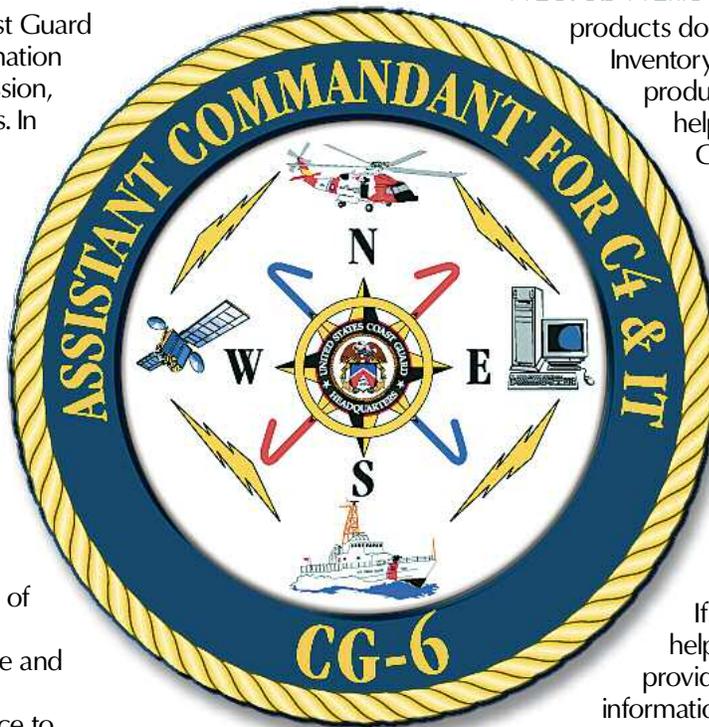
Bridge the Gap

If you're still not sure how CGEA can help you, consider this — the CGEA provides more than just C4&IT information. The CGEA helps to bridge the gap between the Coast Guard's mission and its C4&IT solutions. To do this, the CGEA organizes information in six perspectives. Each perspective represents a different way of looking at the CGEA information.

Performance Perspective: This perspective captures information about the measurement of strategic business and mission outcomes. This includes information from the U.S. Coast Guard Posture Statement (with 2009 Budget in Brief) and the Office and Management and Budget (OMB) Performance Assessment Rating Tool (PART).

Business Perspective: This perspective contains information about the functions, processes, and activities that the Coast Guard performs. An example of an activity documented in this perspective is "port, waterways and coastal security."

Information Perspective: This perspective describes the



information needed to perform Coast Guard mission and business activities. For example, the Coast Guard requires information about vessels, cargo, parties, patrols, rescues, boarding and investigations to perform its missions.

Service Perspective: This perspective accounts for the systems and applications that support Coast Guard information needs. For example, Marine Information for Safety and Law Enforcement (MISLE) provides the Coast Guard with information it needs to perform its safety and law enforcement missions.

Technology Perspective: This perspective documents the underlying technology that supports service delivery. An example of what this perspective describes is information about the USCG Data Network (CGDN+).

Security Perspective: This perspective describes how

the Coast Guard assures information confidentiality, integrity, availability and privacy. For example, it describes the types of firewalls the Coast Guard uses to protect its network and system infrastructure.

Get Your Bearings

CG-6 published the most recent version of CGEA in March 2008. It includes 60 information products that describe the USCG's mission, business, and technology.

To learn more about the CGEA, contact:
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AOPS/TMT for Coast Guard Reservists

Helps Units and Individuals Manage Training Records

By LTJG Thomas Martin (CG-761) and Mr. Bob Mills, CG Operations System Center

The Abstract of Operations/Training Management Tool (AOPS/TMT) system captures resource hours for all Coast Guard operational units and training at the unit and individual level. AOPS/TMT is developed, hosted and maintained by Operations System Center (OSC) in Martinsburg, W.Va.

Resource hours captured in AOPS/TMT are broken down by mission, employment category, TACON, and operation. This data is used at all levels of the Coast Guard, and is used extensively in mission planning and resource allocation.

AOPS/TMT also captures training for active and reserve members. The system contains reserve-specific competencies such as contingency coxswain, crewmember and engineer. The E-training functionality in AOPS/TMT allows reservists to track their initial qualification as they complete their PQS. Once they complete their qualification, the system will automatically begin tracking the training required to maintain the qualification received. If a member transfers or their currency lapses for some reason, they can also use TMT to record their recertification. There are also competencies for Port Security Units (PSUs), such as the PSU Basic Skills Course and the PQS required for basic and advanced PSU qualifications.

Once training is recorded in AOPS/TMT, there is no need to maintain a paper-training record. This relieves units from typing, printing, signing and filing a memo or Page Seven. It also prevents a member's record from being accidentally lost or damaged and members no longer have to bring their record from unit to unit as they transfer. When a member transfers, so does their electronic training record.

For deployable reserve units such as PSUs and other units with minimal or no internet connectivity, they use a version of AOPS/TMT called AOPS-Lite. AOPS-Lite can be installed on a laptop or workstation, which the unit takes with them

while deployed. The system records operations and training off-line and then once the unit has connectivity, they upload the recorded information. This "synch" process takes only a couple minutes and merges the data recorded at the unit into the main AOPS/TMT system. Units interested in using this program can set up an installation through the Coast Guard Operations System Center (OSC) (<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/osc/>).

In order to reduce workload and prevent multiple entries of the same information, AOPS/TMT is connected to Direct Access, Coast Guard E-Learning and CG Central. When a member is certified in a competency in TMT, that competency will be sent to Direct Access automatically, as long as there is a corresponding competency in Direct Access. Also, Direct Access updates AOPS/TMT unit and member information, so there is no need to manually transfer members from unit to unit. CG E-Learning (<http://learning.uscg.mil>) provides online courses and general mandated training (GMT). The connection between E-Learning and AOPS/TMT allows a member to complete a course on E-Learning and have the completion automatically recorded in AOPS/TMT. Currently ICS-100, ICS-200 and several GMTs on E-Learning automatically update into AOPS/TMT. Additionally, all AOPS/TMT information is available through CG Central. By running the reports in the "My Workspace," "Units" and "CG Analytics" tabs of CG Central, members can view all of their personal or unit operations and training data.

The AOPS/TMT program is a valuable tool for both the Reserve and Active Duty Coast Guard. It provides valuable resource utilization data that is used at all levels of the Coast Guard. It helps units and individuals effectively manage their training and reduce their administrative workload.

Charting the E-Course

By LTJG Andy Campbell, USCGR, CG-1325

<http://learning.uscg.mil>

Maybe some of you can recall when universities started mailing VHS tapes and broadcasting lectures through the local cable channels for college credits. This was the inception of the use of electronic media for distance learning. Once considered “non-traditional,” this concept has matured with technology to become a standard way of delivering training and education across the world.

The Coast Guard has embraced these advances to assist the field in enhancing performance for mission execution. E-Learning encompasses the gamut of capabilities from facilitating online classroom lead instruction, webinars, and interactive modeling and simulations.

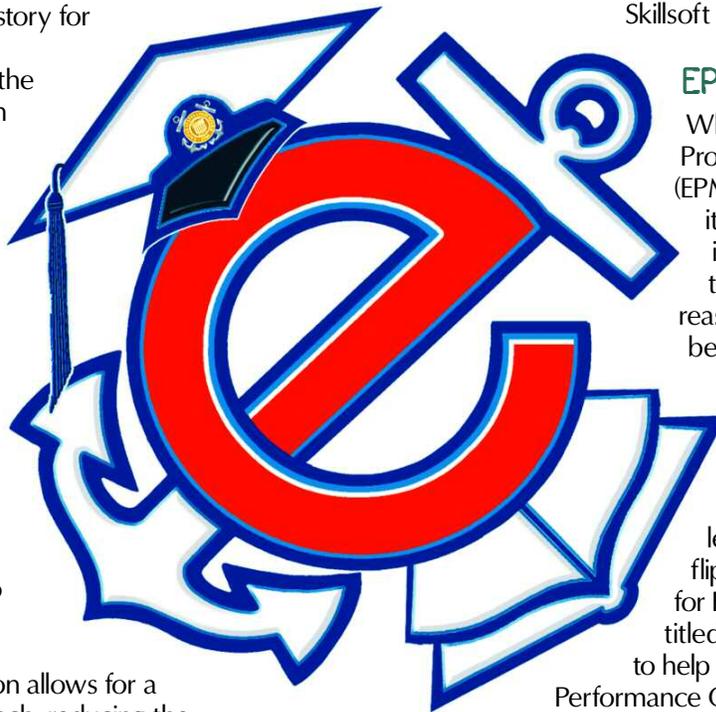
The most current success story for the Coast Guard’s E-Learning program is the conversion of the Boarding Officer Qualification Support Program (BOQSP). BOQSP was an initiative to increase the number of qualified Boarding Officers in the Reserve workforce (this was the cover story in Issue 1-07 of *The Reservist*). This was achieved by converting knowledge portions of the training into self-paced, online modules followed by a two-week residential “C” school. The success of this program has demonstrated the potential to apply E-Learning to other programs like Coxswain “C” school. This type of conversion allows for a more blended learning approach, reducing the amount of hours in a classroom studying and more hours performing behind the helm.

The E-learning staff has worked diligently since the summer of 2007 to increase the number and quality of the courses being delivered. The Learning Portal has a new user-friendly interface that provides easy access through a single point of entry to over a dozen courses. It also allows access to multiple training and education applications and provides needed information, forms, and web links with a single username and password. Check out the enhancements at <https://learning.uscg.mil>.

Skillssoft

One of the advances now available at the Learning Portal is

the ability for users to have direct access to Skillssoft. Through Skillssoft, you can take a wide range of online courses for IT, business skills, leadership and project management. There are preparatory tests to help you prepare for certification exams. Many of the courses have been accredited by the American Council on Education (ACE) and can be applied toward a college degree of continuing education units (CEU). Skillssoft features “Books24x7,” which allows users to search, browse, read and collaborate on thousands of books in a vast professional library. The Coast Guard is not just taking the initiative to provide professional development to its active duty and reserve members — the E-Learning team has made Skillssoft available to dependents too.



EPME & EPQ

What happened to the Enlisted Professional Military Education (EPME) Web site? We have converted it to an online course and moved it into the Course Catalog section of the Learning Portal. The primary reason for doing this is to facilitate better tracking of EPME. The E-Learning team is working with the Leadership Directorate to not only update the content of EPME, but to revise the course to better enhance your learning experience. While you’re flipping through the Course Catalog for EPME, you might notice a course titled EPQ. This is not an online course to help you perform your Enlisted

Performance Qualifications, but rather a launch pad that allows you to obtain the requirements you need for promotion. By combining the qualifications in the Learning Portal there will be much less confusion when trying to locate all the requirements for your advancement.

GMT

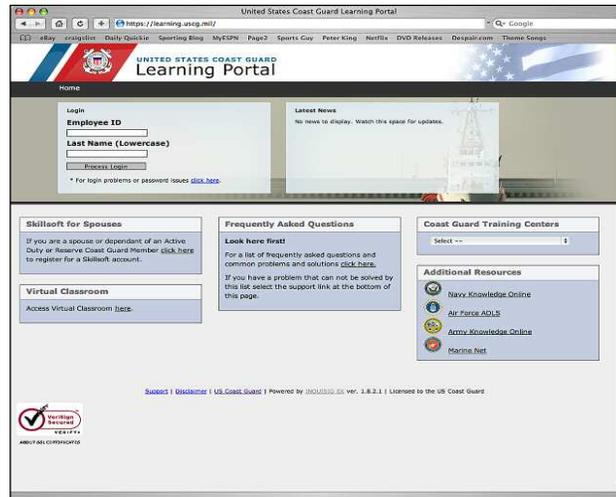
All the General Mandated Training (GMT) courses are well suited for conversion to E-Learning. This training is important but our time is as well. By leveraging the use of the learning portal, we can better utilize our limited time to meet the requirements for completion of these mandated topics. All these courses are starting to appear in the GMT section of the Course Catalog and will be finished soon. The Learning Portal will auto-notify each user when the courses are about to lapse so you will know when you need to retake a course.

Collaboration with Coast Guard Business Intelligence (CGBI) is in progress to tie all the courses to the readiness dashboard in CG Central, providing the ability to run reports to ensure all GMT requirements are met.

E-Testing

Converting training to an online format is a progressive process that will eventually include testing and verification.

The Learning Portal has incorporated a testing mechanism to ensure the student has mastered the content. The E-Learning team has collaborated with the Coast Guard Institute to establish E-Testing. A system is currently being built to provide the field with the ability to schedule and conduct the End of Course Tests (EOCTs) and Servicewide Exams (SWEs) in a secure online environment. Those participating will



receive their grade in seconds and it will automatically record the scores in Direct Access. The E-Testing system will randomize questions from a database to decrease the opportunity for a test to be compromised. Each test will be delivered to the test taker through the Learning Portal, removing the need for another username and password.

The recent increase in E-learning technology has made much of the required training suitable for a virtual classroom environment. This technology enhances the performance of our workforce and bolsters professional development and mobilization readiness. The training staff is further developing and refining the requirements, adding content, and consolidating, automating and standardizing the tracking of all education, training and competencies. Visit the learning portal often to see our progress and to participate in the virtual learning experience.

Have USCG Innovation Questions? Just Ask Fred!

If you have questions on USCG innovation initiatives or on the USCG Innovation Expo, just ask Fred!

Mr. Fred Hooghouse has been in charge of innovation initiatives in the Coast Guard for the last five years. The two questions he gets asked the most are: How do I submit an Innovation Award nomination? and How do I exhibit at the Coast Guard Innovation Expo? The first thing Hooghouse does is refer them to <http://www.uscg.mil/innovation/>, which has the latest information on the Coast Guard Innovation Program.

One of the things Hooghouse is most proud of is the number of people he has helped get programs off the ground that never would have been successful without seed money from the innovation account. The other thing he is most proud of is the Innovation Expo, especially due to the way it's grown over the last seven years, involving more and more people. The 2008 Innovation Expo will be in Virginia Beach, Va. from Nov. 17-20.

An example of a recent award-winning innovation is D13's Citizen's Action Network (CAN), awarded the



Department of Homeland Security's Award for Excellence in May 2006 (see article in The Reservist, Issue 5-07, Page 21). In an effort to better aid Pacific Northwest units, the Thirteenth Coast Guard District created CAN. It is made of several hundred active duty, reserve and auxiliary Coast Guard members as well as U.S. and Canadian citizens in the community who assist the Coast Guard with its daily missions. The combined efforts of CAN volunteers have aided the coastal and waterways units in their daily missions. Whether it be calling a volunteer to look out their window to check an Aid to having the member call and report someone in distress, CAN has given the community a chance to be an integral part of the Coast Guard.

If you have any questions, just ask Fred, but before you do, check the Web site first and then send him an e-mail at: innovation@uscg.mil.



UPDATES:

Global Pay, Direct Access, PeopleSoft Portal, Document Imaging

By Ms. Lynnae Tyler and Mr. James Uentucci, CG-102

Global Payroll System

The new retired pay system — Global Payroll (GP) went live effective April 1. Also called the Payroll System Modernization Project, GP integrates with and obtains data from the current active duty HR and Payroll system — Direct Access and JUMPS. The GP functionality will allow for the payment of retirees of the Coast Guard, Coast Guard Reserve, NOAA, lighthouse keepers, their annuitants and former spouses (FSPA). Leveraging web-based technology, GP will provide more timely modifications to the application, accurate processing of pay and HR requests.

What's next? The Coast Guard will be implementing additional self-service functionality for its customers. Self-service transactions from the retiree will expedite processing, eliminate unnecessary mailing, and let the payee become an active participant in their HR management and pay delivery. The production software release will include the ability for a retiree to update their home and mailing address, phone numbers, e-mail address, direct deposit account information, beneficiary information, and federal or voluntary state income tax withholdings. Additionally, in late 2008, the retirees will be able to access their 1099 in the GP system.

The future vision is to have the active and reserve payroll implemented into the GP System.

Direct Access

The Global Payroll project was the first phase of our PeopleSoft Direct Access upgrade project. The Coast Guard will be upgrading its 8.9 environments to 9.0. Also, the Coast Guard will be upgrading the 8.0 environments to 8.9. This will allow the Coast Guard to integrate the active and reserve into the Global Payroll system.

The current projects being worked in Direct Access will provide real-time updates of data implementing XML messaging from other systems internal and external to the Coast Guard. This functionality will do away with batch

processing and allow the system to process data automatically.

PeopleSoft Portal

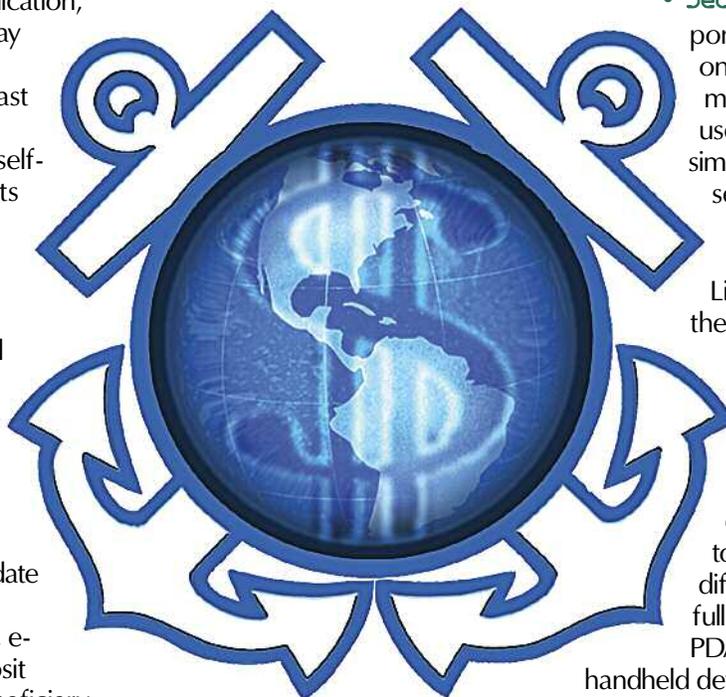
The Coast Guard is also making use of the PeopleSoft Portal, which has technical advantages that result in greater efficiency in development and deployment as well as security, management and user acceptance.

- **Security** — One great advantage of portals is that they enable “single sign-on” capability. In contrast to having many systems, each with its own user ID and password, portals simplify issues of management and security.

- **Application Integration** — Linking separate systems together is the key to developing an environment that fully supports all business processes.

- **Rendering Content on Different Devices** — Portals enable information to be delivered to multiple devices. This includes different forms of PCs, as well as the full range of mobile technologies. PDAs, smart phones and other

handheld devices are all capable of receiving information.



Document Imaging

The Coast Guard has an imaging system that is currently in use at the Personnel Service Center in Topeka, Kan. and the Coast Guard Personnel Command. In Topeka, it is used for imaging travel and retirement documents. At CGPC, personnel records are scanned and used for boards and promotions.

The Coast Guard just moved the imaging system from CGPC to an IBM hosting facility. This move will allow the Coast Guard to implement a certified enterprise imaging application. At that time, Coast Guard members and commands may be able to view personnel records directly, rather than have to visit or request a copy from CGPC. Other Coast Guard entities may be able to use the imaging system for their own documents as well.

EGIS:

The Coast Guard's Enterprise Geographic Information System

By LCDR Paul LeDoux, Commandant (CG-ACO-R-6D)

Faced with an oil spill, a person missing at sea or a military outload in progress, having the “big picture” is crucial to responding appropriately. On that principle, the United States Coast Guard’s Enterprise Geographic Information System (EGIS) was founded. EGIS is a web-based portal where users operating within the Coast Guard Data Network (CGDN+) can access over 20 terabytes of geospatial information.

This information includes high-resolution imagery for key cities and ports within the United States, the complete collection of NOAA Raster Nautical Charts (RNCs) and an extensive collection of vector data sets to support the Coast Guard’s varied Homeland Security/Homeland Defense mission areas. When the user initializes EGIS, they are presented with a view of the United States. From there, the user can customize the view to represent his/her area of interest, whether at the national, district or sector level. Once the level of zoom is specified, the user can view the area in either the NOAA chart theme or aerial imagery theme, similar to the map and satellite views at www.maps.google.com.

The EGIS has a wide variety of functionality tools, but the most commonly used are the external database-connectivity tool, the vessel-tracking tool and the presentation tool. These allow for the user to perform in-depth spatial analysis and provide the information in a clear and concise graphic. Keeping in mind the adage, “a picture is worth a thousand words,” the EGIS provides the user with the ability to identify spatial patterns and trends to “tell the story.” The external database connectivity tool allows the user to take locally captured and stored information (often kept in either spreadsheet or database format) and overlay that information onto the EGIS view. For example, a user may have a spreadsheet listing the sorties for a particular air station. While the information is useful, it really doesn’t tell a watchstander instantaneously how close the nearest Coast Guard helicopter is to the scene. By taking the spreadsheet data and using the external database connectivity function, the user can quickly map and analyze the data.

In addition to allowing users to add locally held data, the EGIS has an overlay of information currently being captured in support of the National Automatic Identification System (NAIS) Project. EGIS pulls in the NAIS vessel tracks and displays it in map form. For example, a user can pull all of the ferries currently operating in the Seattle area. Right now, the NAIS Project is limited to approximately 5,000 vessels, but as the program expands in the near future, most ships of interest will eventually be captured using this technology. In addition to viewing current vessel tracks, EGIS has the capability of showing a key vessel’s historic track.

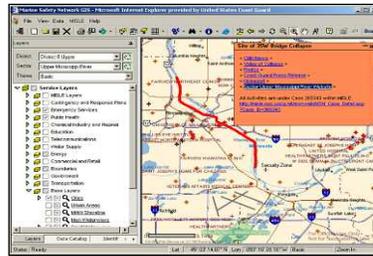
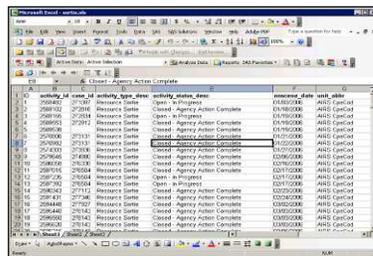
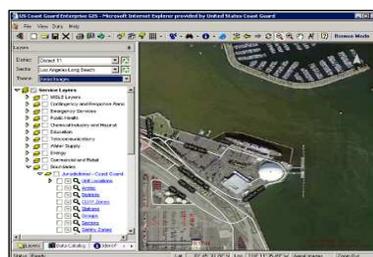
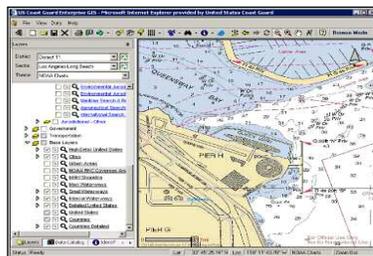
Another tool that was recently added to EGIS is the presentation tool. Utilizing this functionality, users are able to provide presentations while maintaining direct links to Coast Guard data sources (MISLE) as well as external data sources (web sites, spreadsheets and documents). For example, this tool was able to provide decision makers with information related to the I-35 bridge collapse that occurred in Minneapolis Aug. 1, 2007. Using the tool, all accessible information related to the incident was available in a single location.

Want to learn more? The EGIS team has developed a full suite of tutorials, with step-by-step directions on each functional tool within the EGIS. Users within the Coast Guard’s Data Network are able to access this training. The Web site is <http://gisnet.osc.uscg.mil>. Additionally, the EGIS team is developing a formal training schedule.

At <http://gisnet.osc.uscg.mil>, users can also post questions and make requests for future data and functionality improvements. Enterprise GIS also supports map viewers in other Coast Guard systems such as:

- MISLE > GIS button - <http://misle.osc.uscg.mil/>
- Coast Guard Business Intelligence (CGBI) > CG Analytics tab > CGBI Tool Box > launch “GIS” - <http://cgcentral.uscg.mil/>

Using EGIS, keeping the “big picture” just got easier.



Above: Various screen shots of the capabilities of the Coast Guard’s Enterprise Geographic Information System (EGIS)

Spotlight On: TISCOM

The CG Telecommunications & Information Systems Command

By LTJG Amy Haas, USCG TISCOM (TSD-2)

Coast Guard Telecommunication and Information Systems Command (TISCOM) is located on a 200-acre site just south of the city of Alexandria, Va. The area is known as "Hayfield," because it was formerly Hayfield Farm in 1792 when it was acquired by Lund Washington, George Washington's third cousin and the land became part of George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate.

In 1939, the land was divided with a portion going to the U.S. Coast Guard. The USCG Washington Radio Station (NMH), known as the "Voice of the Commandant," was relocated from nearby Fort Hunt Reservation to Hayfield. Shortly afterward, the Electronic Engineering Laboratory was established to test submarine cables and grind crystals. During post-World War II years, Washington Radio Station's responsibilities expanded to include the evaluation of new electronics equipment and the modification of existing equipment for Coast Guard use.

Through the years, TISCOM has undergone several transformations and name changes reflecting its new missions and shifting emphasis over time. Coast Guard Washington Radio Station was disestablished in 1976 and the unit was renamed Coast Guard Station Alexandria. On Sept. 11, 1988, the Station became the Coast Guard Information Systems Center, and then on April 7, 1993, the Telecommunication and Information Systems Command was established to provide telecommunications, electronics and information systems support to the Coast Guard.

Presently, TISCOM is an organization of highly skilled professionals providing information technology infrastructure solutions to enable Coast Guard men and women to access information needed to effectively and efficiently perform their jobs and accomplish Coast Guard missions. TISCOM provides expert engineering, implementation and support of a standard, systems-based information technology infrastructure. To monitor the pulse of rapidly changing technology, TISCOM regularly communicates and consults with its Headquarters program managers, other C4IT

Centers of Excellence, and key stakeholders to develop its vision, requirements and policies.

TISCOM is comprised of eleven divisions: Administration, Facilities Engineering, Ceremonial Honor Guard, Standard Workstation Engineering, Standard Workstation Operations, Information Assurance, Planning & Resource Management, Telecommunication Technology, Telecommunication Operations, Messaging Systems and Radio Systems.

Established in 1962 by Presidential Executive Order, the U.S. Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard was originally located at the Coast Guard Yard, Curtis Bay, MD. In 1965, the Honor Guard moved to Washington Radio Station. Now as a division within TISCOM, the Honor Guard provides presidential support duty to the Military District of

Washington and the Commandant by representing the United States Coast Guard through ceremonial operations held before world leaders and dignitaries and to lay to rest with proper military honors, dignity and respect the remains of fallen shipmates.

Providing enterprise-engineering support for the Coast Guard Standard Workstation (CGSW), the Standard Workstation Engineering Division (ISD-1) is responsible for the Coast Guard Standard Image, enterprise application certification, and Local Area Network (LAN) engineering. ISD-1 is also responsible for the certification of all standard workstation hardware, enterprise level peripherals, core software and anti-virus engineering, as well as enterprise services (RAS, CITRIX, mobile email).

As the Coast Guard's top tier Standard Workstation (SW) Help Desk, the Standard Workstation Operations Division (ISD-2) provides field support services for CGSW, server, and enterprise electronic mail systems. The SW Help Desk also performs extensive testing and documentation (quality assurance) reviews prior to CG-wide deployment of new SW products/solutions. To manage the CG SW enterprise infrastructure, ISD-2 operates the Enterprise Management Facility (EMF) to provide 7x24x365 monitoring and support.

The Information Assurance Division (ISD-3) develops and implements Coast Guard-wide information assurance policy,



manages all aspects of the enterprise Information Systems Security Officer (ISSO) program, and serves as liaison with DHS and DoD on information security issues. ISD-3 provides guidance, policy, and inspections on all matters relating to CMS, EKMS, TEMPEST, NATO and other classified systems and provides accreditation support for SIPRNET sites within the Coast Guard. The Computer Incident Response Team (CIRT) is responsible for the monitoring, documentation, reporting and mitigation of computer security incidents (viruses, intrusions, inappropriate computer use, etc.) and the implementation and management of the SW intrusion detection program. ISD-3 also includes the Certification and Accreditation (C&A) Team, which is responsible for the certification and accreditation of Coast Guard enterprise systems (classified and unclassified), including hardware, core software and the desktop image.

The Coast Guard relies on the Telecommunication Technology Staff (TSD-S) to provide wide-area data network consulting and expertise. This includes wide-area network design and architecture, management concepts, remote access to wide-area networking, remote support implementations, and network security. TSD-S stays abreast of rapidly changing wide-area networking and computer technology to provide recommendations on the most current data communications and information technology solutions.

The Telecommunication Systems Operations Division (TSD-1) is responsible for the operation, maintenance and security of the Coast Guard Data Network, including the four POPs (Point of Presence for NIPRNET/Internet/DHS), cutter connectivity and all

Coast Guard units that connect to SIPRNET. TSD-1 provides life cycle management, configuration management, and electronics equipment support, including a Coast Guard-wide hotline desk for TISCOM developed telecommunication systems. TSD-1 provisions enterprise communication services including data circuits (JWICS, SIPRNET, NIPRNET, Internet, CGDN+, CGDN+ Frame Relay), commercial satellite communication (comsatcom), and military satellite communication (milsatcom) services.

To keep record message traffic flowing, the Messaging Systems Division (TSD-2) designs, evaluates, develops and installs classified and unclassified record message systems to ensure that as various network and computer systems evolve, the Coast Guard maintains compatibility with DoD messaging systems. TSD-2 primarily works with shore based message systems; however, the division is currently working on future tactical messaging solutions as well.

To meet established, enterprise-wide communication requirements, the Radio Systems Division (TSD-3) designs, develops, tests, and installs short and long range radio systems (e.g. commercial satellite, military satellite and terrestrial radio communication systems). In addition to providing entire systems, TSD-3 manages specific radio system components (e.g. antennas, patch panels, modems) as these components reach the end of their life-cycle and must be recapitalized or as new communication requirements are developed.

To learn more about TISCOM visit the intranet site <http://cgweb.tiscom.uscg.mil/> or contact TISCOM at:

Telecommunication &
Information Systems Command
7323 Telegraph Road
Alexandria, VA 22315
1-800-847-2479



Photo by ITI Christopher Kensell, USCG

Top: TISCOM's watch center then, Washington Radio Station Watch Supervisor Console with Ocean Station deployment plot on bulkhead, circa 1964. Middle: U.S. Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard performing a Full Honor Arrival Ceremony at the Pentagon in 2006. Bottom: TISCOM's watch center now, the Enterprise Management Facility (EMF) 24/7 Watch Center with enterprise resource monitors on bulkhead 2008.

[Historical photos and facts provided courtesy of Lynne Kaczmarek, LCDR W. Glidden (Ret.) & ETC S. Collins (Ret.)]

During 2008, The Reservist is spotlighting each of the Coast Guard's nine districts with short, informative articles. These district "visits" began in Alaska /D17 (Issue 2-08), jumped south to Hawaii /D14 (Issue 3-08), and have moved back to mainland USA with the Coast Guard's 13th District and the Pacific Northwest our headliner this issue.

From the sandy beaches and rocky cliffs of the northwest coast to the boat-crowded waterways of Puget Sound and the Columbia River, the Coast Guard's 13th District is a place of both beauty and danger.

The four states that make up D13 (Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana) offer up challenges similar in scope to those found in southeast Alaska. On the Northwest Pacific coast, the water is cold and the weather is often unforgiving making for particularly nasty seas. Luckily, D13 boaters and fishermen have over a dozen small boat stations, three air stations and more than 15 cutters watching out for them. Brutal winter storms and recreational summer boating activities keep all those units busy year round.

Washington, the birth state of Coast Guard Medal of Honor recipient Douglas Munro, has a 160 mile-long maritime border with Canada. The islands and harbors in the Strait of Juan De Fuca make ideal hiding places for smugglers trying to get illegal narcotics into the U.S. requiring the men and women of the Coast Guard and their Royal Canadian Mounted Police allies to be ever vigilant. A bit south of the strait, Puget Sound is a beehive of maritime activity.

Puget Sound is arguably the United States' most complex waterway and home to the largest ferry system in the nation and the third largest in the world. The combined forces of Station Seattle and Maritime Safety and Security Team 91101 are busy safeguarding the waterway and preparing for any situation requiring Coast Guard attention.

Shared between Canada, Washington and Oregon is the notorious Graveyard of the Pacific. This ill-named region of the sea is infamous for its terrible weather and hazardous conditions. Over the past 300 years, more than 2000 vessels and 700 lives have been lost near the Columbia River bar alone, but the small boat and helicopter crews closest to this area

have kept those numbers from being even higher. Despite the treacherous conditions, the Columbia River is used to transport over 40 percent of all U.S. wheat exports. To make mariners safer, the Coast Guard created the National Motor Life Boat School at Cape Disappointment to train coxswains from all over the country in heavy weather and surf conditions.

Idaho and Montana, though a little far afield of the bulk of D13's work, still contribute to the Coast Guard mission via LORAN Station Havre, Mont. The station, one of four built in 1991, was commissioned Jan. 29, 1991. These stations were intended to close the gap in Loran-C coverage in the mid-continent and were used to free aircraft from crowded air traffic lanes by letting them fly more direct routes.

The heart of the 13th District is located in Seattle. The city is also homeport to the icebreakers POLAR STAR, POLAR SEA and HEALY, and the birthplace of the Coast Guard's new 45-foot Response Boat-Medium (RB-M). The 13th District is commanded by RADM John P. Currier, Senior Reserve Officer is CAPT Steve Penn, Command Master Chief (CMC) is MCPO John Dunn while the Reserve CMC is MCPO Wayne North.

The total number of active, reserve and civilian personnel working in the 13th District is approximately 1,835 members with 1,715 auxiliary members and 735 Selected Reservists.

In addition to its missions of law enforcement, port security and search and rescue, the 13th District has a long history of protecting living marine resources and the environment. The district also works with over a dozen native tribes to protect their tribal rights and enforce whaling restrictions. Just like its motto states, the Coast Guard's 13th District truly is "Protecting the Pacific Northwest."

For more information on 13th District, visit: www.uscg.mil/d13/. For 13th District news visit: www.d13publicaffairs.com.

— *By PA2 Shawn Eggert, D13 Public Affairs*



ISC SEATTLE (fot)

Welcome to the Pacific Northwest and ISC Seattle's award-winning Force Optimization and Training Branch! Yes, award winning! D13 and ISC Seattle (pf) were recently named the 2007 Woesche Award winners for superior reserve readiness (see Issue 3-08, Page 22). Winning the award for the 11th time makes D13 and ISC Seattle more ready than any other district since the award was established in 1961.

ISC Seattle's mission is to provide support services to achieve and sustain full mission readiness. The Force Optimization and Training Branch (pf) provides reserve management expertise and personnel staffing support for Coast Guard units in the 13th District's Area of Responsibility, which encompasses Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. The ISC Seattle (pf) staff focuses on the 735 Selected Reserve positions throughout the district and serves as administrative advisor to the units' command cadres, staff and reserve personnel. Other (pf) responsibilities include TAD and contingency staffing, reserve orders processing, Title 10 and Title 14 mobilizations, reserve training funds management, and commercial training procurement.

Education services and Career Development Advisors (CDAs) are also a vital part of the (pf) branch. Our educational support services include test proctoring, tuition assistance and coordinating college courses held in ISC Seattle's recently expanded state-of-the-art learning center. The active duty and reserve CDAs provide career guidance and financial management counseling to personnel in D13 through unit visits, seminars and individual consultations.

In addition to their regular duties, the (pf) staff readily volunteers to participate in various Coast Guard and community events and programs such as mentoring, Diversity Awareness events, the annual Seafair Torchlight Parade,

Partners In Education, Christmas Stockings for Homeless Children, physical fitness events and others. ISC Seattle (pf) is composed of 12 personnel, listed below.

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ASST. BRANCH CHIEF: LT MONIQUE ROEBUCK

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OFFICER ACCESS. PANEL COORD: AUX WALLY YOUNGER

*FOR CONTACT INFO, GO TO ISC SEATTLE'S WEB SITE:
WWW.USCG.MIL/MLCPAC/ISCSEATTLE/FOT/CONTACTUS.HTM*



Photo courtesy Ms. Terri Hostbjor, ISC Seattle(pf)

ISC Seattle (pf) staff, left to right: YN1 Mikel Kirker, CWO2 Steve Merchant, Ms. Terri Hostbjor, OSCS Jason Schmidt, YNCS Nadine Gordy, SK2 Omar "Dino" Arredondo, Mr. Brion Newman, and LT Monique Roebuck. Not pictured: LCDR Laura Moose, OSCS Penny Koons and YN2 Millie Rocklage.

In Brief

• **UNTUCKED ODU UPDATE** — The “untucked” Operational Dress Uniform contract was awarded to Fox Apparel on April 10, 2008. The first delivery of 49,500 shirts and trousers are expected to be delivered to the Uniform Distribution Center (UDC) in late summer 2008. Untucked ODUs should be available as an optional uniform item in fall of 2008 (tentative). The long-term plan is to make the untucked ODU an “optional” uniform item for several years as the tucked version is phased out. This information was passed recently by VADM Robert J. Papp, Jr., Coast Guard Chief of Staff, in his “Question of the Week.” For more info, see the MCPOCG’s Web site: www.uscg.mil/comdt/mcpocg/uniform/untuck_ODU/default.asp



• **TRICARE INFO FOR GUARD & RESERVE MEMBERS** — Humana Military Healthcare Services offers a new online resource for National Guard and Reserve members. This resource explains TRICARE benefits for activated Guard and Reserve members and their families. Topics include: an overview of TRICARE, inactive duty status, benefits during pre-activation and activations periods, TRICARE for family members, TRICARE Reserve Select, and behavioral health care services. The briefings may be viewed on Humana Military’s Web site. www.humanamilitaryguardreserve.com/skins/ngr/home.aspx



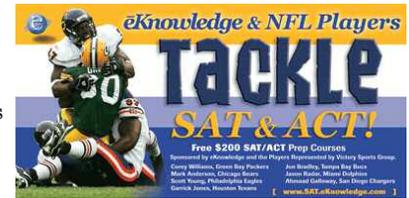
• **TRICARE ONLINE UNIVERSITY** — The TRICARE University offers online courses in TRICARE Fundamentals, TRICARE Reserve Select, and TRICARE Public Course. For more info and/or to register, go to: www.tricare.mil/tricareu/online.aspx.

• **HURRICANE KATRINA PATCH & COIN** — When Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast Aug. 29, 2005, over 500 men and women, active and reserve, formed the Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT) for Sector Mobile, Ala. They assisted in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina for the states of Alabama and Mississippi. To commemorate this event, PSC Kenneth A. Harris Sr. has spearheaded a logo patch and coin with the creative assistance of PA1 Susan Blake, both Coast Guard Reservists. For further information, contact PSC Ken Harris at kennethharris@yahoo.com. *(The U.S. Coast Guard does not endorse these products; this is published as a service to our readers.)*



• **PENNSYLVANIA VETS’ BONUS** — Applications for the State of Pennsylvania’s Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans’ Benefit Program are now available. The veteran must have served with the U.S. Armed Forces, a Reserve component or the Pennsylvania National Guard; served on active duty in the Persian Gulf theater of operations during the period from Aug. 2, 1990 to Aug. 31, 1991, received the Southwest Asia Service Medal and been a legal resident of Pennsylvania at the time of active service. Certain surviving relatives are also eligible. The deadline for applying for benefits under this program is Aug. 31, 2015. For detailed instructions on how to apply, visit the Pennsylvania Department of Veterans Affairs web site. <http://www.persiangulfbonus.state.pa.us/>

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



• **COAST GUARD CASUALTIES, 1950-54** — Researcher seeking knowledge/data regarding Coast Guard active duty casualties during the period June 1950 to July 1954 (Korean War timeframe). Any information/details (including natural deaths, but excluding aviation accidents) will be appreciated. Please forward to: B.C. James, P.O. Box 871, Floral City, FL 34436-0871.

• **CGC STORIS MUSEUM** — The former CGC STORIS is slated to become a floating museum in Juneau, Alaska. It will be a museum for all of Alaska’s maritime history including the Coast Guard and Revenue Cutter Service. Project organizers are currently looking for any historical information and artifacts for the new museum. Contact: Jim Loback, 714-968-8964, www.storismuseum.org.

• **BOOKS FOR COAST GUARD PACIFIC CUTTERS** — Coast Guard Auxiliary FSO-SR Inland Empire Flotilla (11SR-11-11) is collecting books for the crews of the Coast Guard cutters on the Pacific Coast. As they gather more books, they will give books to any unit or department in the Coast Guard. These books can be on a variety of subjects and paperbacks are welcome. For more info, contact YNC Doris P. Telles, USCGR, P.O. Box 452, Mountain Center, CA 92561-0450, 951-659-8183, tellesdoris@yahoo.com

• **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.

• **FITNESS ISSUE** — *The Reservist* is planning to highlight the fitness activities of our Coast Guard Reservists in an upcoming issue. Whatever activities you partake in to stay in shape (or get into shape), like biking, running, swimming, walking/hiking, hobbies, etc. — send in an action photo along with 100-200 words about your fitness activities and routine and we’ll publish it in our Fitness issue in late summer/early fall. Deadline extended to July 15, 2008. E-mail submissions to: TheReservist@uscg.mil.

Upcoming Events

JUNE 2008

- **COAST GUARD AUXILIARY BIRTHDAY** — Please wish your fellow Coast Guard Auxiliarists a “Happy 69th Birthday” on Monday, June 23, 2008! The Auxiliary, now 28,000 members strong, was originally called the Coast Guard Reserve when formed in 1939. Web: www.cgaux.org.
- **ROA 2008 NATIONAL CONVENTION** — June 25-28, Marriott Marquis, Atlanta, Ga. For info, call 202-479-2200, Web: www.roa.org.
- **ROA JOLDTS** — The tenth anniversary session of the Reserve Officers Association Joint Officer Leadership Development and Training Seminar (JOLDTS), is being held 24-28 JUN 2008 in conjunction with the ROA National Convention in Atlanta. For more info, see: www.roa.org

JULY 2008

- **36TH ANNUAL CGHQ INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT** — The 2008 tournament is set for July 9-12 at The Homestead in Hot Springs, Va. (www.thehomestead.com). It is open to all Coast Guard active duty, reserve, civilians, retirees, auxiliaries, dependents and guests. The tournament usually draws about 120 participants, who are placed into six to seven flights following the second medal round on Friday. Contact: Dr. Mike Parnarouskis, mikep1121@comcast.net or CDR Austin Gould, austin.j.gould@uscg.mil, 410-576-2547.
- **U.S. COAST GUARD FESTIVAL** — Friday, July 25 – Sunday, Aug. 3 in Grand Haven, Mich., Coast Guard City USA! Parade and fireworks are 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

- **COAST GUARD DAY** — Is Monday, Aug. 4. What is your unit planning for the Coast Guard's 218th birthday? www.uscg.mil.
- **40TH ANNUAL USCG CPO CONVENTION** — Aug. 17-22,

Reunions

Barbecue and sea stories are what it's all about when the North Texas Coast Guard Association gets together for lunch every April and October. Pappas Bar-B-Q in Dallas was the site of the April 26 gathering, and in attendance were, front row, l-r: Jay Ellis, Claire Ellis, Judy Kramer, Larry Clark, Jim Blaine; back row, l-r: Sam Goforth, Bill Jasmin, Steve Hines, Dale Klosterman and Stewart Dietrick. Known as the Salty Dog Lunch, the semi-annual event was started shortly after Reserve Unit Dallas was decommissioned in 1996.



Photo courtesy of Mr. Sam Goforth, USCGR(Ret.)

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.

OCTOBER 2008

- **RESERVE SERVICE WIDE EXAM** — Mark your calendar if you're planning to take the test. This year's date is Saturday, Oct. 18. Deadline for qualifying is July 1, 2008. For info, see ALCGRSV 015/08.

SEPTEMBER 2008

- **COAST GUARDSMEN OF YESTERYEARS BREAKFAST 2008** — The annual breakfast will be held Saturday, Sept. 6, at the Chincoteague Elementary School, 6078 Halie Whealton Smith Drive, Chincoteague Island, Va. Coffee and fellowship begins at 0700 with breakfast served around 0800. Guest speaker will be MCPOCG Charles Bowen. Ticket cost in advance or by RSVP will be \$6. For tickets or more info, contact: CWO4 David Lewis, USCG(Ret.), 757-336-5144, 757-894 4095 (cell); BMC Jerry Tarr, USCG(Ret.), 757-336 1204; BMC Wayne Meritt, 757-894-8240 (cell).

NOVEMBER 2008

- **2008 USCG INNOVATION EXPO** — Nov. 17-20, at Virginia Beach Convention Center, Virginia Beach, Va. 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.

AUGUST 2008

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

SEPTEMBER 2008

- **USCGC CAMPBELL ASSOC. W-32 & W-909** — 23rd annual, Sept. 8-12, Stonecastle Hotel, Branson, Mo. Contact: Gordon Bell, 723 Spring Lane, Lansdale, PA 19446, 215-393-6195, CaptBell@comcast.net or USCGCCAMPBELLW32@comcast.net. Web site: www.campbellw32w909.org.

RESERVE UNIT SAGINAW, Mich.

- Saturday, Sept. 27, at RM2 Howard “Fuzzy” Walker’s retirement cottage at Skidway Lake, Mich. Contact: MKCM James Kozuch, USCGR(Ret.), masterchiefk@charter.net, 865-977-1902(h), 865-368-5550(c).
- NOVEMBER 2008**
- **CANAVERAL CG REUNION** — Saturday, Nov. 8, Fishlips Waterfront Restaurant, 610 Glen Cheek Drive, Port Canaveral, Fla. Social hour, 4 p.m.; dinner, 5:30 p.m., \$20 per person. Send checks payable to: Bob Merrilees, 1735 S. Shelter Trail, Merritt Island, FL 32952 no later than Oct. 30, 2008. Reservations required. For info, contact Bob or Bev Merrilees, 321-452-5426, bmerrilees@cfl.rr.com.

Advancements

Reserve Enlisted Advancements effective May 1, 2008 from Enlisted Reserve Advancement Announcement (ERAA) No. 5-08, ALCGRSV 012/08 (R 221520Z APR 08):

Boatswain's Mate (BM)
 BMCM J P DEAL
 BMC M A FREEMAN
 BMC L A NIEVES
 BM1 L M DELAET
 BM2 M A MILLER

Electronic's Technician (ET)
 ETC K C KAWAMURA

Food Service Specialist (FS)
 FS2 C C BLALACK

Investigator (IV)
 IVC T O WOOD

Machinery Technician (MK)
 MKCM R E KIEFT
 MKCS G R SUNDVIK

MKC B K MILEY
 MKC T S HARDY
 MKC N HILARCZYK
 MKC J G KROPP
 MK1 L J HAGEN
 MK1 G C RAMBERG
 MK1 W E SHAW
 MK1 C STOECKLER
 MK2 T A FUGE
 MK2 A L GULSETH
 MK2 G RODRIGUEZ

Marine Science Technician (MST)
 MSTC R L DUNBAR
 MSTC KALUCCHETTI

Operations Specialist (OS)
 OS1 H J HERNANDEZ

Public Affairs Specialist (PA)
 PAC C D BAUMAN

Port Security Specialist (PS)
 PSCM F E GORMAN
 PSCM B BLATCHLEY
 PSCM G G FUHS
 PSCS C A FERRANTE
 PSCS R J BAENEN

PSCS J G COMISKEY
 PSCS BIDEROUSSEAU
 PSC R K BROWN
 PSC V F THOMSEN
 PSC K J HICKS
 PSC T R LUTZKO
 PSC R V SHUBERT
 PSC B D ROGERS
 PSC D E SWIFT
 PSC J A SPORL

Storekeeper (SK)
 SKC S J HITE
 SK1 N E IRISH
 SK1 R J GRICKIS

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



Reservist MST3 Macy Jason, center, stands proudly after being pinned E-4/MST3 by her father, Andrew Jason, left, while her mother, right, looks on. The advancement pinning was held March 15, 2008 at Sector Jacksonville, Fla.



Reservist MKC Ira Tobias, right, receives his E-7 advancement certificate from BMCS Robert Milmoe, Officer in Charge, Station Jones Beach, N.Y. at a ceremony Feb. 1, 2008.

Retirements

**RET-1
(Retired With Pay)**

JANUARY 2008

LT JOSEPH F. ANTOSEK

FEBRUARY 2008

CAPT GEORGE S. KARAVITIS
 CAPT RALPH W. SMITH
 CAPT RICHARD G. SULLIVAN
 CAPT RON T. WHITE
 CDR STEVEN M. BERGERON
 CDR ANTHONY FUENTES
 CDR JEFFREY S. MCCOMBS
 CDR DONALD R. PAYNE
 LCDR THOMAS P. CARROLL
 LCDR PAUL L. CHOQUETTE
 LT WILLIAM R. CANADA
 LTJG ALEJO C. SABLAN
 CWO4 LIVONIA BASS
 CWO4 JOHN F. MUSSER
 CWO4 VERNON E. WATKINS
 CWO3 LARRY A. HAAS
 GMCM MICHAEL C. MCCOLE
 PSCM PRESTON W. BOUNDS
 BMCS DAVID H. BRACKETT
 BMC OLEN F. PASCHALL JR.
 PSC FRANK N. KAVESKI
 PSC LARRY A. PECK
 SKC DAVID C. RODEHEAVER
 DC1 TIMOTHY J. SHAY
 HS2 JOHN A. TURNER
 MK3 JUAN A. RENTAS

MARCH 2008

CAPT KIM I. MACCARTNEY
 BMCM RAYMOND F. BOLLINGER
 PSCS JOSEPH W. YURILLO
 MKC CHARLES W. FENNING
 MKC EDWARD P. YELLIN
 OSC WENDY A. HENRY
 PSC CHARLES A. GILLESPIE
 SKC FRED W. SCHWARTZ
 BM1 LARRY G. LEDINGTON
 BM1 ROBERT S. TRAVIS, JR.
 EM1 WALTER N. WILSON
 IT1 STANLEY J. BABISCHKIN
 IV1 RONALD A. BROWN
 OS1 RICHARD J. CARRICO
 PA1 BRUCE A. WINTJEN
 PS1 RONALD S. GOLD
 PS1 NICK J. TIBERIO
 BM2 JOSEPH A. QUINTILIANI
 BM2 MARK L. WOODFIELD
 EM2 JOHN FORO
 HS2 COLIN M. WRIGHT
 OS2 RONALD G. MASSIE

**RET-2
(Retired Without Pay)**

FEBRUARY 2008

OSC EUGENE R. CAMPBELL
 ET1 MARK E. MAY
 BM1 MATTHEW B. KIRCHKNOPF
 PS1 ROBERT T. ONEILL
 YN1 WILFRED R. HUBBARD
 YN1 CHRIS T. LEYDA
 DC2 GEORGE C. SCADUTO

MK2 STEVEN S. FERIOLI
 OS2 BRIAN L. LANDSTROM
 SK2 JEANE L. LUTZ
 YN2 JO A. EVANS
 MK3 PAUL J. CUGINI
 MK3 SYRYAL D. KINSLER

MARCH 2008

DCCM STEPHEN R. HAMILTON
 MKCM RALPH LAPPIN
 ITCS PAUL E. ROBERTS
 MKCS GREGORY J. LOPATA
 MSTC LARRY A. DAMRELL
 MSTC WAYNE A. GAMELIN
 BMC DAVID A. CASS
 BMC ROBERT S. SCOTT
 BMC ALAN G. TORREN
 EMC WILLIAM M. LONGMUIR
 ETC MICHAEL G. STEELE
 ETC JOHN J. URBAN
 PSC MICHAEL J. FRANK
 PSC PETER J. URBANOWICZ
 MST1 JESUS J. ORTIZ
 MST1 LUTHER C. PRATHER, JR.
 PS1 MICHAEL D. OUTLAW
 YN1 JOYCE A. CLUTTER
 AST2 KURT C. WEBB
 ET2 VICTOR L. SHAFFNER
 MST2 DAVID J. MACEK
 PS2 MARK H. EVERS
 BM3 JOSEPH J. DILIBERTO
 DC3 JOHN C. HOGAN
 MK3 ALFRED W. CHANDLER

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

• **CAPT Homer C. Brush, USCGR(Ref.)**, Feb. 13, 2008.

• **CAPT Ronald "Ron" Leo Davis, USCGR(Ref.)**, 62, March 15, 2008, in Franklin, Tenn.

After high school, CAPT Davis joined the U.S. Air Force, serving eight years, including a one-year tour in Vietnam and Thailand flying combat missions as gunner on AC-47 "Spooky" gunships. He then joined the CGR in 1976 as a PS2, receiving his commission in 1979. He served in Coast Guard Reserve Units in Nashville and Memphis, Tenn. until he was called to active duty for OPERATION DESERT STORM in 1990 and deployed to Al Jubail, Saudi Arabia with PSU 301 (Buffalo, N.Y. unit). He also



served as commanding officer of CGRU Nashville, Tenn. and Paducah, Ky., and was called to active duty for the Midwest floods in 1993 and 1995. He also served at CGRU TRANSCOM, Scott AFB, Ill. and was called to active duty a fourth time to support OPERATION ALLIED FORCE in Kosovo. In 1999, he was assigned as CO of PSU 308 and mobilized to support OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM and OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH in Bahrain in 2002. In late 2002, he was reassigned as CO of the Coast Guard Element at the Joint Transportation Reserve Unit. In 2003, he deployed to the European theater for OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. He earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Middle Tennessee State University, a doctor of jurisprudence degree from Nashville School of Law, and completed postgraduate studies at the Naval War College, National Defense University and the National College of District Attorneys. As a civilian, he served as the District Attorney General for the 21st Judicial District of Tennessee since 1998, and was a former metro Nashville, Tenn. police officer. "He was the perfect example of what a public servant should do," said Deputy District Attorney Derek Smith, who worked with Davis for 15 years. CAPT Davis was chairman of the board and founder of the Williamson County, Tenn. Child Advocacy Center. He is survived by his spouse, Brenda Davis, of Franklin, Tenn.; a son, Ronald Lee; stepdaughter, Karen Allen; sister, Pattie Presley; three grandchildren. Funeral services were held March 19, 2008, at Brentwood United Methodist Church, Franklin, Tenn. Memorial donations may be made to the Williamson County Child Advocacy Center.

• **CAPT Gale H. Weaner, USCGR(Ref.)**, March 6, 2008, in Walnut Creek, Calif. He is survived by his spouse, Ruth Weaner, of Pleasant Hill, Calif.

• **CDR Orlando Amoroso, USCGR(Ref.)**, Feb. 15, 2008. He is survived by his spouse, Judith Amoroso. Interment Orange, Calif.

• **CDR Harry A. Thorpe, USCGR(Ref.)**, March 19, 2008, in Jacksonville, Fla. He is survived by his spouse, Emma Thorpe, of Eustis, Fla.

• **LCDR William L. Grant, USCGR(Ref.)**, March 22, 2008, in Bronx, N.Y.

• **LCDR Ernest J. Robbin, USCGR(Ref.)**, March 2, 2008, in Woburn, Mass. He is survived by a daughter, Nancy Labonte, of

Hampton, N.H. Interment Woburn, Mass.

• **CWO4 Ralph W. Hawkins, USCGR(Ref.)**, Feb. 27, 2008, in Pittsfield, Mass. CWO Hawkins had a variety of assignments during his 32 years in the USCGR prior to his retirement in August 1996. He was employed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a negotiator in the Right-of-Way Bureau of the Massachusetts Highway Department. He is survived by his spouse, Margaret Hawkins; a son, Dr. Jeffrey Hawkins; a daughter, Brenda M. Hawkins-Leahy; two grandchildren. A memorial service was held May 3, 2008 at St. Mary's Cemetery, Lee, Mass.

• **CWO4 Joe M. Zakrajsek, USCGR(Ref.)**, March 8, 2008, in Willoughby, Ohio. He is survived by a son, Joseph, of Wickliffe, Ohio. Interment Cleveland, Ohio.

• **SSCS Peter T. Vinette, USCGR(Ref.)**, March 21, 2008, in Syracuse, N.Y. He is survived by his spouse, Laura Vinette, of Syracuse.

• **GMC Franklin C. Smith, USCGR(Ref.)**, Feb. 25, 2008, in Wilmington, N.C. He is survived by his son, Charles, of Franklin, Va. Interment Norfolk, Va.

• **HSC Charles M. Frambes, USCGR(Ref.)**, March 23, 2008, in Akron, Ohio. He is survived by his spouse, Anne Frambes, of Akron. Interment Rittman, Ohio.

• **TTC Robert J. Rochelle, USCGR(Ref.)**, March 19, 2008, in Wilmington, N.C. He is survived by his spouse, Charlotte Rochelle, of Wilmington. Interment Wilmington, N.C.

• **BM1 John D. Naylor, USCGR(Ref.)**, March 23, 2008, in Mobile, Ala. He is survived by his spouse, Mary Naylor, of Mobile. Interment Mobile, Ala.

• **MST1 Grady C. Wilson, USCGR**, April 9, 2008. He is survived by his spouse, Karen Wilson, of Daphne, Ala. Funeral arrangements were handled by Radney Funeral Home, Mobile, Ala.

• **PS1 Robert C. Jackson, USCGR(Ref.)**, March 3, 2008, in Bridgeport, Conn. He is survived by his mother, Rita Bradtmuller, of Fairfield, Conn.

• **DC2 Leslie D. Baker, USCGR(Ref.)**, March 19, 2008, in Hyannis, Mass. He is survived by his spouse, Mary Baker, of Hyannis, Mass. Interment pending Hyannis, Mass.

• **SK2 Richard J. LeGaye, USCGR(Ref.)**, 67, March 22, 2008. Born July 26, 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard in August 1965. In 1975, he joined the Selected Reserve and drilled at Reserve Group St. Petersburg, Fla., HRSIC (now PSC) in Topeka, Kan and at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. During many summers, he served at Training Center Alameda, Calif. and later at Training Center Petaluma, Calif., as an instructor for Reserve Enlisted Basic Indoctrination (REBI), Storekeeper Basic and Reserve Unit Administration and Training courses. His years of instructing our newest members helped ensure their success and the success of the Coast Guard Reserve program. He also served on active duty at Coast Guard Headquarters. SK2 LeGaye retired from the Coast Guard in 2003 with over 20 years of service. He is survived by his sister, Donna James, of Niguel, Calif. Funeral services will be held June 11, 2008, 1 p.m. at Fort Leavenworth Memorial Cemetery, Kan. with military honors.

Note: *The Reservist publishes "Taps" based on Personnel Casualty Reports and input received from the field. If you would like to see more information in future issues on a specific shipmate or family member who served in the Coast Guard Reserve, please e-mail the editor at: TheReservist@uscg.mil.*

CAREER SPEAK is a six-part series being published throughout 2008 in The Reservist in support of a broader Reserve Junior Officer (RJO) Career Management Program initiative. The series discusses successful career strategies and important how-to's in managing your Reserve career. Enlisted members are also encouraged to read this series to gain insight, especially if considering the Selected Reserve Direct Commission program in the future. The first two parts, "Are YOU Running Your Career?" and "A Four-Step Process to Successful Mentoring" ran in Issues 2-08 and 3-08, respectively. Part three, published here, addresses some of the important success factors that generally have a significant impact on an RJO's first five years of service. Every RJO should develop their own career development growth plan that addresses these factors.

Part 3: Critical Success Factors for Managing Your Reserve Junior Officer Career

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Ever wonder why it seems like some people sail easily through life and others always seem to hit roadblocks? The difference between the two people is that the first one has identified and is focused on completing critical success factors. These are the most important activities that must be performed well in your job, whether reserve or civilian. By accurately identifying these factors early in your career and specific to your specialization, you will be able to plot your short and long-term career goals and plans. These plans will focus your advancement and enrichment efforts with the added bonus of being able to measure your level of success.

We asked a wide variety of Reserve officers to identify success factors in *their first five years* as a Coast Guard Reserve officer. Listening to the voices of success, the following six critical success factors topped the list:

1. Have a Good Mentor: This individual is usually a successful/respected Senior Reserve Officer (SRO) that is interested and committed to your development. Mentors encourage, praise and set an example; they provide career direction and career advice plus institute a strong desire to strive higher. Mentors take an interest in the critical development of the crew member(s) and support genuine reasons for shipmates to remain and prevail. Manuals and procedures facilitate the mission; however, mentors can facilitate a member's effectiveness to execute the mission.

2. Active Duty Support: A Coast Guard unit that integrates a Selected Reserve force into the core mission of the unit presents an opportunity for a reserve member to contribute to the unit's success. Learn how the active duty works. Do your research. Discuss various specialties and then pick one or two. Again, write and execute your self-developed career plan. In the process of growing into a Coast Guard operational and leadership role, a member can achieve the greatest career growth if his/her active duty counterparts have an informed understanding of the Reserve program. Reservists are expected to meet many of the same standards as the active duty members. Educate the active duty on key reserve policies, typical reservist roles and responsibilities, pay, different types of active duty service and its use and know who is in your active duty OER rating chain. Speaking of your reserve OER, make sure your active duty chain of command knows your work accomplishments and highlights them in your OER.

3. Understand the Coast Guard Reserve: Be familiar with the Commandant's Guidance, the Commandant's Reserve Policy Statement, and the *Coast Guard Personnel Manual* (Chapter 10A and Chapter 14.A.3.a). Take time to research organizations and

associations that support the Coast Guard mission. Develop good professional relationships inside the Coast Guard and with its customers. Keep an organized personal file of your Coast Guard records and conduct independent annual reviews of your PDR that is maintained by CGPC-adm-3. In addition, be able to navigate the enterprise-wide software the Coast Guard uses like Direct Access. Participate, get qualified, research opportunities and diversify your Coast Guard experience. Accept assignments that are out of your "comfort zone." Be known as a proactive reserve officer that makes a solid contribution. Establish your reputation and image ... it's vital!

4. Develop Your Leadership Ability: A leader's success can be measured by those who support the leader. Leadership is the channel by which a person influences others to accomplish an objective. Leaders have a vision that they share with others. It is the leader who binds the organization with beliefs, values and knowledge. This can be accomplished by focusing on the following leadership traits: judgment, justice, dependability, integrity, decisiveness, tact, initiative, endurance, bearing, unselfishness, courage, knowledge, loyalty and enthusiasm.

5. Have A Good Work Ethic: This quality becomes *a major difference maker* in the promotion / selection process. Working smart consists of values-based effort grounded in the honest merits of hard work and diligence. Remember, members that work for you and members that you may want to work for are watching you. Belief in the moral benefit of work has the ability to enhance character and promote valor. Moreover, look good doing it; wear the proper uniform with distinction. You are a proud Coast Guard Reserve officer.

6. Stimulate and Implement Your Civilian Career:

Combine and leverage your civilian career with your Coast Guard career; experience, qualifications and responsibility can offer dividends to a grand spectrum of your career's initiatives. Apply your civilian work lessons learned to your RJO career.

Critical success factors are areas that will require the ability to handle constant change. A one time or partial effort will not offer success in the long run; hold your chin up, shoulders back, chest out and put your best foot forward. Be proud to serve the Coast Guard and your nation.

About the Author: *LT Louis Dering is the Board Coordinator for the Reserve Personnel Management Division within the Coast Guard Personnel Command (CGPC-rpm). As Board Coordinator, he establishes all IDPL boards and panels selecting the future of 1300 reserve officers. His service began in the Marine Corps in 1989, transferred to the Coast Guard Selected Reserve in 2002 and was selected as an RPA in 2005.*

W-I-I-F-M?

W-I-I-F-M (pronounced WIFF-UM): What's In It For Me? How many times have you heard that expression? Maybe you've asked the question yourself. Throughout my years in the Coast Guard, I've heard it my fair share of times.

At first glance, the acronym W-I-I-F-M and what it means, smacks of selfishness. Now, we've come to expect this attitude within the civilian workforce, where most of us spend our time when not wearing Coast Guard blue. We live in a society where much is driven by profit motive, production output and the quarterly earnings report. There are rewards for delivering in the corporate world and a sizeable percentage of our society operates within this environment. This is not to say it's bad — it's not. It's business.

However, the U.S. Coast Guard is not a business. We are conditioned to hear "What can I do to help?" rather than "What's in it for me?"

Regardless, the question continues to be asked by Coast Guard men and women every day. Considering the many outstanding men and women serving in our Coast Guard today, it is natural to presume they each expect something in return for their service in the Coast Guard. Whether planning to serve eight years or 30 years, it's human nature.

So, what's the W-I-I-F-M response? For the most part, the answer depends at which level an individual is within the organization.

First, there is one answer that applies to all of us, regardless of rank. As members of the Coast Guard, we willingly chose public service ahead of our own interests. We are giving back to a nation that ensures levels of freedom and individual expression not found anywhere else in the world. The reward for us is the awareness that we are contributing to the protection of life and our way of life, regardless of where we serve in the organization.

It sounds simple. However, it's important to periodically remind ourselves and those around us — especially those new to the Coast Guard — that, although our service may seem to go unnoticed or appear to be unappreciated, it is our patriotic spirit and selfless devotion to duty that gives life to our Coast Guard and contributes to our country's overall greatness. This is what's in it for all of us. And, I believe, it is one of the primary reasons we chose to be a part of the Coast Guard.

Beyond this common denominator, what are some of the other answers to "W-I-I-F-M?" Frankly, there are far too many. However, I'll touch on a few that I consider the more important ones.

Our most junior members, whether

enlisted or commissioned, have different expectations, needs and aspirations than those more senior. Those who are new to the organization are probably most preoccupied with immersing themselves in Coast Guard culture, finding their place and trying to learn the ropes. They're proud and feel a part of something bigger than their individual selves.

To these members, everything is new and exciting. Despite these challenges, they most likely exhibit an overwhelming sense of enthusiasm and it's this enthusiasm we have to build upon. At this stage, what's in it for them is opportunity — and, in today's Coast Guard, opportunity can be found everywhere. There are ample opportunities for education, training and in some cases, even travel.

For senior enlisted members, chief warrant officers and the senior officer corps, the question evolves from, "What's in it for me?" to "What's in it for the Coast Guard?" Once you've reached this level within the organization, your focus shifts to the broader needs of the Coast Guard and its people. And at this point, the opportunities that are available more often mutually benefit the member and the service.

Lastly, people are the Coast Guard's greatest resource. We have to manage our people in such a way to maximize potential without burning them out. We must always be cognizant of the competing demands our people face at home, the unit and their civilian jobs, to ensure the right balance that will ultimately make them a successful and contributing member of the Coast Guard.

As your Coast Guard career progresses, compiling a portfolio of training and experience, one of the opportunities that is ever-present is the ability to influence others. Think of all the shipmates, supervisors and commanding officers that have influenced you over the years. I can think of many whose influence helped make me the Coast Guardsman I am today. We all possess this same ability. Just remember though, influence cuts both ways — it can be good or bad. So, bearing this in mind, we must strive to conduct ourselves with the utmost professionalism and ethical behavior when everyone is watching and more importantly, when no one is watching.

The Coast Guard members we influence, by our words and deeds, are those who will be the Coast Guard's future leaders; our chiefs, our senior officers, maybe even an admiral or two. They will be the ones who carry on once we leave the service.

So, the next time someone asks you, "W-I-I-F-M?" pass them this article or tell them to look around.

It is there they will find their answers.



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BOSTON — BM3 Justin West of Station Merrimack River launches an MK-127 parachute flare, during a recent boat crew college held at Sector Boston. Photo courtesy of BMCS Jonathan Graham, USCGR



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