



# the Quarterdeck Log

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## Coast Guard Day 2000 Celebrated

*Picnics, parties and parades fete Coast Guard nationwide*

All across the Nation, Coast Guard units large and small celebrated the 210th birthday of their Service. We even got some help from the website "Fred'sPlace," which listed all the scheduled official Coast Guard celebrations and provided detailed information on each. Quite a help, especially for retired personnel and families who may not get information on Coast Guard activities on a regular basis.

The annual Coast Guard Festival at Grand Haven, MI (aka Coast Guard City, USA) will hold its usual tremendous salute to the Service it loves, complete with parade, memorial service and several days of celebration. The Grand Haven festival is perhaps the single largest annual party for the Coast Guard's birthday but many, many other celebrations are carried out on a smaller scale. Hopefully, many CGCVA members were able to participate in a celebration for the Coast Guard 210th birthday this year.

In Dale City, VA, VFW Post 1503 again hosted a "Salute to the Coast Guard" and several CGCVA and Auxiliary members attended. **LCDR Ed Swift, USCG (Ret.)** emceed the annual event which included Assistant CG Historian **Scott Price** as the guest speaker. Price has done considerable research on

the wartime missions of the Coast guard during the Korean War and that was the subject of his timely remarks. Also attending were **Ed & Nancy Burke, Mare Swift, and Paul & Liz Scotti**. Again, as in past years at the post, the colors were posted by members of the Coast guard's elite Ceremonial Honor Guard.

The CGCVA also continued their strong presence at the annual Coast Guard Headquarters picnic, manning a booth and providing hundreds of Coast Guard family members first-hand information on the wartime contributions of our Service. We even managed to sign-up four new members at the picnic plus get some face time with both ADM Loy and MCPO-CG Vince Patton.

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Having some fun at the annual Coast Guard Headquarters Picnic are (l to r) QD Log Editor Ed Swift, MCPO-CG Vince Patton, Nat'l Sec'y-Treasurer Ed Burke and Trustee Paul Scotti. All will be at the biennial CGCVA Reunion/Convention in October.



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## **From the President**

Dear Shipmates:

I just returned from a visit to the D-Day Museum in New Orleans and was quite impressed. The exhibits portray the experience of the sailor, soldier and airman rather than the equipment. CGCVA Service Officer Gil "Frenchy" Benoit and



**JOE KLEINPETER**

I toured every square foot of the museum and were delighted to see the Coast Guard bringing the fight to the beach. In addition to personal equipment and letters written to family back home, there are continuous running movies to view. There is also a landing craft Higgins boat on display. The museum is interested in your story, so if you participated in any way, be it a support role, crewing a ship, 83-footer, or on the beach, write about your experience and send it to me. The D-Day Museum celebrates the American Spirit, teamwork, optimism, courage and sacrifice of the men and women who won WWII. It is a tribute to the generation of heroes who paved the way for future generations to have the freedom and prosperity we enjoy today. I highly recommend you visit the D-Day Museum and cast your vote to hold our next reunion in New Orleans.

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## **Quarterdeck Log**

### **Statement of Purpose**

This publication is designed to be an instrument of information and inspiration for all who hold allegiance to the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association. Please be aware that any mistakes in this publication are there on purpose and for a purpose; we publish something for everyone and some people are looking for errors!

## From the Vice President

Just returned from a trip to Europe and am gearing up for my trek to Coast Guard City USA — Grand Haven, MI, for the annual Coast Guard Festival there. If you recall, last year the CGCVA donated a monument there as part of the somber ceremonies recalling Coast Guardsmen lost on board the *CGC Escanaba*. I know this issue will go to press after my trip to Grand Haven but I hope I will see many CGCVA members while there. **Bill Herbst** always does a great job of organizing things there for our association so I look forward to seeing Bill again.

I had the pleasure of representing the CGCVA at the Change of Watch & Retirement Ceremony for **RADM J. Timothy Riker, USCGR**, on July 14th at TraCen Cape May, NJ. RADM Riker served as Deputy Area Commander for Mobilization and Reserve Component Affairs Atlantic and Deputy Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District. He was also our guest speaker at the CGCVA Reunion in Corpus Christi, TX in

1998. He was relieved by **RADM Carlton D. Moore, USCGR**.

Despite my travels away from my home state of New Jersey, I still try to attend as many recruit graduations as possible. At the June 9th graduation I was surprised to be awarded the Coast Guard's Certificate of Merit Public Service Award for some of the things we in the CGCVA have established, most notably the presentation of the Physical Fitness Award — a CGCVA certificate and watch. This is a great program in which to publicize our organization and I highly encourage all CGCVA members to participate as presenters if they are visiting Cape May on a Friday.

See you all at the Reunion!

**Jack Campbell**



**JACK CAMPBELL**

## From the Editor

Shipmates:

By the time you read this issue it will be less than two months before our biennial Reunion. I hope many members will be attending and I look forward to seeing you and getting ideas on how to improve the *QD Log*. It's really a big kick for me to serve as your editor and I appreciate the many submissions you send me for consideration.

As I put this issue together, many Coast Guard-related activities have or will soon be taking place. For the 5th consecutive year, my local VFW Post (#1503) has sponsored a "Salute to the Coast Guard" and, as always, it was a huge success. I have had several fine guest speakers in the past, including our own Paul Scotti and Ed Burke, and this year was no exception. **Scott Price**, the Asst. Coast Guard Historian, spoke about our service's military roles during the Korean War, a



**ED SWIFT**

very timely subject as we begin the 50th anniversary commemorations of that war. **Paul & Liz Scotti** and **Ed & Nancy Burke** attended this year's VFW program, along with my wife **Mare** and myself. Our little sixsome also set up a CGCVA booth at the annual CG Headquarters Picnic, providing information on our organization and trying to get some new members.

I hope that several members were able to attend the annual Coast Guard Festival in Grand Haven, MI. Having served as the 9th District Public Affairs Officer in the Great Lakes for a few years, I was able to attend that great celebration in 1990 (the Coast Guard's Bicentennial year) and again in 1991. It is a wonderful town and they always throw a super party for the Coast Guard.

With a little more time on my hands, am trying to design a CGCVA webpage. Ideas? **Swift**

## From the Secretary-Treasurer

### It's Been Fun Folks!

This will be my last article for the *QD Log* as your Secretary/Treasurer. I would like to thank the membership for letting me serve in this important office for eight years and I do hope that I have lived up to your expectations. I am not going to fade away, as I would like to serve as a Trustee if you see fit to elect me. I also want to continue helping Bob Maxwell on the site selection committee and the arrangements for future Reunions/Conventions. Of course this is an appointed position and I would like to see the new President reappoint Bob and that Bob will reappoint me.

### New Secretary-Treasurer Needed

Now for a very important item. Terry Graviss has said that he will serve as the new Secretary/Treasurer. I have spoken with Terry and he has come to the office to see how everything is run and I believe he will do a terrific job in that office. Please give this serious consideration and vote for Terry. He brings much needed computer experience to the job and it is my belief that he will improve the system. As the saying goes, "Vote early, vote often" and let's get Terry elected Secretary/Treasurer to assist this great association, its officers and membership.

### Address Change

One more thing that will change with this reunion is the address for the CGCVA Administrative Office. When you elect Terry Graviss as your next Secretary/Treasurer, Terry's address will be designated by the new President to be the CGCVA Administrative Office. That will be where you send renewal dues, membership applications and all correspondence regarding the association. Please remember: Anything

sent to my address in Ashton, MD after the reunion will be delayed in handling and will cost the association additional postage to forward it. The costs mount up and if continued forwarding of mail is necessary, it may result in an increase to your dues.



**ED BURKE**

Of course you might be moving this year too so don't forget to notify the CGCVA Administrative Office if and when that occurs. To expedite things, simply clip and use the "Change of Address" coupon printed on this page.

Anyway, try to help out your newly elected officers and cause undo additional costs to the association.

### Reunion Reminder

As we did at our Corpus Christi, TX reunion, our Association will make a presentation of stuffed animals to the police chief at our Opening Ceremonies. I ask every member attending to please bring one stuffed animal so that we may make an impressive presentation. The stuffed animals are carried in police vehicles and provided to young children impacted by crime and stressful situations. It really does make a difference so let's show the good folks in Kentucky just

how caring the CGCVA can be. If you simply cannot bring a stuffed animal, we will also be making a monetary contribution. Thanks in advance and I very much look forward to meeting many of you at the October 2000 Reunion/Convention. I

hope we will have lots of time to visit. Take care and Semper Paratus to all!

**Ed Burke**

#### **ARE YOU MOVING? PLEASE NOTIFY US!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Old Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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New Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Reunions — Notices

### "AE" Sailors Association

All members of the "AE Fleet" are invited to a reunion 27 Sept - 1 Oct 2000 in Ashville, NC. Contact: **Ralph A. Gaul** at HC 63 - Box 32, Mifflintown, PA 17059. Ph: (717) 436-6814.

### A.G.C. Flagship Alliance

A reunion for all who served on the ships of the A.G.C. Alliance is set for 29 Oct through 2 Nov 2000 at the Comfort Inn & Convention Center in Bowie, MD. This includes the WWII cutters' *Bibb*, *Ingham*, *Taney*, *Campbell* and *Spencer*. Contact: **W.F. Kearney** at 77 Garden Hills Dr., Cranston, RI 02920. Ph: (401) 942-6660 or e-mail at: billteton@juno.com.

### Bering Sea Patrol & Alaska Vets

A special 25th reunion for members of the Bering Sea Patrol & Alaska Veterans Assn. will be held 16-22 Sept 2000 aboard Holland America Lines *MS Westerdam* on a cruise through the Inside Passage to Alaska. Contact: **Jim Loback** at 10436 Teal Cir., Fountain Valley, CA 92708-7448. Ph: (714) 968-8964, fax to (714) 968-9223 or e-mail: LOB96JM@aol.com.

### Carolina Units

The cutters *McCulloch*, *Mendota*, *Northland*, *Pontchartrain*, *Winnebago*, *Cape Upright*, *Point Warde* and LORSTA Carolina Beach, Station Wrightsville Beach and COTP/MSO Wilmington will hold a reunion 13-15 Oct 2000 in Wilmington, NC. Contacts: **Vince Monfalcone** at (910) 395-0987 or **Danny Buck** at (910) 259-2679.

### CGC Bibb

The *CGC Bibb (WPG/WAGC/WHEC-31)* will hold its 9th biennial reunion 21-24 Sept 2000 at Virginia Beach, VA. Contact: **Richard Olson** at 574 Wyoming Ave., Maywood, NJ 07607-1542.

### CGR Clambo

Looking for shipmates who served in the 46-foot Matthews cruiser USCGR 820. The yacht, official number 228411 and named *Clambo*, was donated for Coast Guard service when the U.S. entered WWII by Edward H. Baker of Boston, served 18 months in the First Naval District from June 1942 to December 1943. I'd like to hear from any others who served aboard this unique vessel, which is very sentimental to me... it's where I met my future wife when she was a guest onboard. Contact: **Alfred L. Skinner, M.D.** at 2412 67th Avenue, SE, Mercer Island, WA 98040-2509. E-mail: alsarahski@hotmail.com.

### CGC Forster

Looking for shipmates who served in the USCGC Forster (WDE-434) or at Loran Station Elmo 4 in Korea. Contact: **Robert H. Clink** at 4742 SE 39th Avenue, Portland, OR 97202-4015. Ph: (503) 777-6771. E-mail: remlink@yahoo.com.

### CGC Mojave

A reunion of the *CGC Mojave* will be held 10-13 Sept 2000 at the Best Western Motel, Charleston, SC. Contact: **Art Ungerleider** at

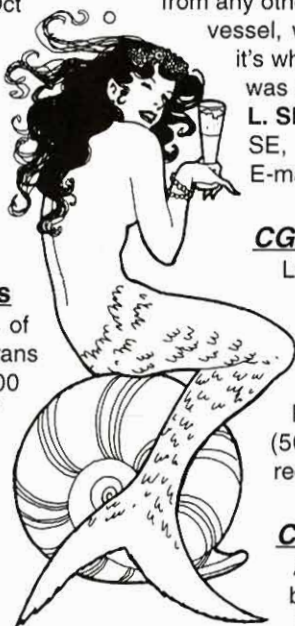
P.O. Box 128, Mt. Vernon, VA 22121. Ph: (703) 780-8218.

### CGC Ramsden

A reunion of crew members of the *USCGC Ramsden (WDE-482)* was held during the summer of 1999 and another is being planned for summer 2000. Although details have not yet been determined, interested parties may contact:

\* When you're swimming in a creek and an eel bites your cheek... that's a moray.

\* Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat drinking beer all day.



## Reunions — Notices

**Frank Smolko** at 107 Oak Knoll Rd., New Cumberland, RI 17070. Ph: (717) 774-1795 or **John P. Mahoney, Jr.** at 750 E. Charleston Ct., Hernando, FL 34442. Ph: (352) 527-0177 and Fax: (352) 527-2303.

### CGC Rush

Trying to put together a reunion for crew members of the *CGC Rush* (1970-71). No site chosen yet; still in the works. If you served on *Rush* during this period or know of others who did, please call or refer them to **John A. Vogel** at 1311 West Sixteenth Pl., Yuma, AZ. Ph: (520) 783-3625.

### CGC Taney

The annual reunion of the *CGC Taney* (WPG/WHEC-37) will be held 12-15 Oct 2000 at the Mount Vernon Hotel in Baltimore, MD and on board the *Taney* in Baltimore's Inner harbor. Contact: **Frank Tobat** at (410) 546-1557 or **Gene Moran** at 3317 Kindewood Crest, Chesapeake, VA 23321. Ph: (757) 484-8210.

### Coast Guard CW Operators

At the first convention of the USCG CW Radio Operator's Assn., held 2-7 Nov 1999 in Las Vegas, NV, a decision was made to modify membership qualifications for the association. Due to the worldwide shut down of CW radio stations and the natural "shrinkage" that will take place with the CG Radio Operators, membership is now open to anyone who ever used CW commu-

\* Ever notice that anyone driving slower than you is an idiot, but anyone driving faster is a maniac?

\* Shin: A device for finding furniture in the dark

\* Ever notice when you blow in a dog's face he gets mad at you, but when you take him in a car he sticks his head out the window?

\* The things that come to those who wait may be the things left by those who got there first.

nication (military, commercial or ham operators). For more information, contact: **RMCS Larry Polito, USCG (Ret.)** at P.O. Box 55388, North Pole, AK 99705.

### CG 255' Sailor Reunion II

The 2nd reunion for all crew members who served on board the Coast Guard 255's will be held 6-10 May 2001 in Las Vegas, NV. Contact: **Doak Walker** at P.O. Box 33523, Juneau, AK 99803.

### Flotilla #1

Looking for any members of 83-footers *83467*, *83469*, and *83472* that were stationed at Manicani Island, PHILSEAFRON, USCG PTC Flotilla #1 in 1945. We were shipped there on the Liberty ship *SS Frank Wiggins*. Contact: **Harry A. Smalling** at 614 Passaic Ave., Clifton, NJ 07012.

### Greenland Patrol

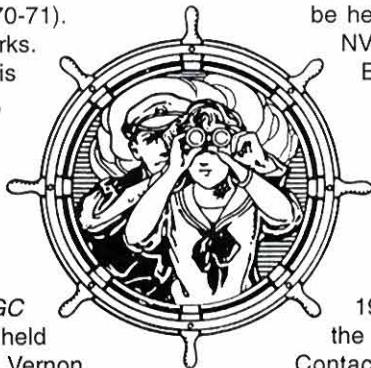
A reunion of the WWII Greenland Patrol (Coast Guard, Navy & Army), will be held 1-5 Oct 2000 in Branson, MO. Contact: **John Stamford** at 1533 Wales Ave., Baldwin, NY 11510. Ph: (516) 223-1467.

### LORAN Reunion

The 23rd annual reunion of USCG LORAN Construction and Operations Personnel in the Pacific (1944-46) will be held 14-17 Sept 2000 in Frankenmuth, MI. Contact: **Ronald Fraleigh** at P.O. Box 985, Fenton, MI 48430. Ph: (810) 735-7359 or e-mail: CLHOffice@aol.com.

### LST-16

The first ever reunion for WWII crewmen of *LST-16* is in the planning stages. If interested, contact (on the East Coast) **Joseph Niemec** at 6324 Witherole St., Rego Park, NY 11374. Ph: (718) 896-2458. On the West Coast, contact **Dominic**



## Reunions — Notices

**Pizzulli** at 2700 Neilson Way, Santa Monica, CA 40405. Ph: (310) 396-1150.

Baltimore, MD. Contact: **Marty Ktyzwicki** at 94 Albemarle St., St. Paul, MN 55117. Ph: (651) 488-6166. E-mail: marty.k@juno.com.

### USS LST-23

The 12th reunion for crew members of the WWII *USS LST-23* will be held 25-28 Sept 2000 in Laughlin, NV. Contact: **Tom Robson** at Ph: (818) 848-7956.

### LST-829

The CG-manned *LST-829* will hold it's 18th Ship's Reunion 13-16 Sept 2000 at the Heritage House Hotel, Hyannis, MA. Contact: **Peter J. Previte** at 360 Upper County Rd., Apt. 10-J, South Dennis, MA 02660. Ph: (508) 760-3493 or **Albert J. Ryzner** at 4 Autumn Ct., North Dartmouth, MA 02747. Ph: (508) 995-0734.

### Mounted Patrol

Trying to locate anyone who served in the Coast Guard Mounted Patrol, stationed at Currituck Lighthouse in Corolla, NC (Outerbanks) during WWII (1943). Please contact **Thomas C. Nichols** at 145 Highway Dr., Versailles, KY 40383. Ph: (606) 873-3355.

### USCG Lightship Sailors

A reunion of the USCG Lightship Sailors Association will be held 5-7 Oct 2000 in



Just a slight change from his days in the Coast Guard. This is what CGCVA member Anthony Lloyd does in retirement.

\* They show you how detergents take out bloodstains. I think if you've got a T-shirt full of bloodstains, maybe your laundry isn't your biggest problem.

\* Ask people why they have deer heads on their walls and they tell you it's because they are such beautiful animals. I think my wife is beautiful but I only have photographs of her on the wall.

\* Ever wonder why Kamikaze pilots wore helmets?

\* Never raise your hands to your kids... it leaves your groin exposed.

\* If you lined up all the cars in the world end to end, some idiot would try to pass them.

### USS Allentown

"Operation Restart," codeword for the upcoming *USS Allentown (PF-52)* reunion, is underway. After a 2-year lapse, we will regroup 5-7 Oct 2000 at the Holiday Inn, 100 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Montvale, NJ. Contact: **Frank Seigel** at 48 N.

Maple Ave., Park Ridge, NJ 07657 or **Anthony Spurduto** at 349 Calvin St., Westwood, NJ 07675.

### USS Aquarius

The *USS Aquarius (AKA-16)* will hold it's annual reunion 21-24 Sept 2000 in Hampton, VA. Contact: **Homer Brush** at 4113 Durham Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073. Ph: (248) 549-5163.

### USS Belfast

The *USS Belfast (PF-35)* USCG WWII and the PFRA will hold a reunion 12-15 Oct 2000 at the Kansas City Marriott, Kansas City, MO. Contact: **Art Wells** at 5 Beaverbrook Dr., Toms River, NJ 08757. Ph: (732) 240-9293.

### USS Cambria

We are trying to hold a *USS Cambria (APA-36)* reunion in conjunction with the CGCVA Convention/Reunion 22-26 Oct 2000 in Covington, KY. You need not be a member for this occasion. Contact: **Al Duffield** at 12 Belmar Rd., Hatboro, PA. Ph: (215) 675-5175. E-Mail: Alduffield@aol.com.

## Reunions — Notices

### USS Cavalier

Crew members from the *USS Cavalier (PA-37)* will hold their annual reunion 22-25 Oct 2000 at the Hotel San Remo, Las Vegas, NV. For details or to make reservations, call 1-800-522-7366.

### USS Centaurus

The *USS Centaurus (AKA-17)* will hold its 9th reunion 19-21 Oct 2000 at the Holiday Inn - Market Square, San Antonio, TX. Contact: **John Casar** at (800) 445-8475.

### USS Cepheus

A reunion of the *USS Cepheus (AKA-18)* will be held 5-10 Oct 2000 in Bangor, ME. Contact: **Milton Wooster** at 16 School St., Thomaston, ME. Ph: (207) 354-8010 days or (207) 354-0045 evenings.

### USS Cor Caroli

The next reunion for former USCG personnel serving on board *USS Cor Caroli (AK-91)* during WWII will be held 22-25 Sept 2000 in Reno, NV. Contact: **Lee Bergfeld** at 806 So. Garfield St., Steeleville, IL 62288-2318. Ph: (618) 965-3694.

### USS H.L. Scott

The *USS H. L. Scott (AP-136)* will hold a reunion 24-27 Sept 2000 at the Flamingo Hilton Hotel, Reno, NV. Contact: **Herb Johnsrud** at 6368 Crenshaw Dr., N., Keiser, OR 97303. Ph: (503) 390-0157.

### USS Joseph T. Dickman

The 41st reunion of the *USS Joseph T. Dickman (APA-13)* will be held 18-22 Oct 2000 at the Holiday Inn West, Myrtle Beach, SC. Contact: **B. Grossman** at (301) 762-3000 or

**H.A. Harvey** at 176 Garrison Ave., Battle Creek, MI 49017. Ph: (616) 962-8000.

### USS Falgout

The next reunion for shipmates of the *USS Falgout (DE-324)* will be held 4-7 Oct. 2000 at the Days Inn, 201 West Bay St., Savannah, GA 31401. Ph: (877)542-7666, ext. 147.

### USS New Bedford

In conjunction with the Patrol Frigate Reunion Assoc., the *USS New Bedford (PF-71)* will hold a reunion 12-15 Oct 2000 at the Marriott Hotel, Kansas City, MO. Contact: **George Schordine** at (631) 475-3115.

### Potential Reunions

*LST-831* — I served aboard *LST-831* during WWII and so far, I've only run across one other crew member. I would like to hear from anyone who served on this vessel in hopes of having a reunion. Contact **Joseph Furciato** at 9 Thixton Ave., East Rockaway, NY 11518

*LST-66* — We served on board *LST-66* in the Pacific during WWII and would like to contact former shipmates for a possible reunion. Contact either **Peter (Casanova) Chase** at 244 Cresta Dr., San Francisco, CA 94127. Ph: (415) 584-9430 or **Frank Dettner** at (530) 878-7035. E-Mail: frnknsuz@jps.net.

*CGC Haida* — I'd like to hear from any crewmen who served on the *CGC Haida* from Nov. 1941-44. Please write to **James J. Griffiths** at HC 61, Box 8, Hayes Center, NE 69032.

\* Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.

\* Laughing stock: Cattle with a sense of humor.





## Notices — Association News

### E-Mail Addresses

To assist Association members in contacting each other, member names and their e-mail addresses will be published as they are received. Previously listed e-mail addresses will be listed **regular-face**, new ones will be added in **bold**.

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## Let Your Name Live On

For years, the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association has been operating from day-to-day through the collection of dues and the contributions of our members. The time has come for us to be more concerned about the future. Will you consider naming the CGCVA in your will? Any help in the form of cash, stocks, or life insurance policies will help assure the future of the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association. It can be as easy as using one of these sample forms of bequest:

— (Whatever is left after other bequests have been granted.) "All the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, including real and personal property, I give, devise and bequeath to the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association, a Corporation created under the laws of the State of Ohio, located at (give the current designated Administrative Office or Headquarters address)."

— "I give, devise, and bequeath to the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association, a Corporation created under the laws of the State of Ohio, located at (give the current designated Administrative Office or Headquarters address), \_\_\_\_\_ % of my estate."

— "I give, devise, and bequeath to the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association, a Corporation created under the laws of the State of Ohio, located at (give the current designated Administrative Office or Headquarters address), the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the (Name a specific fund), the principle of which shall remain in perpetuity."

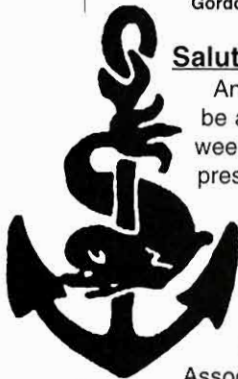
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\* A lady came up to me on the street, pointed at my suede jacket and said, "You murdered a cow for that jacket." I said, "I didn't know there were any witnesses. Now I'll have to kill you too."

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### Saluting Top Recruits

Any CGCVA member who happens to be at Cape May Training Center for the weekly Friday graduations is welcome to present the CGCVA-sponsored Physical Fitness Award to the winning recruit... a certificate and CGCVA watch. This is a great way to get new Coasties familiar with the Coast Guard's distinguished combat history and also with our Association.

Since the last *QD Log* issue, the following recruits have received the CGCVA-sponsored Physical Fitness Award:

**SA Casey R. Hutchinson** (Whiskey 156) of Butte, MT, will report to *USCGC Eagle*, New London, CT.

**SA Seth W. Haynes** (Zulu 156) of Ormond Beach, FL, will report to RD "A" School, Yorktown, VA.

**FA Steven R. Zucchi** (Alpha 157) of Newark, NJ, will report to *USCGC Forward*, Portsmouth, VA.

**FA Joshua D. Marrone** (India 157) of Fresno, CA, will report to CG Station Port Isabel, South Padre Island, TX.

**SN Timothy S. Boan** (Juliet 157) of Columbia, SC, will report to *USCGC Mohawk*, Key West, FL.

### Welcome New Members

A hearty "welcome aboard!" to the following new CGCVA members. New member names are boldfaced and sponsors are in parentheses:

## Association News — Mail Buoy

### MAY 2000

**Gerald E. Elwell** (Jim Haddican); **Eric R. Brown** (Chuck Ulrich); **Lowell W. Foster** (Jim Bunch); **John D. Cruikshank** (Gus Meyers); **John G. Forsythe** (Joe Kleinpeter); **Russell J. Smith** (Bill Wells); **Gerald J. Fallon** (RADM B.S. Sparks); **Charles D. Williams** (Joe Kleinpeter); **Dennis E. Lawson** (Joe Kleinpeter); **Edward J. Uptegrove**; **Wallace R. Gray** (L.R. Scarborough); **James W. Fellows** (Ed Burke); **Robert I. Lamkin** (Joe Kleinpeter); and **Alton D. Elliott** (Joe Kleinpeter).

### JUNE 2000

**Gerald R. Poliskey** (Joe Kleinpeter); **John C. Rosemergy**; **Bobby I. Masters** (Chuck Ulrich); **Charles S. Marple** (Dudley C. Goodwin); **David A. Crowe** (Joe Kleinpeter); **Fred L. Skipkovits** (Baker Herbert); **Renell J. Robert** (Bill Wells); **Heuer H. Grandstaff** (Joe Kleinpeter); and **Elmer E. Farrington** (Paul Wheeler).

### JULY 2000

**Anthony N. Adamik** (E.J. Uptegrove); **Alexander J. Mruk** (Joe Kleinpeter); **Leonard J. Cisco** (Chris Wood); **Merle J. Lippert**; **Robert D. Molloy, Jr.** (John McFeat); **Albert R. Tillberg** (G.A. Poliskey); **Donald J. Reale** (Joe Kleinpeter); **Walter G. Faron** (Al Duffield); **Brandon W. Lechthaler** (Bill Wells); **Henry G. Rothausser** (Tanney Oberg); **James G. York** (Jack Shuler); **Stanley F. Peek** (Joe Kleinpeter); **Walter E. Penrod** (Frank Dettner); **Clayton E. Boyce** (Joe Kleinpeter); **Robert D. Kerns** (Joe Kleinpeter); **Joseph M. Crim** (Harold Routzong); and **Harold H. Robinson** (Joe Kleinpeter).

Congratulations to all new members!

### From The President (cont.)

While traveling to New Orleans, I read the book "The Greatest Nation" by Tom Brokaw. The book pays tribute to the men and women who have given us the lives we have today. It defines how this nation came together in time of war, the sacrifices of those on the front lines as well as the home front, and how our great

nation went on. I learned a lot from the book and recommend it highly.

After our visit to the D-Day Museum, we traveled to Baton Rouge and were guests at the Naval War Memorial where the WWII destroyer *USS Wilkes (DD-441)* is on display. The *Wilkes* is in magnificent condition and well preserved. I learned what life was like aboard a DD (as many of our CGCVA members already knew). Baton Rouge is another great city for a reunion and the Naval War Memorial is a most interesting exhibit to visit.

At this time in history, I want to recognize our Korean War veterans for their participation in a forgotten war. The Coast Guard was in Korea prior to the war, manned a LORAN station in country, provided air-sea rescue, weather

reporting and set the buoys for the marine invasions during the war. One veteran still in service today, the 180-foot buoy tender *Ironwood* served in WWII, Korea and Vietnam. The *Ironwood* will fade into history upon its decommissioning this October. She will be replaced by the new tender, *Spar*, and



*CGCVA National Vice President Jack Campbell receives the Coast Guard Certificate of Merit June 9th at Recruit Training Center Cape May, NJ. Jack was recognized for notable services that have assisted in furthering the aims of the Coast Guard and for developing a program to recognize the physical achievements of recruits. The CGCVA presents a certificate and watch to the recruit in each graduating company who attains the highest physical fitness score and Jack often makes the trip to Cape May to present the award.*

a contingent of Spars will be on hand for the commissioning ceremony.

Our reunion in Kentucky (22-26 Oct 2000) will be spectacular. Nat'l Sec'y-Treasurer Ed Burke, wife Nancy, and Bob Maxwell are handling the myriad tasks necessary to orchestrate this great event. So, if you haven't already done so, please send in your registration now.

I hope to see many of you at the reunion where we will have a change of command and elect a new administration. It has been a privilege to serve as your president, preserving our history and working for the good of this great association and the Coast Guard.

Semper Paratus!

Joe Kleinpeter

### Freedom Is Not Free

When not participating in parades, CGCVA member **Warren Hartman** spends much of his time speaking at schools and churches about patriotism.

In regard to many of America's youth he unfortunately doesn't see patriotism as something high on their agenda and he urges all vets to get out and talk to the kids... and adults, about the high price of freedom. He reminds his audiences of that cost, citing the approximate death toll in our nation's major wars: Civil War (600,000); WWI (116,000); WWII (400,000); Korea (54,000); and Vietnam (58,000). A total of 1.2-million deaths as well as uncountable millions of Americans crippled, wounded and missing. Truly... freedom is not free.



Future historians will be able to study at the Jimmy Carter Library, the Gerald R. Ford Library, the Ronald Reagan Library, and the Bill Clinton Adult Bookstore.

### Korean War Medal

South Korean Defense Minister Seong Tae Cho recently announced his government is providing the Republic of Korea War Service Medal to American veterans of the war or their surviving next of kin.

The medal was originally offered by the ROK in 1951, but at the time U.S. law prohibited American military personnel from wearing medals issued by foreign governments. That law was changed in 1954, but by then most eligible service members had returned to the states.

During ceremonies in 1995 opening the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC, U.S. veterans noticed that their counterparts from other allied nations that fought in Korea were sporting the medal. U.S. veterans started lobbying Congress and in 1998 the ROK renewed its offer to award the medal to U.S. veterans of the war. In August 1998, the Pentagon approved its acceptance and wear.

To be eligible, a veteran must have served between June 25, 1950, and July 27, 1953, have been on permanent assignment or on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days, and performed their duties in actual combat operations or in support of combat operations in the waters, skies or territories of Korea.

The Air Force is handling distribution and medals may be applied for by providing a copy of discharge papers (DD-214 or DD-215). To find out more about the medal, veterans can contact the Air Force Personnel Center at (800) 558-1404 or the Awards and Decorations Section at (210) 565-2432.

The awards are available now to eligible veterans at no cost. They will remain available through 2003, the Korean War's 50th anniversary commemoration period.



### **“Coast Guard Action in Vietnam” Book**

“...the U.S. Navy had sensed that before the muddle in Southeast Asia cleared it would be using its sea service kin. ‘Somebody, get the Coast Guard!’ were likely the words used.”

“*Androscoogin* kept easy pace with the trawler’s ten knots over a restful sea lullibied with lanquid two-foot swells. With the exception of a few scattered clouds, visibility was clear. Shortly before midnight the crew rolled down their sleeves, buttoned their shirts to the top, tucked pants legs into their heavy work boots, and without haste went to their battle stations through passageways inside the ship. Only the topside mortar and machine gun crew were held back from their posts. These precautions were done to keep the light-tight envelope intact. Everyone was pleased, they would get a chance to avenge Tet after all.”

“The Navy was not alone in seeking out the Coast Guard. The U.S. Army with logistical responsibility throughout most of South Vietnam, too, found need for their military kinsmen...”

“To better understand how to secure Saigon Port they commenced a rigorous scrutiny by foot, jeep, boat and helicopter. The chaos dismayed them. Clusters of junks and sampans hugged docked ships. Storage facilities were dilapidated and wharves rundown, while mixed cargoes made little mountains along the waterfront without regard for their harmony... the entire installation could be destroyed simply by starting a fire.”

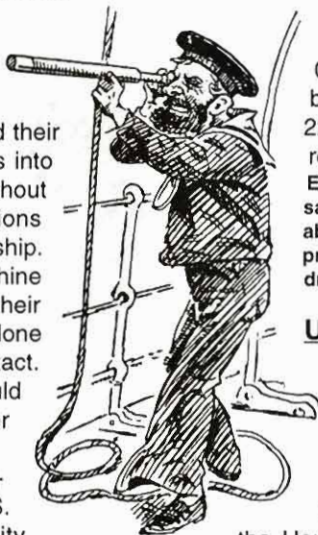
The foregoing excerpts are from the book *Coast Guard Action in Vietnam* (Stories of those who served), written by CGCVA life member and Trustee CWO4 Paul C. Scotti, USCG (Ret.). Through rescue, human interest, life at sea, humor, and war action, the book, in quick-pace, accounts what it was like being in the Coast Guard in that much debated war. Woven into the

telling is the Service’s captivating history.

The author served 30 years in the military: four in the Air Force and 26 in the Coast Guard, encompassing three dissimilar fields: medical, ordnance and public affairs. His combat duty in Vietnam (1967-68) was with the Coast Guard.

*Coast Guard Action in Vietnam* is published by Hellgate Press, P.O. Box 3727, Central Point, OR 97502-0032 and available for \$17.95. It can be ordered direct by calling 1-800-228-2275. Their web site is: [www.psi-research.com/hellgate.htm](http://www.psi-research.com/hellgate.htm).

**Editor’s Note:** Paul’s new book will go on sale in October. He will have copies available at the Kentucky Reunion and will probably sign them (if you get him a drink).



### **USCG Readiness Issues**

Coast Guard Commandant ADM James Loy recently told members of Congress that the Coast Guard is in dire need of supplemental funding for FY2000 and additional funding for FY2001. In testimony before

the House Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, Loy addressed the service’s readiness shortfalls and identified numerous causes for the Coast Guard’s funding problems. “We have found medical, fuel, housing and pay raise issues that were not known to us at the point in time when the president’s budget came to the hill,” said Loy. “Even at the point where the committee actually appropriated our monies for the year, we have encountered..., whether it’s JFK Jr., Egypt Air, the kinds of tragedies that force a focused amount of utilization of our assets, hurricanes, etc., to the tune of about \$75-million worth of bills that have accrued on us, unknown at the time Congress appropriated our wherewithal for the year.”

Loy also emphasized that as a result maritime services have been reduced between 10-20 percent, depending on location, negatively impacting aids to navigation, drug law enforcement,

migrant interdiction and fisheries law enforcement.

The commandant also expressed concerns about FY2001 appropriations. "I can already see a window of somewhere between \$30-60-million next year that has not yet been discussed as it relates to the Coast Guard," said Loy.

### In The Line Of Duty

It began when a friend visiting the Boyd County (KY) War Memorial was looking for the name Roy Epperson, Jr., a friend killed in WWII. It was not there and the reason given was that Epperson had served in the Coast Guard, not one of the four DoD services. So began a lengthy battle to gain recognition not only for a Ashland, KY hometown boy, but seemingly recognition of the Coast Guard as one of the five armed services.

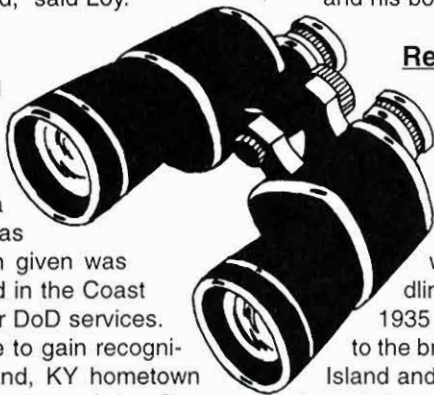
Before it was over, the Boyd County Fiscal Court, Coast Guard LT Eric Westerberg of the Marine Safety Office in Huntington, and several newspaper reporters would debate the issue. It was an on again, off again point of contention for several months.

The plot thickened when LT Westerberg received Epperson's enlistment documents, hoping to find that Ashton was listed as home of record. Instead, his hometown was listed as Parkersburg, WV, his father's home. Since Epperson was a minor at the time of his enlistment, his father had to sign for him. To further complicate matters, since there was no Coast Guard recruiting office in Ashton, KY, Epperson, in pursuit of work, traveled to Chicago and enlisted there.

Epperson is considered a West Virginia casualty and his name is listed on the war memorial on the capitol grounds in Charleston. This still was not satisfactory but happily, the latest news out of Boyd

County is that Epperson's name will be added to their war memorial as well.

A seaman 1st class, Epperson died Sept. 5, 1942, near Guadalcanal when Japanese ships sank his destroyer and then turned their fire on the Americans in the water. Epperson was 21 and his body was lost at sea.



### Remembering the Taney

In the last *QD Log* issue, the *CGC Taney* article brought back many memories. I went through boot camp at Government Island in Alameda, CA in 1942. After graduation they asked if anyone was experienced in small boat handling so I volunteered. Back around 1935 my Dad had a private yacht tied up to the bridge that goes over to Government Island and I got assigned to a yacht that had been taken over by the Coast Guard. Painted battleship gray, it patrolled the San Francisco Bay and waterfront, mostly at night. I was on her for a year and we always tied up right near the *Taney*, watching her go out on patrol many times. I was later assigned to the CG Barracks in San Francisco but put in for sea duty after four months. My next stop was the *USS Gen. R.L. Howze (AP-134)* where I served for two years.

Cliff Heron

#### TRAIN IN VAIN

Riding the same train car were an Ensign, a Chief, a spectacular looking blonde and a frightfully awful looking fat lady. After several minutes of the trip the train happens to pass through a dark tunnel, and the unmistakable sound of a slap is heard. When they leave the tunnel, the Ensign has a big red slap mark across his face.

The blonde thinks to herself... "Of all the arrogance! Serves that fresh young officer right. I bet the fat lady slapped him for touching her in the dark. He was probably reaching for me."

The fat lady thinks to herself... "You go girl! That little blonde smacked the hell out of that cocky young officer. Who does he think he is, trying to grab her in the dark. I wonder if he'll try for me next!"

The Chief is thinking to himself... "Hey. We're having some fun now. I can't wait for the next tunnel so I can slap that dumb Ensign again!"

COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION  
**Kentucky 2000**  
REUNION/CONVENTION REGISTRATION  
October 22<sup>nd</sup> - October 26<sup>th</sup> 2000

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**ROOM RATES**

**ANNEX**

**\$58.00**

**MAIN BLDG**

**\$68.00**

Yes, there is transportation to & from airport.

**PLEASE BOOK YOUR ROOM DIRECTLY WITH HOTEL**

(Please Print Clearly)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) to appear on Badge(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOU HAVE DIETARY REQUIREMENTS, PLEASE ADVISE BOB MAXWELL  
UPON ARRIVAL**

Registration and available Tours are shown on next pages. Please fill in the tours that you and anyone in your party plan to attend. Write in the amount for each person and the total at end of line, then please total at the bottom for all costs.

**ALL ATTENDEES MUST PAY REGISTRATION TO BE ADMITTED TO THE  
"NO CHARGE" HOSPITALITY ROOM.**

There will be videotapes of Coast Guard activities with tables placed around the room to gather and exchange "Sea Stories" with your Shipmates. Also, there will be on display memorabilia brought in by members for your pleasure. Our Hospitality Room is the general kick-off meeting place.

**THE HOSPITALITY ROOM IS CLOSED DURING THE FOLLOWING:  
OPENING CEREMONY - BUSINESS MEETING - AWARDS BANQUET**

**Refund Policy:**

CGCVA will refund any money you have paid to us up to 72 hours prior to the event you have paid for **UNLESS** we have been required to pay your fee and we can not get someone to take your place.

Hotel refund policy for rooms is cancellation 72 hours prior to scheduled arrival, be sure to confirm when you register.

**Be sure to register them you are registering for:  
The Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association Convention.**

**Registration/Tour/Banquet/Lunch  
Application**

**CGCVA REGISTRATION:**

**Early, (Rec'd. By 10/1/00)**  
**\$8.00 Per Person, \$14.00 Couple**

**Late, (Rec'd. After 10/1/00)**  
**\$10.00 Per Person, \$18.00 Couple**

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>How Many?</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Registration Fee</b> (See Above)	_____	<b>X</b>	_____

**Tours:**

**October 23, Monday**  
**Wright-Patterson USAF Museum**      **15.00**   **X**      \_\_\_\_\_  
**Lv. Hotel at 7:00 am Rtn. at 1:00pm**  
**(Bus Trip Only, Free Admission)**

**October 24, Tuesday**      **15.00**   **X**      \_\_\_\_\_  
**Casino Tour, Cruise following Mtg.**  
**(Bus Trip Only, There is Admission Chrg.)**

**October 25, Wednesday**      **35.00**   **X**      \_\_\_\_\_  
**N. Kentucky area & Cinn. OH w/ BB**  
**Riverboat luncheon cruise on Ohio River.**

**Awards Banquet:**

**October 25, Wednesday**      **28.50**   **X**      \_\_\_\_\_

**English Chicken:** \_\_\_\_\_      **London Broil:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Luncheon:**

**October 24, Tuesday**

**CGCVA Business Luncheon**      **\$14.50**   **X**      \_\_\_\_\_

**CGCVA Auxiliary Luncheon**      **\$12.50**   **X**      \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please make check payable to: CGCOMVETS)

**Please Register Early, It will make my job easier, Thanks.**  
**We have in the past been able to come up with nice rewards for early  
 Registration**



# **Kentucky 2000**

## **Itinerary**

**Sunday,  
22 October**

9:30a.m. Registration Desk & Hospitality Room Open.  
4:00p.m. Opening Ceremony. Introductions of Mayor & Chief of Police, of Ft. Mitchell, CGCVA Trustee's and Officers with other invited dignitaries in attendance.  
Immediately after Opening Ceremony the Hospitality Room will be open until closing.

**Monday,  
23 October**

7:00a.m. Departure of Bus to Wright-Patterson USAF Museum to return at approximately 2:00p.m.(Ticket Req'd.)  
9:30a.m. Registration Desk & Hospitality Room Open. This is the time for you to become acquainted with the hotel, take it easy and get ready for tomorrow's business along with renewing friendships.

**Tuesday,  
24 October**

9:30a.m. Registration Desk & Hospitality Room Open.  
11:30a.m. CGCVA Business Meeting/lunch and CGCVA Auxiliary Meeting/luncheon. Be sure to bring your lunch ticket. Guests of CGCVA are invited to the CGCVA Auxiliary Luncheon unless there has been a meeting and luncheon set up for their group. Immediately upon the end of the Business Meeting, the Hospitality Room will be open until closing. The Bus will load for the Casino trip to return about 9:00p.m. (Ticket Req'd.)

**Wednesday,  
25 October**

9:30a.m. Registration Desk & Hospitality Room Open. Bus loads for tour of Northern Kentucky area and over to Cincinnati, then onto the BB Riverboat for luncheon cruise on the Ohio River. Afterwards, return to the Drawbridge at approximately 4:00p.m. (Ticket Req'd.)  
6:00p.m. Cocktail Hour w/cash bar. Hospitality Room will re-open at the end of the Awards Banquet until closing.

**Thursday,  
26 October**

9:00a.m. Meeting of Officers and Trustee's. Departure of attendee's as scheduled.  
**Thanks for coming and Have a safe trip home.**

### **NOTE**

**Please be advised that our room prices are good until 30 days before the start of our Reunion/Convention. Then if the block is full our prices no longer apply. There might be rooms however, you might not get them at our rate.**

**Attendee's that require Handicap facilities must notify the Hotel when registering.**

**PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!**

## **Information for Members & Visiting Associations**

**Please wear your name tag at all times in the Hospitality Room.**

**If you registered early, your ship/group will be entered on your name tag. This should make it easier to be recognized and should attract others to speak up and get acquainted.**

**If you want a separate meeting room and luncheon for your group, contact Bob Maxwell. His telephone number is: (530) 335-3876 & the Fax number is: (530) 335-3304. Hopefully, you will accomplish this prior to arrival at Drawbridge.**

**All attendee's that require Handicap Accommodations must notify hotel when registering.**

**Remember that you are entitled to participate in every activity with one exception and that is, you can not attend the CGCVA Business Meeting. Only Members of the CGCVA can attend according to the by-laws.**

**R/V parking is available for self-contained units at a nominal fee. (Check w/Hotel. You must register)**

**All guests are invited to lunch with the CGCVA Auxilliary. We have tried to set up everything to make you comfortable and welcome to this Reunion & CGCVA Convention. If we have overlooked something, please do not hesitate to let us know.**

**Please mail your payment and forms to:  
E.P. "ED" Burke, LM  
17728 Striley Drive  
Ashton, MD 20861-9763**



*Submitted by John Pearse, Sec'y of the USCGHC Tampa Reunion Committee, this Korean War monument was recently dedicated in Branson, MO and includes the Coast Guard.*

### **CAPT Quentin Walsh Passes**

Quentin R. Walsh, 90, a retired Coast Guard captain whose WWII combat exploits included one action that resulted in his receiving the Navy Cross, died of respiratory failure May 18 in Easton, MD.

Walsh served on the staff of the commander of the U.S. naval forces in Europe when he helped draw up plans to seize the strategic port of Cherbourg, on the northern edge of Normandy's Cotentin Peninsula. Possession of a deep-water port was vital to expedite shipment of the tons of cargo needed to supply invading Allied forces that would storm the Normandy beaches on D-Day.

His plan called for the formation of a specially trained naval reconnaissance unit to determine the condition of the port after its capture. He volunteered to lead the 53-man unit, which endured shelling and severe storms before making contact with elements of the U.S. 79th Infantry Division at Cherbourg, three days after



*LCDR Quentin Walsh during World War II.*

the D-Day invasion. They faced off with the Germans in fierce house-to-house fighting.

Once the eastern part of the port was captured, Walsh led a 16-man force on a raid to an arsenal area and adjacent waterfront on the western side of the port city. Armed with bazookas, hand grenades, rifles and submachine guns, he and his party overcame sniper fire and blew open steel doors of underground bunkers. About 400 of the Germans in the arsenal area surrendered. Walsh's command went on to capture Ft. Du Homet and its garrison of 350 men.

In all, Walsh's 53-man special unit was credited with taking about 750 German prisoners and liberating 52 captured American paratroopers.

For his actions in and around Cherbourg beginning June 9, 1944, Walsh received the Navy Cross, the Coast Guard's highest award for valor after the Medal of Honor.

Walsh lived in Arizona on physical disability after WWII but was recalled to active duty during the Korean War. He retired in 1960 in Denton, MD.

### **Survival On The Seas**

More than 50 years ago, CGCVA member Edward "Rocky" LaRock found himself in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean on the *USS Icarus* in a rather anxious moment. While enroute to Key West, FL from Staten Island, NY, the *Icarus* became aware of a contact only 100 yards away — *U-352*, a German submarine.

LaRock braced himself as the *Icarus* began a depth charge run. LT Maurice Jester ordered a diamond-shaped pattern of depth charges and the first blew the deck gun off the submerged *U-352*. The next two straddled the conning tower and the next exploded over the sub's engine room, blowing both propulsion motors off their mounts.

LaRock remembers well how anxious he felt during that hour of repeated attacks. Finally, the *Icarus*' depth charges brought the 300-foot mortall-wounded *U-352* to the surface. It was May 9, 1942. Not long after surfacing, the sub began to sink and 33 of its crew members somehow managed to escape the doomed vessel. All were captured and the *Icarus* set course for Charleston, SC, where they dropped off the POWs.

The *Icarus* crew was then sent to Key West, FL where they trained others on sonar equipment techniques. Only three months later, *Icarus* sank another German u-boat in the same area as the *U-352*.

LaRock was transferred to the *Icarus* after six weeks of basic training at Ellis Island, NY. He kept trying to get a larger vessel, saying *Icarus* was under water more than the submarines. He finally got a transfer... but it was to a smaller ship, the *USS Might*. Eventually LaRock got stationed on board the *USS New Bedford*, then as a Gunner's Mate in the *USS Vance*, a 300-foot vessel with 300 crew members. While serving on the *Vance* in the Mediterranean, word came down that Germany had surrendered. He later served on the *Vance* in the Pacific until the war's end.

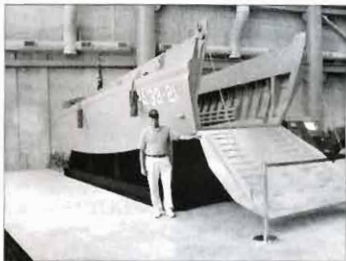
LaRock served aboard other Coast Guard cutters, including the *Mariposa* and *Northwind*, then served 23 years with the Merchant Marine.



During the New Orleans parade highlighting the opening of the D-Day Museum, CGCVA members Jack Hamlin and Jack Read rode in style. Several other unidentified Coast Guard veterans (potential members) were on the truck as well.

### CGCVA Officers On The Move

In June, CGCVA Nat'l President Joe Kleinpeter made the trip to New Orleans to be part of the ceremonies to open the National D-Day Museum. Joe really gets around, not only logging a lot of road and air miles for the association, but he is obviously an avid surfer, having attracted dozens of new members to the CGCVA while "surfing the net" and finding many CGCVA-eligible veterans through various reunion sites.



Joe Kleinpeter next to a replica Higgins boat at the New Orleans D-Day Museum.



Jack Campbell with ADM J. Timothy Riker at the admiral's retirement ceremony in Cape May, NJ.

Our Nat'l Vice President, Jack Campbell, remains quite active as well, attending graduation ceremonies and

other special events at the Coast Guard Recruit Training Center, Cape May, NJ. Jack will be at the annual Coast Guard Festival in Grand Haven, MI and both he and Joe will be on hand to welcome members as they arrive in Kentucky in October for our biennial reunion.

Looking For Flotilla 1 Info

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My son was surfing the Internet recently, trying to find information on what I did in the Coast Guard, particularly in regard to my duties with Rescue Flotilla 1 during the Normandy Invasion. He didn't have

any luck so I told him what I could. I was able to piece together a lot of the history from an article written by Truman R. Strobridge in a January 1991 issue of *World War II* magazine. I served as a MOMM1/c on the *USCG-2*, formerly *83304*. The following is an excerpt from Strobridge's article: "CGC-2, commanded by ENS O. Tingley Meekings, USCGR, accomplished its first rescue approximately 300 yards off Omaha Beach. Making its way through a heavy surf that pounded past the underwater obstacles, the cutter picked up nine unconscious survivors of swamped amphibious trucks. The crew members promptly gave artificial respiration on the open deck and revived the rescued men."

That's about all I could find specifically on my cutter. If any other members know additional details and where to find them, I'd appreciate learning what and where.

By the way, I also served on board the *Ricketts* (DE-254) and *Mosley* (DE-321). Lou Ciancaglini

### Looking For USCG WWII Veterans

I am a Boston-area writer, seeking Coast Guard veterans of WWII to discuss their experiences for a magazine article. Enough about the Navy — let's hear it for the Coast Guard! If interested, please call me at 617-292-6283 (home) or 617-338-6035, ext. 325 (work). You can also fax me at 617-451-5838 or e-mail me at [mclaughlin@community-cat.org](mailto:mclaughlin@community-cat.org).

As background, I recently wrote a story on the *USS Yorktown* and the Battles of Coral Sea and Midway, which will be published next year in an issue of *Amvets* magazine. The editor, Dick Flanagan wants a story

about the Coast Guard, specifically convoy escort, anti-sub duty and invasion support. I hope some of the CGCVA members can assist me with this story. Thanks. Mike McLaughlin

### CGCVA Auxiliary News

Auxiliary Members and Friends:

The Reunion in October is fast approaching and we are looking forward to the time we will



The crew of USCG-2, formerly 83304, taken in Poole, England just after the Normandy Invasion.



CGs 83401 and 83402, wearing their invasion markings, served as rescue boats during the Normandy landings. The sloping bridge face and the rounded bridge roof were common features of the earlier versions of 83-footers.

have with friends once again.

At last count, there are 70 members of the CGCVA Auxiliary, eight each in California and Florida, and seven each in Texas and New York. We also have quite a few daughters which makes it special.

Getting back to the Reunion, the activities already planned sound fun and will allow everyone to be as busy (or non-busy) as they want to be. For myself, when not busy enjoying time with family and friends in the Virginia area and taking in Coast Guard-related activities, I have kept busy with plans for our Auxiliary Luncheon and I hope you will all attend.

Of course, your help with the Reunion will be greatly appreciated. E-mail me with suggestions at [els699@aol.com](mailto:els699@aol.com) or write me at 118 Rainbow Dr., #1868, Livingston, TX 77399-1018. I get mail forwarded to me regardless of where I'm traveling. You can also write to Nancy Burke, our Nat'l Secretary-Treasurer at 11728 Striley Dr., Ashton, MD 20861.

Liz Scotti

**CGCVA Auxiliary President**

Service. He quoted President Kennedy who stated almost forty years ago during a visit to the (Coast Guard training vessel) Eagle that "There

is not a single person who has sailed any of our lakes and oceans, who has not been the beneficiary of the faithful service of the Coast Guard." This durable commitment to faithful service has safeguarded America's maritime safety and security for 210 years. That is a profound accomplishment and your daily contributions magnify its importance."

"Millions of Americans view the perfect storm, they experience a vivid demonstration of the courage and devotion to duty that marks these accomplishments and the heritage of our Service. With this in mind, remember that August 4th is not simply another routine day. Take a moment to reflect upon your own important role in our heritage of serving the American public. Be proud that you are part of America's maritime guardians and know that you make a difference! Keep up the marvelous work!"

**"Semper Paratus!"**

### Final Inspection

The sailor stood and faced God  
Which must always come to pass.  
He hoped his shoes were shining  
Just as brightly as his brass.  
"Step forward now, you sailor,  
How shall I deal with you?  
Have you always turned the other cheek?  
To My Church have you been true?"  
The sailor squared his shoulders and  
said, "No Lord, I guess I ain't  
Because those of us who carry guns  
Can't always be a saint.  
I've had to work most Sundays  
And at times my talk was tough,  
And sometimes I've been violent,  
"Cause the world is plenty rough.  
But I never took a penny  
That wasn't mine to keep...  
But I had to take a second job  
When the bills just got too steep.  
And I never passed a cry for help,  
Though at times I shook with fear,  
And sometimes, God forgive me,  
I wept unmanly tears.  
I know I don't deserve a place  
Among the people here,  
They never wanted me around  
Except to calm their fears.  
If you've got a place for me here, Lord,  
It needn't be so grand,  
I never expected or had too much,  
But if you don't, I'll understand."  
There was a silence all around the throne  
Where the saints had often trod  
As the sailor waited quietly,  
For the judgement of his God.  
"Step forward now, you sailor,  
You've borne your burdens well,  
Walk peacefully on Heaven's streets,  
You've done your time in Hell!"

### CG Day Celebrations (cont. from p.1)

Of course, the Coast Guard's Commandant, ADM James M. Loy, summed things up best in his annual Coast Guard Day Message, which reads:

"During this year's commencement address at the Coast Guard Academy, President Clinton referred to the many valuable contributions of our

### How Important Is Ellis Island?

Much has been written over the past few years in the *QD Log* about the experiences of CGCVA members who served or attended boot camp at Ellis Island, NY. Many members have located lost shipmates as a result of their memories of duty or training their during WWII being published. And, no doubt, there will be many more

such articles in future issues. Because of its importance as a training and receiving station for the Coast Guard, Nat'l Vice President Jack Campbell thinks it's time for the erection of a plaque there, honoring the Coast Guard veterans who served in all wars. He has written President Clinton on the matter and Jack will probably bring this matter to the floor at the Business Meeting during our upcoming convention in Kentucky. It's certainly an issue worth thinking about and discussing in October.

As you probably are aware, Ellis Island underwent an extensive facelift a few years ago and is once again open to the public. Many thousands of tourists tour the buildings and grounds, some of which were part of the Coast Guard's training and receiving station. There are still many reminders there of the Coast Guard's presence during WWII but they are faded with time and visitors may not grasp the significance of the discolored compass rose and signal flags painted on the tall interior walls.

It is Jack's contention that a plaque there would be a constant reminder to all tourists of the important role the Coast Guard played during the wars, i.e., guarding America's coasts, escorting troop and cargo convoys, delivering troops and munitions during invasions, evacuating casualties during landings and invasions, and conducting rescue operations of all kinds at sea.

As of this writing, Jack had not received a reply from his March 28,2000 letter.

### Memorial Day 2000

This year's Memorial Day Parade in Anville, PA, featured saluting veterans of the Korean War. Nat'l Vice President Jack Campbell attended for the CGCVA while the Coast Guard was represented by a Korean veteran from Hampton, NH. The annual event has been hosted for the past ten years



*Special guests at the Anville Veterans Day Parade pose with Jack Campbell following the parade. (L to R) Jung Jee Junn and her husband, Dae Wan Junn, Deputy Consul General from the NYC Korean Consulate, Col. Man Jong Baek of the South Korean Army, Jack and Mrs. He Yun Son Baek.*

by Carl & Mary Jane Gacono.

Honored guests at this year's parade were Deputy Consul General Dae Wan Junn from the Korean Consulate in New York City and Col. Man Jong Baek of the South Korean Army.

### Starting Out In The Coast Guard

Like many other fellows, I enlisted shortly after the attack at Pearl Harbor, 10 days after in my case. However, due to an error made regarding my medical condition, I wasn't sworn in until Jan. 17, 1942, after my family doctor supplied the correct data.

In those early days of the war, we were in the process of getting organized and the Coast Guard lacked formal boot camp facilities in the Great lakes region. To overcome this loss of "formal" facilities, they activated or reactivated various stations to house new recruits. A group of us were sent to an old lifeboat station in Bailey's Harbor, WI, while others went to lighthouses and stations like the one at Sturgeon bay, WI.



*Jack Campbell with Mary Jane and Carl Gacono, coordinators of the annual Anville, PA Veterans Day Parade.*

## Association News — Features

After a brief period at Bailey's Harbor, two of us went on board the original *CGC Escanaba* at the Manitowoc, WI shipyard and got under way for the North Atlantic Greenland Patrol, arriving in June, 1942. I transferred from *Escanaba* in *Argentia*, New Foundland in March 1943 to attend radio training in Atlantic City, NJ.

A yacht club now exists on the site of the old lifeboat station in Bailey's Harbor, WI. I have donated original photos of the old station to the yacht club where they are now displayed, along with my old uniform and memorabilia in their restaurant facility. The old station dated back to the mid 1800's.

Robert J. Kouba



*What a Way to Celebrate!* — Coast Guardsmen celebrating their Service's 154th birthday this week (1944), help firemen fight a blaze in stacked pulpwood in Rockland, ME. Fifteen piles of wood and some standing timber were destroyed. (Historic news clipping photo submitted by Gerald Rubino)

\* When you go into court remember... you're putting yourself in the hands of 12 people who were not smart enough to get out of jury duty.

\* Latest survey shows that 3 out of 4 people make up 75% of the world's population.

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# U.S. Coast Guard Aviation and LORAN

by John M. "Jack" Shea

**Editor's Note:** During WWII, vessels and aircraft began using a new form of navigation equipment: LORAN (for Long Range Navigation). It provided them with the ability to accurately plot their position over vast distances and thus was one of America's most closely guarded wartime secrets. One Coast Guard aircrew, flying PBV-5 V-189 Catalina seaplane (the only one of its type flown by the Coast Guard during the war), affectionately known as the "Aleutian Belle" played a significant, if little-known role in that effort.

## PACIFIC BOUND

To actually build and maintain the Pacific LORAN stations the Coast Guard established the U.S. Coast Guard Construction Detachment, comprised of civil engineers and a well-trained construction and maintenance force of professionals much like their counterparts, the Navy's Seabees. The first LORAN stations built in the Pacific were in the Aleutian Islands and the Bering Sea, at: St. Matthew, St. Paul and Umnak Islands.

In January of 1943, U.S. Coast Guard Air Station San Francisco received orders to prepare a crew and aircraft to aid the Construction

Detachment with the building of the highly classified and secret Aleutian LORAN stations. The officer commanding this first phase of the LORAN navigation system in the Pacific for Coast Guard aviation was LCDR Richard Baxter. Joining Baxter as his co-pilot on this assignment was ENS Harold

Bennett. The rest of the crew included Aviation Machinist's Mate (AMM)1/c Edward Appel, plane captain or crew chief AMM1/c Anthony Gerbino, Aviation Radioman (ARM)1/c Alvin S. Wesolowski, and Aviation Ordnanceman (AOM)2/c Herbert Klein. The aircraft chosen for the

Alaskan/Aleutian mission was the PBV-5 V-189 Catalina seaplane.

LCDR Baxter and his crew first aided the building of the LORAN stations in the Bering Sea. While these stations were still under construction, it was decided to expand the coverage of this navigation system through a second chain in the Western Aleutians.

Upon completion, the Bering Sea chain was located on St. Matthew Island, St. Paul Island, Umnak Island, and St. George. Late in 1943, a monitor station was also built on Cape Sarichef, also on Umnak Island.

In January 1944, a permanent crew under the command of LCDR Clement Vaughn



*Crew members of the PBV-5 V-189 during LORAN mission in Alaska and Aleutian Islands, 1943. (L to R) AMM1/c Edward Appel, ARM1/c Alvin Wesolowski, AOM2/c Herbert Klein, LCDR Richard Baxter (pilot), LT Maurice Bowers (co-pilot), and AMM1/c Tony Gerbino.*

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took over the PBY 189 on its next assignment to aid the LORAN Construction Detachment in the South Pacific. Co-pilots were ENS Robert Lawlis and Chief Aviation Pilot Louis "Pinky" Gust, Jr. Completing the crew were AMM1/c Gerbino (a carry-over from the earlier crew), plane captain AMM1/c Oliver Young, Chief Radioman Ross Cade, ARM2/c Bernard W. Allen and AOM1/c John Shea.

LCDR Vaughn was no stranger to flying the PBY 189 seaplane, having served under LCDR Willard J. Smith, an original pilot of the aircraft and its commanding officer for many of its total flight hours. The Coast Guard purchased the plane in 1941 from the Navy and each of the individuals of this newly formed PBY 189 crew had served aboard the plane at one duty assignment or another. Training for the South



*PBY Crew members whip up a meal aboard their airplane in the Aleutians.*

Pacific assignment started in January 1944 and included day and night flights along with regular station duty flights.

We departed Air Station San Francisco on May 10, 1944 bound for Kaneohe Naval Air

Station on the island of Oahu, Territory of Hawaii. Our first duty task for the LORAN Construction Detachment was an inspection flight covering the Hawaiian LORAN chain, located on the islands of Niihau, Hawaii, Kauai, and on French Frigate Shoals (which we did not visit on this trip). This and some night training flights would do it for May. The time allowed us to go over the PBY and rearm it with two .50 caliber machine guns in the blister compartment, a .30 caliber in the nose compartment, and some side arms. We were now ready



*PBY-5 V-189 at anchor while crew members attend to maintenance concerns.*

## Feature Story

for duty any place in the Pacific.

### SECRET MISSION

U.S. and Allied forces urgently needed LORAN as they advanced across the Pacific Ocean and LORAN Construction Detachment personnel moved right along with them, building and maintaining the needed stations. The new Hawaiian LORAN fulfilled a vital role in helping protect the supply route from Hawaii to Australia. In November 1943, the Joint Chiefs of Staff decided to extend the LORAN coverage in the area southwest of Hawaii and construction began in March 1944.

Up to this point in time, we as the crew of the PBY 189 certainly recognized the importance of the LORAN navigation system construction activities. We carried the technicians making the signal tests and moved supplies and materials from site to site. We saw the operation of the LORAN "receiver-indicator" being operated and the charts that established accurate locations. Still, this didn't quite measure up to the contribution we expected the highly classified and top secret LORAN to make to the war effort. But this was about to change.

On November 25, 1944 before a night flight to Saipan, we were invited to the Construction Detachment Headquarters on

Guam, located close to the island's airfield. We, along with members of the Construction Detachment, were to witness a part of 111 B-29 bombers take off from Guam to bomb Tokyo. Other bombers also took off from Saipan and Tinian. Without the LORAN signals, "receiver-indicator" units and charts,



*ENS Robert Lawlis, standing the navigation watch. Each of the aircraft's three pilots took turns doing the navigating chores and all three retired as captains... Vaughn and Lawlis as Coast Guard captains, and CAP Gust became ENS Gust, later to retire from United Air Lines as captain.*

the B-29's from the Marianas Islands would have had to fly west of the Japanese-held islands of Okinawa and Iwo Jima to the north. This would mean flying 1,500 miles over open ocean with no radio or radar check-points until within 100 miles of Japan. Accurate navigation thus was essential for the bombers to reach their target and return

safely to base... and LORAN provided that solution. This new navigational aid was the tool upon which the B-29 navigators leaned on most heavily for this long-range bombing offensive.

### ORDERED HOME

December 1, 1944 saw us at Ulithi in the Caroline Islands, located south and west of the Marianas Islands and directly east of the Philippines. LCDR Vaughn called us together and broke the news — we would not have the Philippines on our schedule. Instead, we were going home. We were to be replaced.

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We spent Christmas and New Year's Eve 1944 among the bombed-out ruins of Agaña, Guam in the Construction Detachment Headquarters. With the airfield nearby, a Marine anti-aircraft battery surrounded us and they would join us in the holiday celebration. In our journeys criss-crossing the Pacific, we as a crew had met an interesting cross section of military personnel, mostly U.S. servicemen but also Australian and New Zealanders.

Afterwards, we once again returned to Ulithi — still the well-oiled team with more to do before departing for home. We started the month of January in the same manner as we did December at Ulithi — running accuracy and signal tests.

We departed January 16, homeward bound. Crossing the International Date Line for the last time, we reached Palmyra in 7.5 hours. A brief stop overnight followed by an early morning departure for Kaneohe. PBV 189 made one more launching, on January 27, 1945 and winged over the Pacific, its last leg home, arriving at Air Station San Francisco on January 28. The warriors had returned from the warpath.

March 18, 1945 was a sad day to remember for all of us for it saw the death of an old and reliable friend. On that day, crews began the dismantling process of PBV 189 before its ultimate shipment to the aircraft salvage yard at Alameda Naval Air Station. In the end, there was no dignity for an aircraft which no doubt amassed more miles and total flight hours in a variety of weather conditions than did any other PBV-5. She seemed to do it all — offshore rescues, aerial mapping, top



Some of the crew of the PBV 189 take a break on Canton Island in 1944. (L to R standing) ARM1/c Barney Allen, AOM1/c Jack Shea, and ACRM Ross Cade. (L to R kneeling) AOM1/c Ollie Young and CAP Louis "Pinky" Gust, Jr. CAP Louis "Pinky" Gust, Jr.

secret missions, ferrying men and equipment across a vast ocean. And finally, bringing those who flew and maintained her safely home.

Editors Note: To learn more about the PBV Catalina during WWII, visit these websites: PBV Catalina Foundation: [www.pbycat.org](http://www.pbycat.org) or [www.pbv.org](http://www.pbv.org).

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