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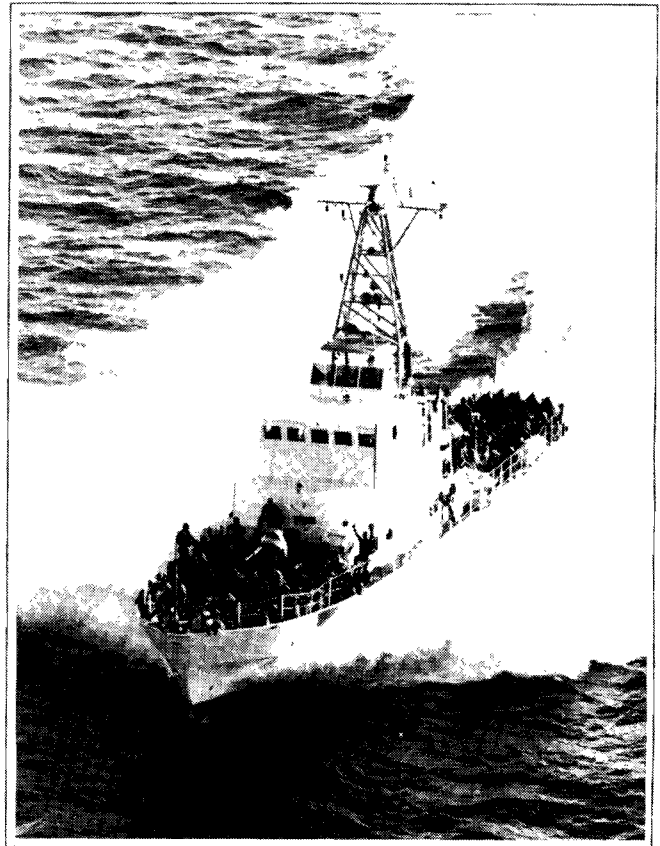
Operation Able Vigil Commences in Florida Straits

by CWO3 Dan Waldschmidt, D7

After more than a month of grueling, non-stop search and rescue off Haiti in late June and early July, many Atlantic Area cutters were dockside in early August. Hard working Coast Guard men and women were getting to some long-overdue maintenance chores and enjoying some precious time with their families. By the second week of August the number of Cubans making their way to the United States on rafts was increasing at an alarming rate so sail orders were issued to the cutters. Another chapter of Coast Guard history was beginning with the start of Operation Able Vigil.

It began to look like another "Mariel Boatlift" and the Coast Guard responded accordingly. A fleet of more than 35 cutters and patrol boats, along with 10 Navy ships, patrolled the waters between Cuba and the U.S. A flotilla of several dozen Coast Guard small boats patrolled closer to shore in the Florida Keys. A flight wing of almost 30 jets, planes and helicopters provided continuous air support to the surface vessels and more than 6,000 Coast Guard men and women, augmented by Reservists and Auxiliarists, were actively involved in the massive lifesaving effort.

More than 2,000 Cubans were rescued during the first week of operations, most taken to Key West. On Aug. 19th, President Bill Clinton announced that all Cuban migrants rescued at sea by the Coast Guard would be taken to the U.S. Navy Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The very next day 1,189 Cubans were rescued in 125 separate cases and this was just a warm-up for things to come. Working non-stop, Coast Guard personnel assigned to Able Vigil completed 1,206 search and rescue cases in four days beginning Aug. 21st. A new record was set when 3,253 Cubans were picked up Aug. 23rd. The 10,270 Cubans rescued during those four days were more than were rescued during the decade between 1983 and 1993.



A 110-foot CG patrol boat, its decks filled with Cuban migrants, steams to Guantanamo Bay.



A dozen Cuban migrants await pick-up from their home-made raft in the Florida Straits.



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From the President

The clock is ticking and time is getting short if you haven't already made plans for our Reunion. I have discovered that there are a great number of activities in which we can busy ourselves while in Norfolk. Besides the nearby attractions of Virginia Beach, Colonial Williamsburg and Busch Gardens, there is an incredible number of places to take in right in Norfolk itself.

The city's newest attraction is called Nauticus, a showplace of maritime technology combining entertainment and education, with an emphasis on interactive exhibits. Nauticus is expected to become the top attraction in Norfolk.

I realize that Norfolk is best-known as the home of the Norfolk Naval Base and we originally included this as one of the tour packages at the Reunion. After some thought we figured why go there when there is a Coast Guard Base right in the same neighborhood. Needless to say, Tour A is now at USCG Base Portsmouth instead and this will include a tour of the 270-foot medium endurance cutter *Northland*. We may also be having lunch on board the cutter.

Please take some time to familiarize yourself with our association's Constitution and By-Laws, as well as the proposed changes to them. What we decide upon at Norfolk is what we live with for the following two years.

Dick Stent, Jr.

From the Editor

Hi again. This issue is coming out a little earlier than usual so that it will be distributed to the membership prior to the Reunion. I have included as many articles as possible but was under a bit of a crunch in order to get it ready for printing. Thought you'd like to see a little of what is going on in the Coast Guard right now, hence the cover story on Operation Able Vigil. Have also included the CGCVA Constitution and By-Laws, along with proposed changes for your perusal prior to voting at the Convention. Keep the great stories and photos coming my way and I'll do my best to get as many published as possible. All submissions are appreciated!

Swifty

From the Secretary

Mailing Labels

I trust that you have noticed the "Exp.11/11/11" on the mailing label of your last issue of *The Quarterdeck Log*. I included this on the last distribution as a trial and the same number ran on all labels. This time the label should show the actual date that your membership expires. This information has been requested by many of you but I really didn't have the computer assistance to make it happen until now. Anyway, I hope it is useful as a reminder to renew memberships and should make a considerable savings in mailing costs by not having to send a separate reminder. (I even steam off uncanceled stamps to use them!)

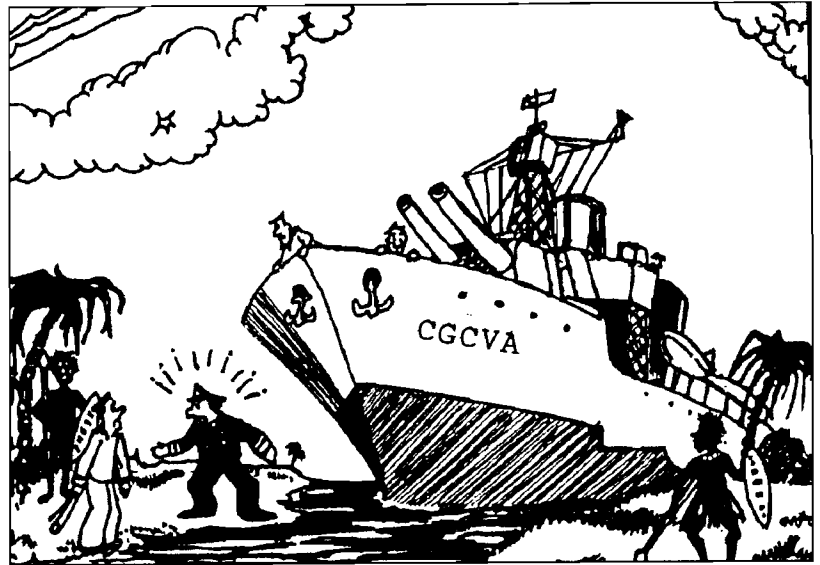
In a related matter, I need help from those of you that have two addresses. Please let me know who you are because when the address data was converted to my present system, all second addresses were lost. Sorry about that. I can't change the address if you don't help me out so send me both addresses just to be safe.

CGCVA Constitution and By-Laws

Included in this issue are the current CGCVA Constitution and By-Laws plus the proposed changes to them. This is critical information and should be carefully read by all voting members attending the October Convention/Reunion. Voting will take place at the Business Meeting.

1994 Reunion/Convention Updates

Reservations — Have you tried to make reservations at the Howard Johnson Hotel and been told that there were no rooms left? If so, or if it happens to you when you call for reservations, **ask to speak with Holly Armstrong**. She will take care of the problem. I am mentioning this only for your information as I believe the problem has been solved. We have made arrangements for any overflow that may occur. There will be room for everyone. Remember the number: 1-800-682-7678 for toll-free reservations.



"You call yourself a navigator! Does this look like Norfolk?"

(submitted by Jim Bunch)

Reunion Tours — On the full-page Local Tour Area Program printed in the last issue, there is one change. On Tour A — please delete "Naval Base Tour" and insert "Portsmouth Coast Guard Base." We are setting up a visit and possible tours of the new 'famous class' vessels in port, one of which will be the *CGC Northland*. We thought that you might like that better than touring the Norfolk Naval Base.

Please remember that if you don't send in your reservation form for a tour or tours that you want to take, it's a good possibility that the tour won't take place. We have to know that there is interest so we can make the necessary arrangements for you. So let's go folks — send in those tour reservations and let's make this a Reunion to remember!

In addition to these tours, there are a few events that should be marked down as a "must attend". One of these is the CGCVA Biennial Business Meeting Luncheon on Oct. 28th. Please try to attend; cost is \$15 per person.

And don't forget, the CGCVA Biennial Awards Banquet Dinner is at 7 p.m., October 29th. Our guest speaker is Coast Guard Commandant, Adm. Robert E. Kramek. Cost is \$25 per person.

Hope to see you there!

From the Secretary (cont.)

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Going to Norfolk in '94?

Are you planning to attend the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Convention/Reunion in Norfolk in October, 1994? Then take advantage of V.I.P. Travel's discounted airfares. Each ticket

purchased will help earn a free ticket for someone who otherwise would not be able to attend. Call **Peg Boksner** and make your 1994 CGCVA Convention/Reunion reservation.

Miscellaneous Reunion Notes

A ride to Norfolk has been arranged for "Doc" Kenton so it'll be good to see him there. I still need lots of help in order to carry out the myriad of tasks associated with the Reunion so please let me know if you can provide an hour or so. My thanks to those who have already indicated they'd be willing to help out. Semper Paratus! **Ed Burke**

**Howard Johnson Hotel Norfolk
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*rate includes tax

From the Treasurer

As of 8/28/94 the CGCVA has \$14,097.03 in total funds on hand, \$12,415.00 of which is in the Life Membership Account. Also, as of 8/28/94, there have been 1773 sign-ups in the CGCVA although some have 'Crossed the Bar' and we have lost others on renewal.

The CGCVA History Book As early as the Summer of 1991, past Secretary Herb Reith introduced the membership to a CGCVA History Book. Direct mailings were made to all hands from Turner Publishing Company on at least three occasions and just about every issue of our newsletter had information on this book. We needed 300 subscribers to make this project happen but never did get enough. Still, by coming up with the needed \$2,700 from other than CGCVA funds, the project was rescued in the summer of 1993. Throughout the 1991-93 period, members were informed they could submit stories and biographies and, to my knowledge, most of the stories submitted were published.

I must apologize for the wrong logo being placed on the cover of the book. I have no idea how this could have happened and I did let John Carnilia, the designer of our official logo, know about the error. John's design is much more detailed and we accepted it without any modifications. Another SNAFU was noted as a page of "C" alphabet members was omitted. The publisher has agreed to put out an addendum to correct this.

The following information will help those who would like another copy of the book. Most of the extra books belonging to the Association will be sent to museums, libraries, USCG training commands and the Coast Guard Academy. While we may end up with some extra books for sale, we have agreed not to sell them until Turner Publishing Co. has finished with their sale of the books. Thusfar Turner has made no profit on the sale of the CGCVA History Book so they are relying on selling their remaining copies in order to turn some profit on the project.

The Coast Guard Combat Veterans History Book covers our service from World War I to the Persian Gulf. Photographs taken by our own combat photographer, Art Green, are featured throughout. The book contains 136 pages on Coast Guard history, chronology, sea stories, a roster of members, more than 300 biographies and photos from CG veterans, and an index. It has a blue hardbound cover with an embossed logo in gold.

The book is available for sale at \$48 plus \$5 for the first book and \$2.50 for each additional book for postage and handling per order. Send checks or money orders to: Coast Guard Combat Veterans History Book, Turner Publishing Company, P.O. Box 3101, Paducah, KY 42002-3101 or call in credit card orders to: 1-800-788-3350 (a credit card processing fee of \$2 will be charged).

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From the Treasurer (cont.)

Small Stores

The only items that I have on hand at this time are the CGCVA ballcaps. These may be ordered by sending a check payable to CGCVA to Baker Herbert, P.O. Box 544, Westfield Center, OH 44251-0544.

If you haven't seen these caps, they are blue with "Coast Guard Combat Veterans Assoc." in gold lettering, and one size fits all. Cost of the standard cap is \$10 or you can get one with senior eggs for \$12 or flag eggs for \$13. By 15 October I will have a one size fits all cap somewhat like the 30's and 40's baseball cap that will have the same lettering as the current cap but it will be embroidered on the cap itself, not on a patch that is sewn to the cap. These caps will be plain visor only and will sell for \$11. All cap orders are sent to you by first class mail.

Let me know if there is interest on having an emblem placed on your cap such as MCPO, SCPO, CPO, USCG or commissioned officer. This could be done for about \$2 per cap but the

minimum order for me for a particular emblem is 48.

New Item

Overseas type cap with logo. These caps are the same as those worn by current USCG male personnel. You will need an exact size and some of these will be on display at Norfolk. Each cap will cost \$30 and will include "Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association" embroidered on them. We hope to have an honor guard for the organization in the near future wearing this style hat. They could also be worn at more formal occasions, during parades, at reunions, etc.

Coast Guard Clock

This clock stands 7" high, may be wall mounted or placed on stand. Cost is \$15 which includes shipping. Send checks to LM Chester Csontos, 5212 State Road, Wadsworth, OH 44281.

Reunions

The 50th anniversary of the Liberation of the Philippines and the sea battles which made it possible will be commemorated Oct. 19 - 26, 1994 by the cities of Virginia Beach and Norfolk, Va. Men and women of all Services who are veterans of the campaign to liberate the Philippines are invited, as are persons interested in learning more about this important time in our nation's history. Many plans are being developed for this week-long commemoration, including a 3-day symposium on strategy and tactics used in the liberation. For more information on this event, **contact:** Military Circle Limited Partnership, 880 N. Military Hwy., Suite 35, Norfolk, VA 23502. Phone: 1-800-231-0715.

USCGC Mojave (W-47) reunion in Mobile, Ala., Oct. 11-14. **Contact:** Winfield Armstrong, 6020 Sherman Ave., Doeners Grove, IL 60516. Phone: Mr. Armstrong at (708) 963-4446 or Orris Hoff at (816) 987-2904.

USCGC Tampa reunion scheduled for Oct. 12-14 at the Clarion Hotel, 3101 Airport Rd., Mobile, Ala. Rooms are \$51 per night and banquet is set for Friday. Phone: 1-800-982-9822 or fax (205) 476-9360.

The next *USS Allentown (PF-52)* Reunion will be held in Parkridge, NJ in 1995. Details will follow in subsequent issues.

A reunion for the 'Mad Hooligans' of *LST-832* is planned for Oct. 27-30 at the Radisson Hotel in New London, Conn. Price is \$69 per room, per person. Sightseeing, a trip to Mystic Seaport, Coast Guard Academy tour and a ride on converted *LST-510* are all part of the fun.

Anyone interested in holding a reunion for shipmates of the *DE-251 USS Camp* should contact **Tom Taylor** at 4250 Friendship Dr., New Concord, OH 43762 or call (614) 826-4217.

Association News — Mail Buoy

National Medal of Honor Museum

As of September 1st, only 12 pledges had been received towards individual nameplates on a "donor plaque" for a CGCVA plaque with our association logo.

Members are asked to seriously consider this opportunity for the CGCVA to have its own "donor plaque" at the National Medal of Honor Museum. It can always be added to later, but first we have to get it established.

Members may donate a nameplate in the name of a departed shipmate, and widows in honor of their departed spouses. One member, in addition to his own pledge, has pledged a nameplate for Douglas A. Munro, the Coast Guard's only Medal of Honor recipient.

A nameplate donation is only \$25. Again, if interested, please forward a postcard to Baker Herbert stating "Yes to MOHM Plaque." After 30 pledges are received, other details will be published regarding form and procedures.

Louisiana State Veterans' Bonus

The State of Louisiana is offering a state bonus to its citizens who served in the Desert Shield/Desert Storm theater of operations; if such service was performed between Aug. 2, 1990 and April 11, 1991. The application for this bonus must be received at the Louisiana Dept. of Veterans Affairs by April 11, 1996.

Individuals desiring to apply for the bonus, or who need assistance should contact Louisiana DOVA, Bonus Division, P.O. Box 94095, Capitol Station, Baton Rouge, LA 70804 or call (504) 922-0500.

Citizens Flag Alliance

The Citizens Flag Alliance is a non-profit and non-partisan confederation of American organizations and individuals who support the passage of the amendment to the U.S. Constitution to give back to the individual states and Congress the power to pass laws that will protect our nation's flag from purposeful acts of mutilation, defacement, trampling or burning. For further information contact the Citizens Flag Alliance at 1-800-424-FLAG.

Georgia Supermarket of Vets Benefits

The Georgia Department of Veterans Service will hold its annual Supermarket of Veterans Benefits on December 7, 1994 at the City Recreation Center in Dalton, Ga. More than 30 federal, state and local agencies will be on hand to provide

information on veterans benefits such as insurance, home loans, small business assistance, social security, employment services, medical care, education, retiree and reserve benefits, etc. For further information, call the Georgia Dept. of Veterans Services at (404) 656-2300.



OVER THE BAR

The following CGCVA shipmates have recently departed our mortal company:

**THEODORE SHIPLEY
THOMAS A. DOOHER
RONALD O. REESE
JESSE BENJAMIN BROWN
JOHN C. McGOVERN
JOHN L. SWINSBURG
CHARLES A. QUILICO
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Iwo Jima — A Time of Remembrance

A Memorial Service and Banquet commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Marine Corps landing at Iwo Jima, will be held at the South Mesa Staff NCO Club, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif., on February 18, 1995. The men, wives and friends of the Third, Fourth and Fifth Marine Divisions, as well as those Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine personnel involved in the operation, as well as the general public, are invited to participate. For further information contact Jack Claven, 403 Primrose Place, Glendora, CA 91740 or call (818) 335-2483.



More on Iwo Jima

All veterans of the taking of Iwo Jima are invited to a 50th anniversary commemoration in March, 1995. Planners are working with the Japanese government to allow veterans, their families and friends to ascend Mount Suribachi and tour the island. Visitors will be permitted to collect some of the cindersand and take photographs on the one-day return.

Members of the Japanese Association of Iwo Jima will join Americans in ceremonies at a monument dedicated by veterans from both countries. For more information, write Col. Warren Wiedhahn, USMC (Ret.), P.O. Box 1179, Alexandria, VA 22313.

Indiana Vietnam/Korean Memorial

The third phase — fund raising — is now

underway for the State of Indiana's Vietnam-Korean War Memorial Project. The site and design have been approved by all regulatory authorities so all that needs to be done is complete the plans and construct the two memorials.

Gov. Bayh, on July 13, 1994, signed the Executive Authority that authorized the Vietnam-Korean War Memorial Committee to establish and manage a fund-raising program to receive private donations for the purpose of constructing the memorials. Dedication of the two memorials is tentatively scheduled for May, 1996.

Attention Philippine Campaign Veterans

The Government of the Philippines has approved the issue and award of the *Philippine Liberation Medal (PLM)* to veterans who served in the Philippines for not less than 30 days from Oct. 17, 1944 to Sept. 3, 1945. To obtain this medal **free**, contact the Defense and Armed Forces Affairs Office, Embassy of the Philippines (Veterans Affairs Section), 1600 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Wash., D.C. 20036 or call (202) 467-9409. Veterans must forward their completed application form with a copy of their discharge papers, DD Form 214, or other service record which details their service in the Philippines.

Other medals available to World War II veterans of the Philippine Campaigns are available through the same office at a cost of \$7 each. These include:

Philippine Defense Medal (PDM) — To veterans who served in the Philippines for not less than 30 days from Dec. 7, 1941 to June 15, 1942.

Philippine Independence Medal (PIM) — To veterans who received both the *PLM* and *PDM*.

Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation Badge (PRPUCB) — To veterans who served during the periods Dec. 7, 1941 to May 10, 1942 and during the campaigns from the period 1944 to 1945.

New Champus/Champa Claims Deadline

Champus has revised the filing deadline for claims for care received in 1993 and individuals now have until Dec. 31, 1994 to submit them. Previously, filing rules had announced that effective Jan. 1, 1993, a claim must be filed within one year from the date a service is provided or (for inpatient care) within one year from a patient's date of discharge from an inpatient facility.

The filing deadline was modified because of the timing of the regulatory change that imposed the new rules. Champus/Champa officials were afraid some program beneficiaries or providers of care might not learn of the change in time, or might have only a few months to send claims in to their Champus/Champa claims processing contractor.

Beginning Jan. 1, 1995, claims will be denied if they are received more than one year from the date on which service was provided or from the date of an inpatient's discharge for inpatient care. This means that claims for medical care that occurred in 1994 must be submitted within one year of the service or date of an inpatient's discharge.

VA Helps Save Homes

The Dept. of Veterans Affairs is notifying active-duty and recently discharged service members who have VA-guaranteed home loans of assistance that is available should they encounter financial difficulty.

Loan service representatives in VA regional offices are prepared to provide financial counseling or assistance to veterans or service members in arranging forbearance and developing plans to bring loans up to date when periods of unemployment or underemployment cause problems. Active or retired service members who need VA assistance or financial counseling should contact the nearest VA regional office at 1-800-827-1000.

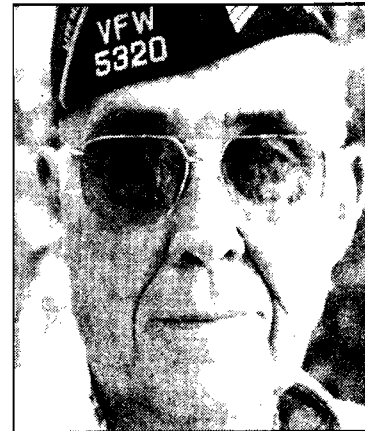
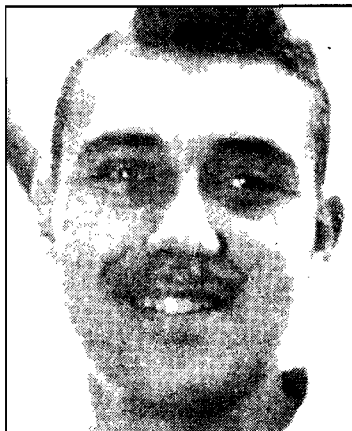
CGC *Tamaroa* Survives

Earlier this year, decommissioning ceremonies were held in New Castle, N.H. for the *CGC Tamaroa (WMEC-166)* and formerly *WAT-166*. Through the efforts of the National Association of Fleet Tug Sailors, the *Tamaroa* was acquired by the Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum and is now awaiting renovation for public tours in New York City.

Although the *Tamaroa* was never a CG combat veteran, it was the last operational fleet tug in U.S. service out of the 69 ATFs built for the U.S. Navy.

Before being acquired by the Coast Guard in 1946, the *Tamaroa* served as the *USS Zuni (ATF-95)*, having been commissioned on Oct. 9, 1943. The ship served in combat in the Pacific Theater and, along with the *USS ATR-50*, towed the light cruiser *USS Reno* out of harms way. No doubt many CGCVA members served on board the *Tamaroa* during its 48 years of Coast Guard service.

PROUDLY THEY SERVED



Robert Stoneham of Crystal River entered the U.S. Coast Guard in 1942. He served on the USCCR Cutter 1143 and the USS Sheliak, and took part in the fighting at Okinawa before being discharged in 1946. Decorations and awards include American Theater-Asiatic-Conduct-Victory and Presidential Unit Citation. The retired Palm Beach County sheriff's deputy is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans and the Coast Guard Combat Veterans. He and his wife, Violet, have one son, David, and one grandson, Shane.

Courtesy Citrus County (Fla.) Chronicle, Aug. 30, 1994

Association News — Mail Buoy (cont.)

Hawaii War Memorials Dedicated

On July 24, 1994, the State of Hawaii dedicated Korean and Vietnam War Memorials on the grounds of the State Capitol. The theme of the dedication was "Eho'imai ika aina," which means "returning home." The memorials are separate from each other but in close proximity and designed in a similar style, including the names of fallen Hawaiian service members engraved on a granite pedestal.

Another CGCVA Listing

The CGCVA is now included in the U.S. Naval Institute's Information Resources listing of Associations. Our name is spreading all over — far and wide!

DOD's Gulf Vet Health Surveillance

All Gulf War veterans — members in active service, retirees, and members of the Ready Reserve, who are experiencing problems that may be related to their service in the Gulf (and their eligible family members) are encouraged to report to a military hospital for a medical evaluation, comparable in scope to the Dept. of Veterans Affairs' Persian Gulf Registry exam, and they will be included in DOD's Persian Gulf War Veterans Health Surveillance System. Those who are included in the system's data base, and who do not have clearly defined diagnoses, will be offered an intensive examination.

The military is coordinating its procedures with the Dept. of Veterans Affairs to ensure that diagnostic exams are carried out in the same way.

Employment Opportunity

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service is looking for transitioning military personnel to work as Border Patrol Agents along the U.S. - Mexican border. The INS is interested in hiring 450 people by the end of October so there's not much time left. Candidates will attend an 18-week training course at the Border Patrol Academy in Glynco, Ga. Interested personnel must be American citizens no more than 37

years of age and in good physical condition. Those interested should contact the INS at 425 I Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20536.

USS LST-764

My five-year search for former officers and crewmembers of *USS LST-764* has resulted in accounting for 88 men. I have contacted 38 and learned that 50 are deceased. We have been holding our reunions along with the National LST Association annually. If anyone has information on the *LST-764* men or if anyone took boot training at Manhattan Beach, N.Y. on Jan. 18, 1943, Company 8, 3rd platoon, please contact me at 317 Grand Central Ave., Amityville, Long Island, NY 11701. The search goes on! **Rod Whalen, ex-Signalman 3/c**

Savvy Sailor Knew 'Parts Is Parts'

After three days at an invasion site at Salerno, Italy, our assault transport, the *USS Samuel Chase* started back to Algeria. That night the Luftwaffe found us and we underwent an intense raid. Just as the attack subsided, one of the 40mm guns malfunctioned. At daybreak the gunners mate discovered a broken part. There was no replacement part to be found in Algeria so we were forced to wait to make the repair until we got back to the states.

In Bayonne, N.J., we were surprised to find we still couldn't locate the part. Word went out all along the East Coast but we kept getting the same response — Sorry, no part.

Finally, a seaman who had observed the fiasco said he thought he could find the part. So, in a very unmilitary fashion he was given \$20 in cash, a car and a driver. He returned to the ship within the hour with not one one but several of the elusive parts.

Of course everyone on board was dumbfounded, especially the gunners mate. "Where on earth did you ever find them?" he asked the Seaman.

"They were only \$5 each at Montgomery Ward," came the reply, "so I got four!"

Russ Jacobs, Higginville, Mo.

New Pearl Harbor Book Available

Did you know that the first American vessel fired upon during the attack at Pearl Harbor was the Coast Guard Cutter Tiger? This is but one of the many little known facts uncovered and reported by Earl Burlingame in his book, *Advance Force — Pearl Harbor*.

Mr. Burlingame presents a detailed look at the myriad of forces used by the Japanese, including a group of midget submarines. He provides full coverage of the several Coast Guard cutters and units in Hawaii at the time of the attack and afterwards. Much of his material has been derived from his research into previously classified material and *Advance Force — Pearl Harbor* provides a real 'nuts and bolts' description of the action.

The book is 480 pages in length, published by Pacific Monograph, and retails for \$22.

Jim Bunch

Cambria APA-36 Photo Available

I just paid for a life membership in the CGCVA and am planning to attend the October Reunion in Norfolk. I recently found a color photo of my old ship, the *Cambria*, and will be happy to make copies for anyone who served on it, at no charge. It's the least I can do for my old shipmates. Let me know and I'll bring copies to the Reunion. Call me at (215) 675-5175.

Al Duffield

Sailor Saves Coast Guardsman

On June 6, 1944, Motor Machinist Mate 2/c Francis W. Pereira, USN, of the *LST-70* was among a large group of sailors and Coast Guardsmen ashore on Eniwetok in the Marshall Islands. Pereira was standing at the waters edge when he heard yells for help. He spotted a man some distance offshore floundering around but at first thought it to be just a prank. When he saw the man disappear beneath the surface he knew it wasn't.

Pereira immediately ran into the surf and swam to the spot he had last seen the man. The water was crystal clear and he saw the victim

sinking far below. He surface dived and got to him, kicked back to the surface and began hauling him to shore. The victim fought and wrestled and it was only Pereira's previous lifesaving training that kept him in control. Another sailor saw the struggle, waded in and helped with the emergency. Finally, they were able to get the man on board an LCVP that happened by. The man was taken back to his ship, the Coast Guard-manned *KA-16* while Pereira returned to the *LST-70*.

Later in the day an officer from the *KA-16* boarded the *LST-70* to speak with Pereira about the incident. The officer stated he was putting Pereira in for the Silver Life Saving Medal.

Nothing ever happened. Perhaps it was due to the considerable action in the South Pacific or maybe just overlooked. And then perhaps, things could still be rectified.

I am looking for any crewmembers from the *KA-16* or the *LST-70* who might be able to provide additional information on this incident. If you can help or know of someone who can, please contact Mr. Pereira at 195 Westwood Dr., Novato, CA 94945 or myself at 4027 Upper 69th St., E., Inver Grove Hts., MN 55076. Your assistance is appreciated. Good luck with your upcoming Reunion!

James Nelson

USS Vance and USS Merrill

I'd like to hear from anyone who served aboard either the *USS Vance (DE-387)* during the period March 2 - Dec. 9, 1945 or on the *USS Merrill (DE-392)* between Dec. 9, 1945 and April 3, 1946. I am specifically seeking information about my uncle, William Walter Gibson (S2/c, S1/c respectively).

I would like to know where the *Merrill* and the *Vance* were during those periods and what battles or campaigns they participated in then. I'd like to know where the *Merrill* was on Jan. 3, 1946 and what happened to S2/c Gibson on that day. I have my uncle's service record for that period but it lacks any details. Send any information to me at 603 E. 2nd St., Lockport, IL 60441. Thanks! **PS2 John E. George, USCGR**

Association News — Mail Buoy (cont.)

Looking For Shipmates

I am seeking information on any shipmates who served aboard the *CGC Bowstring (365)* from 1943 - 1945. Also on crew members who served on the *83472* in the Philippines in 1945. That vessel was one of four 83-footers ferried to that sector on the *Liberty Ship SS Frank Wiggins*. Any information can be forwarded to me at 614 Passaic Ave., Clifton, NJ 07012. Thank you!
Harry A. Smalling

Coast Guard at Guadalcanal

I am an amateur history buff gathering information on the battle for Guadalcanal and the Navy Seabees in WWII. I am particularly interested in Coast Guard activities connected with the 1st Marine Division and the landing force in Aug. 1942.

I'd also like to learn about LCDR D.H. Dexter, USCG, and his men. I understand the Coast Guard manned the *USS Jamestown's YPs 239, 284 and 346* and were the lone Navy-CG contingent until Cub One unit arrived with about 118 men on Aug. 15th. Then the Seabees arrived Sept. 1st.

Did the Dexter-Coast Guard group ever hold any reunions? Is there someone around who could tell the story? Does a cruise book exist? Is there any written material regarding the Coast Guard contributions during the period Aug. 7, 1942 - Feb. 9, 1943?

As you can see I have many questions. If you can help shed some light on this please call me at (612) 949-9604 or write me at 6514 Harverhill Trail, Eden Prairie, MN 55346. Thank you so much!
CAPT Larry G. DeVries, USNR

Pearl Harbor Information Needed

I am a student of Dec. 7, 1941 and, as such, am looking for any and all information regarding events occurring that day. I am specifically interested in the aviation side of the attack and would like to learn all I can about how the Coast Guard participated in that area.

I am trying to recreate a complete listing of all the aircraft involved that day, on both sides

and would appreciate any first-hand knowledge from veterans who were at Ford Island or in the vicinity of Pearl Harbor. If you can assist me in this historical endeavor, please write me at 502 Ball St., Weatherford, TX 76086.

Here's to history — the ultimate puzzle — with a lot of pieces still missing!

Dav Aiken

An Idea For The CGCVA History Books

I received my CGCVA History Book and am so pleased that words cannot describe my satisfaction. I had a thought that perhaps some of the members would like to bring their copies of the History Book to the Reunion for autographing by other members. Perhaps a designated place could be set up in our main room for this purpose.

Russ Brewer

USS Rusty Bucket (764)

Haughty of head, blunt of bow
She'll get you there regardless of how!
If you haven't guessed it before,
This is the mighty old 764!
She's made the rounds, still going strong
But she'll go home before too long.
She did her job and did it well
The old lady's been through a bit of hell.
And now her job is nearly done,
She's played her party, the war is won.
She hit everything, if you please,
Both American and Japanese!
At Iwo Jima, she hit the beach,
No enemy fire was out of reach.
She'd fight it out and ask for more,
Proud of her name, the 764!
Cargo varied, she carried provision,
But her favorite load was ammunition.
Troops from Air Corps, Army and Marine,
And just for fun, some gasoline!
A word of praise to a brave, brave crew,
Men with guts to see it through.
Now we're sailing in Japan's backyard,
A fighting part of the U.S. Coast Guard!

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Auxiliary Notes

To all Auxiliary members:

Al and I had a wonderful time this past Coast Guard Day in Grand Haven, Michigan. It's easy to see why it's known as "Coast Guard City, USA" as everywhere we looked upon arriving there were signs saying, "Welcome U.S. Coast Guard!" During the six days that we were there we were treated very special by all and had a great and memorable time. I want to thank the CGCVA for making it all happen; both Al and I were very proud to represent the CGCVA and its Auxiliary. Thanks again!

In terms of the upcoming Reunion, there will be a discussion of our by-laws and amendments, followed by voting. Also, an election of officers and board members, appointment of area directors, chaplain, historian and others, items for the good of the order and the issuing of our new Auxiliary pins. I will be wearing our new hat and if you'd like to order one or add anything to the agenda, please call me at (813) 856-7387 as there is much to do.

Get your reservations in quickly if you haven't already done so. Al and I will arrive on the 25th to help get things set up. By the way,

the Navy Base tour on the 26th is now a tour of the Portsmouth Coast Guard Base, plus the *CGC Northland*. Lunch will be on the ship or at the base and we'll be back in time for the Opening Ceremonies. See you in Norfolk!

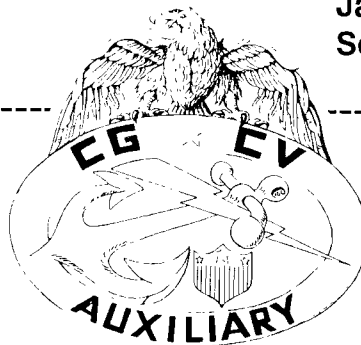
Edith M. Courter, President

From the Secretary-Treasurer:

Please check your current membership card as your dues will be due and payable at the Reunion if you had paid on or before the previous Reunion. If you are not attending this time, please send dues to me at P.O. Drawer 2790, Burney, CA 96013 or call me at (916) 335-3876 before the Reunion since a new Treasurer may be elected. Dues are still only \$10 for two years unless there is a change made at Norfolk, in which you will be notified should it occur.

As of Aug. 3, 1994, we have 77 paid members. I'd like to welcome the new members who have joined us since the last Reunion. Thanks for the help, I look forward to seeing you in October!

**Jane Maxwell
Secretary-Treasurer**



Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association
Membership Application
Coast Guard Combat Veterans Auxiliary

Name: _____ Spouse: _____
Last First Init. First

Address: _____
Street or Box Number City State Zipcode

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Jane Maxwell, Secretary/Treasurer

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Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association Membership Application

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Last First Middle Init.

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City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Sponsored By: _____

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(Continue awards on reverse if necessary)

List Combat Units Served With, Their Location and Dates On Reverse

(As Required)

Rank/Rate at Present, at Retirement or Discharge: _____

Amount of Membership Dues enclosed: \$ _____ **Dues: \$20.00 Every 2 years**

Make Checks Payable to: CGCOMVETS

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Important: Include a COPY of DD-214 or other Applicable Separation Document To:

E. P. "ED" Burke, Secretary
Coast Guard Combat Veterans Assoc. Tel: (301) 924-3727
17728 Striley Drive, Ashton, MD 20861-9763

Constitution — By-Laws With Proposed Changes

The following is what will be our Constitution and By-Laws should you approve the proposed changes and vote for their adoption. I have *put changes to the Constitution and By-Laws in this type of printing. This will allow you to easily see what is being proposed without becoming confused by having to compare one document with another. These are the things that you will be voting about in Norfolk.* I have also indicated the rearrangement and correction(s) of various items and show them with this type of printing. These items are shown in this type of print to help you but, there is nothing in this area that requires voting as it has already been previously adopted. I have moved it to have it better organized. Some items might tend to confuse you in that it may be something that we have done for years. We are now formalizing it. **Please**, read carefully and be prepared to vote when you get to the Business Meeting. These types of business items can take up a lot of time when members are not prepared and require re-reading because they have not done their homework. With all of that in mind, here we go:

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COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

PREAMBLE

Being mindful of the traditions, duties and purposes of the United States Coast Guard, our duty to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America and believing that through social association and mutual acquaintance, we may further perpetuate the memory of our fallen comrades, assist their widows and orphans, assist honorably discharged and retired Coast Guard Combat Veterans, promote and enhance the image and posture of the United States Coast Guard. Therefore, we do associate ourselves together and declare the following Articles to be the constitution and By-Laws of the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association.

CONSTITUTION

We, past and present Officer and Enlisted members of the United States Coast Guard believing in our right to Form an Association consistent with the precepts outlined in the Preamble above, do hereby declare the formation of such an association to be known as the "Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association".

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I-Organization

This Association formed under the authority of the foregoing Constitution will be organized as provided hereinafter. That all meetings including the biennial meeting will be

conducted in accordance with ROBERTS Rules Of Order:

1. **Name:** This Association shall be called the "Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association".

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2. **Purpose:** The primary purpose of this Association shall be to foster good fellowship and social activities. We further assume the responsibility for maintaining the gravesite of Signalman First Class, Douglas A. Munro, USCG recipient of the Congressional Medal Of Honor, located at Cle Elum, Washington. and to accomplish the programs as outlined in the Preamble.

3. **Association Officers:** The Association shall be governed by a President; Vice President; Secretary, Treasurer, and an elected Board of Directors consisting of five (5) regular members. No elected Officer or Director will be installed in office that does not have a Support Document that shows his combat duty qualification to be a member of the Association.

4. **Term of Office:** Officers shall be nominated and elected for a two (2) year term in office at each regular biennial meeting of the membership. Candidates for office shall be regular voting members of the association who shall be nominated and elected by a "Show of Hand". The newly elected officers and appointees shall be sworn into office at ceremonies during the banquet held on the final evening of the reunion/convention. The offices of the President and Vice President shall not be succeeded by the same person more than one (1) time. The offices of the Secretary and Treasurer due to the necessity of a consistent continuance of record management for the Association may be succeeded by the person duly nominated and elected by the membership without limitation to the succession rule above. The offices of the Board Members are covered in Article IV, 5. below. In the event of a vacancy of any office or Directorship caused by resignation; illness, death or removal for "cause", a replacement shall be selected to serve in the vacated position

until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the membership. The selection shall be made by a committee appointed by the President.

5. **Auxiliary:** Effective 16 July 1988, there shall be an Auxiliary providing for the membership of spouses of members in good standing. Such Auxiliary to provide their own Organization and By-Laws. Such Organization and By-Laws shall not conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association.

6. **Headquarters:** There is no permanent Headquarters site or location. The President shall designate a Headquarters location. Administrative office(s) shall be designated by the President and will in most instances be the residence of the Secretary or Treasurer or both as needs predicate.

ARTICLE II-Membership

Membership in this Association shall be limited to:

1. Active duty members, retired members and honorably discharged former members of the United States Coast Guard who served in, or provided direct support to combat situations recognized by an appropriate military award while serving as a member of the United States Coast Guard.

2. The Widow or Widower of those listed in 1. above shall be considered members and shall be dues free without voting privilege. These members shall not hold office.

3. The Commandant of the United States Coast Guard and the Master Chief Petty Officer of the United States Coast Guard if not otherwise eligible shall be recognized as Honorary Members without voting privilege.

4. The President, with the consent of the Board of Directors, may authorize

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additional Honorary Membership without voting privilege to any person who has performed in an "Outstanding" manner for the betterment of either the United States Coast Guard or the Association. Such Honorary Membership will be accomplished by the issuing of a Certificate of Appreciation and Honorary Membership suitable for framing. Any member in good standing may make a recommendation to the President for a Honorary Membership. The recommendation shall be in writing and accompanied with supporting information substantiating the individuals qualification.

5. Associate Membership: Non Voting Associate Membership is established for:

a. Those persons who served a tour of duty in the United States Coast Guard that met the combat criteria while in the service of another Armed Force (United States or Foreign).

b. Members of the United States Public Health Service who served as members of a United States Coast Guard combat command.

c. A spouse, child or orphan of a deceased Coast Guard Combat Veteran that died prior to the founding of the association. Support documents of combat service and relationship must be provided.

ARTICLE III-Dues

Dues shall be Twelve Dollars, Fifty Cents (\$12.50) per year.

1. Dues are considered due and payable at biennial intervals commencing two (2) years from the month of initial membership. The membership expiration date is on the address label of the quarterly newsletter and will be the notice for the renewal of membership. The Treasurer will send out an "overdue Notice" to members not responding after approximately thirty

(30) days. Members not responding to the "Overdue Notice" after sixty (60) days will be dropped from the active rolls. A member dropped for Non-Payment of dues may be reinstated by submitting the necessary dues and Application Form.

2. Life Memberships are available to paid members in good standing at the following fees:(Recommended)

Under age 30	175.00	(200.00)
31-40	160.00	(185.00)
41-50	140.00	(165.00)
51-60	120.00	(145.00)
61-70	90.00	(115.00)
71-80	60.00	(85.00)
81-89	50.00	(50.00)
90 & up		(00.00)

Life Members shall not be subject to further levies. The Treasurer shall deposit Life Membership moneys in a "Restricted Fund" called "The Life Membership Account" and invested as directed by the Board of Directors. Income derived by such investments shall be used in part to support the Life Members, with the balance utilized as directed by the President.

ARTICLE IV-Officers

Officers of this Association named in ARTICLE I are vested with authority and charged to perform duties as follows:

1. National President:

a. Vested with overall responsibility for conducting the official business of the Association within the constraints of the Constitution and By-Laws and to give careful attention to the work of the Association as well as carry into effect the policies determined upon by the majority of the membership.

b. In cooperation with the Board of Directors, call meetings of officers of the Association as necessary. Preside over

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all meetings and determine the order of business.

c. Oversee the preparation of the Associations annual budget prepared by the Secretary and Treasurer, and present to the Chairman of the Board for approval. Approve all expenditures and disbursements of the Association within the limitations of these By-Laws.

d. Appoint a committee to Audit the fiscal records of the Association no later than one (1) year after election to office. The committee report to be in writing from the Chairman to the President and shall be read at the next regular meeting for acceptance by the membership.

e. Appoint the Secretary to have prepared and distributed a quarterly newsletter to the membership. The quarterly newsletter to be the official publication of the Association and to be named "The Quarterdeck Log".

2. National Vice President:

a. Shall be the first assistant to the President in conducting the official business of the Association.

b. In the absence of the President, preside in his behalf over official or social activities as outlined in these By-Laws.

c. Assume the office of President should the office become vacant for any reason.

3. National Secretary:

a. Assist the President by conducting the official administrative business of the Association.

b. Maintain files of all official communications of the Association. Maintain membership files, both in the computer and in file folders with support documents verifying eligibility. Maintain the Association mailing lists and respond to the membership

questions and/or requests within the capabilities of the means available.

c. In cooperation with the Treasurer, maintain Association property records as to the description and location of items. Maintain all records the Treasurer deems appropriate. All Treasurer designated Fiscal records to be kept in the computer.

d. In cooperation with the Treasurer, establish and distribute budgets for all the officers of the Association.

e. Furnish notification to the membership of the Time and Place of Reunion/Conventions as well as all official meetings called by the President and Chairman.

f. Provide the membership with all official notices through the most rapid and economical means available.

g. Provide guidance and support to the Editor of the quarterly newsletter. In cooperation with the Editor, establish "Deadlines" and publication dates for the newsletter and assure the compliance of same.

h. Record and publish upon approval by the Officers and Board of Directors the minutes of all meetings.

4. National Treasurer:

a. Assist the President by conducting the official financial business of the Association.

b. Maintain accurate fiscal records of the Association. Account for all moneys received from whatever source and deposit them into the Associations authorized account(s) at the earliest reasonable time.

c. Prepare all drafts against the Association funds for settling Association financial obligations as authorized by the President and in accordance with these By-Laws.

d. In cooperation with the Secretary, establish annual budgets for the President, Vice President, Secretary,

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Treasurer, Board of Directors and the Quarterly Newsletter. The budget to show line items for a minimum of: Travel, Supplies, Postage, Equipment, Services i.e., Printing, etc. and Misc.

e. In cooperation with the Secretary, maintain records of Association property with a description and location of all items.

f. Provide a biennial financial statement to be audited and presented at the membership business meeting by a committee appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

5. Board of Directors:

a. The Board shall consist of not less than five (5) members.

b. *Of the four (4) elected Board Members, two (2) shall be elected to a Four (4) year term at each reunion convention. The members of the board will select a chairman of the board from their elected body for a two year period. There will be no succession rule for the Chairman.*

c. The fifth (5) member of the Board shall be the seating of the immediate Past President replacing the prior Past President.

d. *The Board shall direct the President as to the time and place to convene the Reunion/Convention.*

e. The Board of Directors shall meet at the discretion of the Chairman. These meetings may be person to person, via telephone conference or by correspondence.

f. *Approve expenditures of Two-Thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) or more.*

g. Review and if acceptable Approve the annual Budget of the Association.

ARTICLE V-Committees

1. Standing committees shall be appointed by the President but shall

not exceed the tenure of the President's term in office.

2. The Chairperson of all committees shall be designated by the President. The Chairperson shall appoint members to serve on their committee.

ARTICLE VI-Voting

1. Regular members, in good standing, in attendance at properly assembled Association Reunion/Conventions shall be eligible to vote on matters limited to Association business.

ARTICLE VII-Changes And Corrections

1. Changes: A request for change in the By-Laws may be submitted by any member in good standing. Requests for changes must be submitted to the Board of Directors at least six (6) months prior to a regularly scheduled reunion/convention. A change is defined as any alteration that materially affects the intent and/or meaning of the Article being considered.

2. Corrections: A request for correction to the By-Laws that change neither the meaning nor the intent of the Article under consideration.

3. Procedures:

a. Corrections as defined above shall be considered by the Association officers. Notice of such corrections will be presented and read to the membership at the next regularly convened reunion/convention for information only.

b. Changes as defined above and meet all requirements shall be presented to the membership at the regularly convened reunion/convention where it

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will be read and voted on by a "Show of Hand"

c. Proposed changes to the By-Laws will be published in the Association Newsletter immediately prior to the scheduled Reunion/Convention.

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July, 1988 at Reno, NV

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July, 1990 at Baltimore, MD.

Approved: Board of Directors
December 8-9, 1990 at Reno, NV

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October, 1992 at Reno, NV

Corrected/Amended:
October 28, 1994 at Norfolk, VA

Potpourri - a collection of short stories, news clippings and "things" scattered about in no particular order (primarily because the editor didn't want to re-keystroke or re-create everything. Neat stuff though!

Boats, The Talking Dog

by Joe Barnell

In 1945, shortly before the end of World War II, I was stationed at USCG Radio Beacon Unit #70, Fox Island, Newfoundland. It was nothing but a rock one-half mile long by one-quarter mile wide, rising 300 feet at its highest point out of the North Atlantic.

On the island there were 12 Coast Guardsmen and one dog and, by the way he demanded attention, you'd think the dog was the boss of the outfit.

His name was Boats, short for boatswain mate and he could actually talk. At least he said one word and that was "boat." Whenever a boat was within a couple miles of the island, he'd announce its appearance with a continuous stream of loud "boat! boat! boat!" until all hands were assembled to identify and greet the visitors.

The island had originally been a Newfoundland light station, complete with lighthouse, fog horn and living quarters for the light keeper and his family. These were all still there when the U.S. military took over the island during the war, however we all lived and worked in quonset huts. Some of the crew got to bunk in the house and that's where we shared bath

facilities — an old fashioned wash tub and an oil stove with a 30-gallon drum on top. It wasn't unusual for several men to be playing cards in the room while someone was taking a bath in the tub.

Getting back to Boats. He didn't like seagulls and he'd take any opportunity to chase them off, after all, this was his island. The seagulls on the other hand liked to torment Boats by stealing the food the cook would put out for him. One seagull would distract Boats by flying close to him or pretending to be crippled. When he went after it, other gulls would swoop down and steal his food. The cook finally got wise to the tricks and started putting Boats' food in the radio shack where he slept. Still, the seagulls torment continued whenever Boats was outside.

One day the man-overboard alarm sounded — a rarity at our unit — and everyone dropped what they were doing. I grabbed a pair of binoculars and focused on a spot about a quarter mile from shore. It was Boats swimming after two floating seagulls that managed to stay just out of his reach. They had enticed him to go after them and he was now in trouble. We launched the dory and retrieved Boats and he was one cold dog. Needless to say, Boats never went into the water again after seagulls!

Vision Gave Him Strength

by Lane Kelley

A little over fifty years ago, Coast Guardsman Richard Novotny saw a vision in the North Atlantic.

His ship, the Coast Guard destroyer escort USS Leopold, was cruising several hundred miles south of Iceland when it was struck by a torpedo from a German submarine.

Seaman 1/c Novotny, then 23 years old, had been blown away from the ship by the blast and was paddling with one arm toward a life raft when he saw something. He said it was a vision of his wife, mother and father, standing a few feet above the water.

"They were looking down at me," Novotny said. "I think maybe that I died for a few seconds."

Novotny said the vision he had on March 9, 1944, taught him not to fear death.

"If death is like that, if that's part of the passage, then I have no problem with it at all," said Novotny who now resides in Pompano Beach, Fla. He said the vision of his family gave him the strength to keep going that night, even with a broken back, his legs and one arm useless.

A few hours later, the USS Joyce came to the rescue. Of 198 crewmen on board the Leopold, only 28 survived. CO of the Joyce, Robert Wilcox, was surprised that Novotny survived, considering his injuries and the 46-degree water. "Life expectancy in that water that cold was about 25 minutes," he said, "and that's what killed many of the ship's crew."



(above) World War II mementos cover Richard Novotny's wall at his Pompano Beach home. Photo by Robert Duyos. (left) Novotny as a young Coast Guardsman.



The Leopold had left New York and was headed to England, cruising through a passage of the North Atlantic that was infested with German U-boats and was nicknamed "Torpedo Junction." Battle stations was sounded at 8 p.m. and Novotny was manning a 20mm gun on the starboard side when the torpedo struck. It tore the ship apart and he was thrown into the water, landing within 10 yards of a life raft. Still, he had to get to it using just one arm.

The Joyce was only three miles away when the Leopold was hit and got to the scene within minutes. Unfortunately, because the U-boat was still in the area, the Joyce could not immediately commence a rescue operation.

Novotny was treated in Londonderry in Northern Ireland, given a Purple Heart and discharged with a 100% disability. He worked at a Chicago S&L processing GI loans until retiring in 1986. He's been able to find only 10 of the 28 Leopold survivors but stays in touch with them as an honor to those who didn't make it back. "I don't want those 171 guys forgotten," he says.

Courters' Represent CGCVA at Grand Haven

CWO4 (Ret.) Al Courter and his wife, Edith, were among the honorees at this year's Coast Guard Day festivities in Grand Haven, Mich., Aug. 2 - 7. Al and Edith were serving as CGCVA representatives and Al was also there for the members of the Greenland Patrol.

According to the Courters', their arrival at "Coast Guard City, U.S.A." on Aug. 2nd began what turned out to be one of the most rewarding and exciting experiences of their lives. On day one they helped set up displays for the CGCVA and got a guided tour of the city by CGCVA member Bill Herbst. During the next several days they attended ceremonies aboard the *CGC Acacia*, the enlisted dinner at the American Legion, a party at Bill Boonstra's house, the annual wreath-laying at Escanaba Park (with survivor and CGCVA member Ray O'Malley), the Coast Guard Day Picnic at "Mulligan's Hollow", the annual parade and grand finale at the Waterfront Stadium. Even after the excitement of



Edith and Al Courter resting up for annual CG Day Parade in Grand Haven, Michigan.

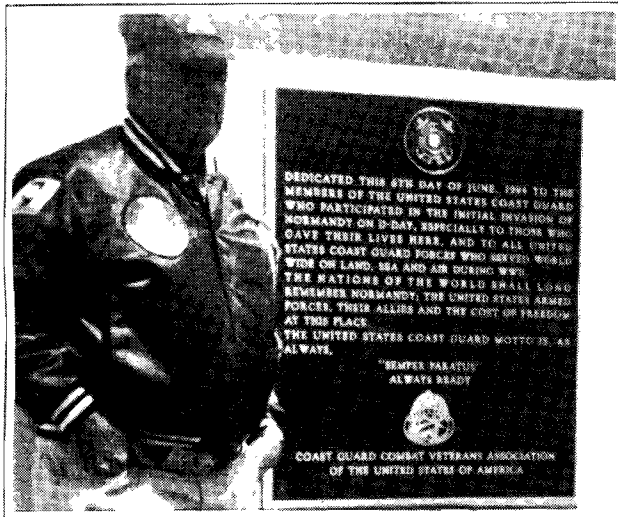
CG Day ceremonies, the Courters' kept going, attending the Group Grand Haven Change of Command ceremonies, again serving as CGCVA representatives. Thanks Al and Edith!



204TH ANNIVERSARY – Panama City Mayor Jerry Clemmons presents a proclamation declaring Aug. 4, 1994, as U.S. Coast Guard Day, to Master Chief Petty Officer James N. Murphy, officer-in-charge, Panama City Coast Guard Station and retired Chief Ed Klingensmith, representing the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Assn. The Coast Guard is celebrating its 204th anniversary as the nation's oldest, continuous sea service. (Contributed photo.)

Answers to last issue's Coast Guard History Mix-N-Match Quiz by Al Courter:

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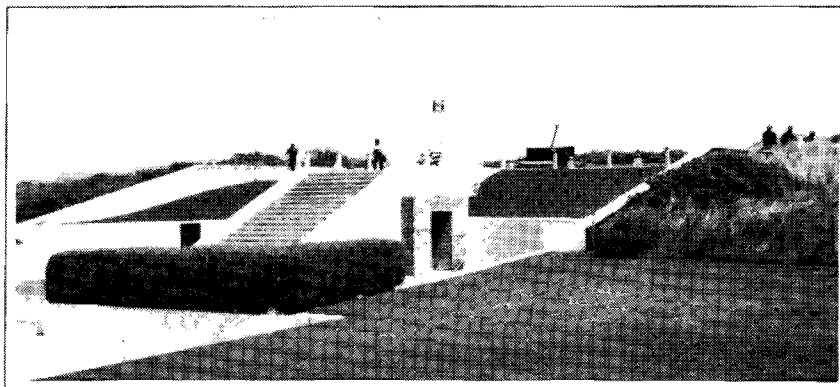


(above) CGCVA member Henry H. Rogers, Jr. alongside the Coast Guard plaque at Utah Beach, Normandy, France. (right) An overall view of the Utah Beach site. The commemorative area has been built over a German bunker and houses several D-Day plaques and memorials. The Coast Guard plaque is seen at the lower left of the stairs.

Visiting Utah Beach

Got my opportunity to see the plaque the CGCVA designed and purchased for dedication on the 50th Anniversary of D-Day at Utah Beach. Now I'd like to help set up another Coast Guard Memorial and Museum with meaningful artifacts for future generations to enjoy and learn from. To start off I'd like to present a rare and little understood item — a 20-ft. Coast Guard Commissioning Pennant. I have yet to find anyone who has seen one or even knows they existed.

Henry H. Rogers, Jr.



CG Vets Invited to Reunion

by Mary Ellebracht

All World War II Coast Guard veterans and their families were invited to attend the 50th anniversary commemoration on Governors Island, N.Y. Aug. 6th.

Ceremonies began at 11 a.m. with a World War II reenactment by Brian Benedict, a consultant for the American Veteran Historical Museum. A wooden replica of the *CGC Taney* had been built and during his narration of the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor, the *Taney* was shown firing its guns and repelling the second wave of bombers, saving the Honolulu Power Plant. His story went on to describe the rescue of Marines from Guadalcanal by Coast Guard signalman Douglas Munro, who was mortally wounded and posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

Following this enlightening presentation, everyone had a traditional picnic lunch, complete with barbequed chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, baked beans, macaroni salad and watermelon. After lunch it was back to the scheduled activities.

Coast Guard and Army helicopters were on view for both children and parents to enjoy. Entertainment began with a USO show, including a band and a chorus of young girls. A lot of young folks and even some of the veterans did some dancing.

Next, everyone was treated to a performance by the Silent Drill Team. There was one young woman among the drill team members which surprised and pleased me. They did a wonderful job of deftly throwing rifles (with bayonets attached) around with precision.

Finally, at 4 p.m., all the Coast Guard World War II veterans were mustered together which included seven crewmen from the *CGC Spencer (W-36)*. There were some brief speeches that spoke of high praise and admiration for the veterans' deeds. During this time there were some strong gusts of wind and suddenly four men came running from different directions. The Stars and Stripes had fallen over so they retrieved the flag and placed it back in an upright position, then two remained to keep it from recurring. That's what I consider the love of country and flag.

Remembering the *Alexander Hamilton*

by Thomas V. Mullings

Alexander Hamilton Survivors Association

While serving as convoy escort near the Irish coast in January, 1942, the *Alexander Hamilton* was dispatched to find and render assistance to the disabled Navy supply ship *USS Yukon*, in the North Atlantic.

When the crippled ship was located, it was wallowing in high waves like a cork in the surf. Combined with gale force winds, freezing temperatures, and ice-covered decks, both vessels were being tossed about like toys. Many attempts to send a line aboard the *Yukon* by line-throwing gun failed due to the force of the wind.

Realizing the futility of these efforts, the *Hamilton's* CO made a courageous decision. Taking the helm, he maneuvered his vessel into position where his stern would be under the bow of the helpless Navy ship. This was the only way possible to put a tow line in service. One minute the crew of the *Hamilton* would be eye to eye with the crew of the *Yukon*, the next they'd be staring at the *Yukon's* keel; the ocean lifting the prey while dropping the recuer. During this perilous cycle the crews of both ships, under very dangerous conditions, were able to secure a towing hawser between the two vessels.

On January 23rd, the *Alexander Hamilton* started the long journey towards Iceland, 650 miles away, with the *USS Yukon* in tow. Along the way, the unrelenting ocean continued its tirade against the small convoy, now joined by a destroyer, dispatched to protect the cutter and it's tow from the marauding U-boats. As the slow moving procession plowed through the North Atlantic, the destroyer would often go full speed when sound contact indicated a submarine nearby, then drop depth charges in the area. Aboard the *Hamilton*, the crew was ever alert in case of attack or the parting of the tow line, which did happen at least once.

With Iceland on the horizon, the tug

"*Frisky*" relieved the *Hamilton* of her burden. It was now shortly before noon on January 29th. The destroyer continued protecting the crippled ship and the tug while the cutter's crew retrieved about 900 feet of towing hawser. Once the hawser was aboard, the OOD increased speed and headed for the channel.

About an hour after releasing the tow, the *Alexander Hamilton* was found by an unseen and unheard enemy, the German submarine *U-132*. A salvo of torpedos were fired at the cutter, finding their mark. At 1312 hours, Jan. 29, 1942, the *Alexander Hamilton* was mortally wounded. Twenty young men died instantly and went down with the ship while six of the 16 survivors died in lifeboats or while enroute to the hospital.



Pat Denney and Vince Stauffer with CGCVA wreath at Douglas Munro's gravesite in Cle Elum, Wash.

Wearing the Flag

When the U.S. flag is displayed against a surface, it is customary to position it with the blue union at the observer's left. This applies to wearing the flag on the left sleeve of a uniform, however, if worn on the right sleeve, it is considered proper to reverse the design so that the blue union is on the observer's right. The reason for the reversed design is to suggest that the flag is flying in the wind, as the carrier is marching. In other words, the flag never flies in retreat!

On the Riviera Run - USCG Vet Recalls Liberation Role

by Cynthia Simison

"Riviera Invasion Opposition Weak," proclaimed the evening edition of the Springfield (Mass.) Daily News on Aug. 15, 1944, with several stories telling of the success of the Allies taking control of a 100-mile beachfront from Nice to Marseilles and sending the German 1st and 19th Armies inland.

Seaman 1/c Raymond Pasek, then just a teenager, was aboard the *USS Joseph T. Dickman* as it sent 30 landing craft ashore with hundreds of soldiers that morning. Pasek had been aboard the *Dickman* when it had performed the same task two months earlier off Utah Beach on the coast of Normandy, the largest amphibious invasion ever and one conducted under much different conditions.

"The seas were nothing like Normandy, much calmer," Pasek recalled, saying, "A lot of the soldiers were seasick, but most just wanted to get ashore and do their job."

Pasek recalled craning his neck to watch both German and Allied aircraft doing their jobs in the skies above. "When you're young, you want to see everything," he said.

As he had done before, Pasek served as port lookout and was part of a damage control party during his invasion duty in southern France. But the Germans had failed to prepare this beachhead with the mines and obstacles that played havoc with the D-Day invasion and left carnage on the beaches of Normandy.

A lack of heavy opposition on the shore also spared Pasek and the *Dickman* the grim task of ferrying wounded and dead Allied soldiers back to England. Instead, the vessel



(above) Raymond J. Pasek displays memorabilia from his Coast Guard service aboard the *USS Joseph T. Dickman*, during which he participated in the Allied invasion of southern France. Photo by John Suchocki. (left) Seaman 1/c Raymond Pasek 50 years ago.



transported follow-up troops and equipment as reinforcements for the U.S. 7th Army.

In all, the *Dickman* made five follow-up voyages into southern France, taking British, French and Arab, as well as American troops ashore. The ship also carried 300 members of the French Sanitary Corps — women nurses — to the Riviera.

Nicknamed the "Queen of Invasions," the *Dickman* would see duty in six invasions from Europe to the Pacific before the war's end. Pasek would remain aboard the ship throughout the April, 1945 invasion of Okinawa. Pasek, now 69, is a retired firefighter.

Potpourri (continued)

Wash. D.C. Iwo jima Reunion

The U.S. National Commemoration of Iwo Jima will be held in Washington, D.C. on Feb. 17-19, 1995, with the premier event being held at the Marine Corps War Memorial on Feb. 19th.

Over 20,000 people are expected to attend the Feb. 19th ceremony, including the President, Secretary of Defense, all service Secretaries and service heads. This means that the Coast Guard Commandant is invited so all WWII Coast Guard Iwo Jima veterans should make every effort to attend as well. The Coast Guard Iwo Jima vets will assemble together and be seated as a group with other Iwo Jima veterans at the seremonies.

Mr. Jack Campbell, A D-Day veteran of Rescue Flotilla One, has made arrangements with two hotels within walking distance of the Iwo Jima Memorial for a 3-day, 2-night package.

Mr. Campbell was extremely successful in taking a group of Coast Guard WWII veterans to Normandy and generating great publicity for our service. He has agreed to help with the details for the 50th Anniversary of Iwo Jima and he may be reached at 6 Poplar Ave., W. Long Branch, NJ 07753 or by calling (908) 229-2413.

Cost for two people will be about \$302. This includes: Hotel room (double occupancy) @ \$66/night including taxes; Registration fee of \$85/person which includes: Bus transportation to all events, CG Iwo Jima Veterans Ballcap, CG Iwo Jima Windbreaker, Hospitality Room, and Banquet Ticket.

Use the below Coast Guard Iwo Jima Veterans Reunion Registration Form (please complete a form for each person). Make checks payable to:Mr. Jack Campbell. Please respond as soon as possible but no later than Dec. 1, 1994.

Name: _____ Ship: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

(locally reproduce this form as needed. Mail with check to Mr. Jack Campbell, 6 Poplar Ave., West Long Branch, NJ)

Hope you enjoyed reading *The Quarterdeck Log*. Send in articles, photographs, sea stories, news clippings and whatever for consideration. We'll still be doing 50th anniversary commemorative articles regarding World War II events for another year but information on most subjects is welcomed. Don't forget the upcoming Convention/Reunion in Norfolk and please duplicate the CGCVA membership application inside and provide copies to potential members.

COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION 1994 REUNION - Local Area Tour Program

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

TOUR A - PORTSMOUTH, NORFOLK AND NAVAL BASE TOUR, 10:00 am -3:00 pm, \$20.00 per person.

Portsmouth is the location of the oldest Naval Shipyard and Naval Hospital in the United States. Enjoy a riding tour through Olde Towne Portsmouth and view the largest collection of pre-Revolutionary homes between Alexandria and Charleston. Visit the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum which contains artifacts dating from 1767 and covers every era of U. S. Naval history. Ride through Norfolk's beautiful historic district and restored areas. View many points of interest such as the Chrysler Museum and the Moses Myers House. Tour the **Norfolk Naval Base**, the largest naval installation in the world, headquarters of the Atlantic Fleet, and home port to more than 126 ships and 26 aircraft squadrons. See the historic homes along "Admiral's Row" which house the flag officers. Enjoy lunch on base on your own.
TOUR A WILL BE COAST GUARD BASE/SHIPS IN LIEU OF NAVAL BASE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

TOUR B - COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG OVERVIEW, YORKTOWN & COAST GUARD OCS, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, \$23.00 per person.

Spend the morning in **Colonial Williamsburg**. Your historical interpreter will guide you through the past and the events that helped shape America's history, as you stroll through the restored area of this lovely colonial capital city. Admire the view as you ride along the scenic Colonial Parkway to the quaint village of **Yorktown**. Tour the **Coast Guard OCS** and enjoy lunch at the Officer's Club (on your own), as planned and confirmed by the committee. Visit the National Park Service Visitors Center and battlefields at Yorktown.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

TOUR C - VIRGINIA BEACH TOUR & SHOPPING SPREE, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm, \$20.00 per person.

Enjoy beautiful views of the Atlantic Ocean and the Chesapeake Bay as you ride through Virginia Beach. See the historic lighthouses and the First Landing Cross at Cape Henry, tour the **Adam Thoroughgood House & Gardens**, built circa 1680., and said to be one of the oldest brick houses in America. Spend time shopping and browsing at one of our local shopping malls or at the "Crafter's Mall", featuring handmade items by local artisans.

TOUR D - SPIRIT OF NORFOLK DINNER CRUISE & WATERSIDE, 5:00 pm - 10:30 pm, \$39.00 per person.

Visit Waterside, Norfolk's exciting waterfront festival marketplace. Spend time shopping and browsing in the more than 100 shops, galleries, boutiques and bazaars. Next, enjoy a fascinating narrated tour of the Hampton Roads Harbor while cruising on board the magnificent *Spirit of Norfolk*. Feast on a wonderful buffet and then sit back and enjoy the rousing Broadway revue.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

TOUR E- NAUTICUS & MACARTHUR MEMORIAL, 9:30 am -3:30 pm, \$27.00 per person

Visit **Nauticus**, the brand new entertainment and education center with scores of interesting hands-on exhibits leading visitors on an adventurous exploration of the world's oceans; also included are the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, a mini-theater and a U. S. Navy ship moored at the Nauticus pier. Enjoy lunch on your own at the cafeteria style restaurant. Next, visit **MacArthur Memorial** and view the unique collection of artifacts, documents, photographs and memorabilia which trace the life and times of five-star General Douglas MacArthur. The General is entombed in the rotunda of the memorial.

Tours include 46 passenger buses, guide services, all admission fees, taxes and meals where indicated. Tours are designed for minimal walking. Registrations and full payment must be submitted no later than October 12. Your cancelled check is your receipt. On-site registrations will be on a space available basis; add \$2.00 to each tour ticket purchased on-site. Reserved tickets will be placed in your Registration packet to be picked up upon arrival. Any tour that does not meet the minimum number of 30 people is subject to cancellation. NO REFUNDS AFTER OCTOBER 19.

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Tour Registration - **COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION**

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Tour C - Virginia Beach Tour & Shopping Spree - 10/28	_____	_____	Tickets @ \$20.00	_____
Tour D - <i>Spirit of Norfolk</i> Cruise & Waterside - 10/28	_____	_____	Tickets @ \$39.00	_____
Tour E - Nauticus and MacArthur Memorial - 10/29	_____	_____	Tickets @ \$27.00	_____
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