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Countdown To KY Convention

Plans in Motion for Biennial Event Less Than 5 Months Away

As this issue of the *QD Log* goes to press, the calendar says there's less than five months to go before many of us are renewing friendships, reliving old times and swapping sea stories at the CGCVA Convention & Reunion in Ft. Mitchell, KY. Hope you'll be among those enjoying the many fun and exciting activities planned for the Association's first reunion of the new millennium.

Remember, this reunion is open to anyone who served in the Coast Guard so bring some folks with you... they don't have to be combat veterans. They will be able to participate in all events with the exception of the business meeting.

It's also a great opportunity for smaller reunion groups to get together under the CGCVA umbrella.

This means considerable cost savings to everyone attending and still allows those other groups to have their own special gatherings while still participating in the activities arranged through the CGCVA. Ships & groups desiring separate meeting rooms should contact the Convention Chairman, Bob Maxwell at (530) 335-3876 or fax him at (530) 335-3304. Looks like the USCGC

Sebago folks will be there and we hope many other groups will also. The room prices we have contracted are good until 30 days before the start of the reunion. Then, if the block of rooms is full, our contracted prices no longer apply. While other rooms may still be available, the prices will be higher so it is best to register early.



Who's going to the October CGCVA Reunion this coming October? Well I am for one! That's me, second from the left in the top row, along with the rest of the crew from the USCGC Point Lomas off the coast of DaNang, Vietnam in 1967. By the way, I'm hoping that my ex-skipper (middle row center) will also be there. He was a LTJG back then but now he's wearing four stars... and is the Coast Guard Commandant. Hope you remember me admiral, and hope to see you again in Kentucky. BMC Marshall W. Smith, USCG (Ret.)

The complete run-down on activities is again included in the four pages in the center of the newsletter, including the registration form. Please try and get your registration and payment in early... it makes things so much easier for the CGCVA Association & Auxiliary members who are doing the planning.

Bringing an R/V? No problem... there's space available for a nominal fee. You still

must register and check with the hotel ahead of time. Handicap accommodations can also be handled but you must notify the hotel when registering. Persons with special dietary restrictions should advise Bob Maxwell upon arrival.

The hotel's refund policy is good for cancellations up to 72 hours prior to scheduled arrival. Hopefully they'll be no need for that. Enjoy!



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Quarterdeck Log.

From the President

Dear Shipmates:

A lot has been hap-
pening with me lately,
with my family, my
business and, of
course, with the
Association. I've had
good luck in obtain-
ing new CGCVA
members by visiting
various websites and
I urge every member
to try to bring in one



JOE KLEINPETER

new member for the CGCVA. Besides the web,
I often visit patriotic events and I always carry
several of our CGCVA membership forms and
information on the Association. These are avail-
able though the Nat'l Secretary-Treasurer; just
give him a call. Think membership!

Just as we did a few years ago for the WWII
commemorations, the CGCVA will try to assist
with Vietnam 25th year and Korean War 50th
year commemorations as they come up. Many of
our members participated in high visibility events
recounting the exploits of our armed forces dur-
ing WWII and we stand ready to assist again.
Already there has been a reach-out campaign for
Korean War veterans to provide first person
accounts of their activities during that period.
This is a wonderful opportunity for the Coast
Guard to provide information on our Service's
wartime mission and involvement, so, if you have
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Statement of Purpose

This publication is designed to be an instru-
ment 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 now getting back on track following bypass surgery performed on my right leg in February due to an aneurism. At least I had some time to rest up down in Florida for a few months before returning home to New Jersey.

Being less mobile than normal gave me some extra time to sit and think about things. One thing was Ellis Island and the considerable history the Coast Guard has there, especially during WWII. I ended up writing President Clinton, requesting permission to erect a plaque on the island. To date, I've received no reply but I will continue to update the membership on this and other plaque projects as we approach the Reunion.

Speaking of the Reunion/Convention, let me say that Bob Maxwell and Ed & Nancy Burke have worked very hard to plan what is going to be a tremendous 2000 Reunion in Kentucky this coming October. Let's make all their hard work worthwhile with a super turnout!

Events happening sooner include my repre-

senting the CGCVA in the annual Memorial Day Parade in Annville, PA. I attended last year and Bubs and I befriended the parade's organizers, Mary Jane & Carl Gacono, a most hospitable couple.

I am considering going to New Orleans in June to attend a WWII celebration featuring the Higgins Landing Craft, which was built there during the war.

As always, we are looking forward to the annual "Coast Guard City USA" festivities in Grand Haven, MI during the beginning of August. This is always a wonderful event.

To all, stay well and have a terrific summer. Semper Paratus!



JACK CAMPBELL

Jack Campbell

From the Editor

Ahoy Shipmates:

Hey, that sounded good... shipmates. And coming from a guy who officially had only 11 days of sea duty during a 30-plus year Coast Guard career. Oh well, somebody had to have every night and every weekend liberty. At my retirement ceremony back in March, my boss (and guest speaker) CAPT Bud Schneeweis alluded to the similarities between he and I. Among them was the fact that he has commanded several Coast Guard cutters and that I had actually seen a picture of one. Yeah! Everyone's a comedian! In all seriousness, I enjoyed what was probably the best retirement ceremony anyone could have, with old shipmates coming from as far away as Grand Haven, MI, Ketchikan, AK, and even the South Pacific. It was a treasured evening and I'll always be grateful for the opportunities I had in the Coast Guard.



ED SWIFT

As a new retiree, I hope to work even closer with the CGCVA and help it grow in the new millennium, both in membership and worthwhile projects.

In regard to the *QD Log*, I now have some very welcome help... **LT David Teska, USCGR**, a CGCVA life member I met at CGHQ last summer. Dave will serve as the *QD Log* Associate Editor. Actually, he's already started, by taking a number of lengthy stories sent to me for the newsletter and editing them to fit its format. It's quite a help so thanks mucho Dave!

And guess what? Since I've gotten so much grief from so many folks over the past couple of years about identifying each issue beyond the Vol. and Issue, I've reinstated the season and year for easier identification. Gotta admit that you all were right... it does make it easier to identify. Anyway, hope you enjoy the Spring 2000 issue! **Swift**

From the Secretary-Treasurer

New Nat'l Secretary-Treasurer Needed

Well my friends... the time is rapidly coming to an end for my time as your Secretary-Treasurer. I still have about four months to go and a lot of work to accomplish. I have met with Honored Member **Terry Graviss, LM**, who has expressed his willingness to take over. He is experienced with the computer programs we use with the Association. I believe he will be a great asset for the Association and will bring a great deal of experience and talent to this important position. After some serious thought and discussion, I believe that both the Secretary and Treasurer's jobs should remain together; the two go hand in hand and it makes both jobs run smoother. However, I do not speak for Terry or his thoughts on the matter. When you vote him into the position, then he can advise you how he feels about it. I offer my strong support for Terry Graviss for the position of National Secretary-Treasurer. I am sure that you will agree with me and elect him at the October 2000 CGCVA Business Meeting at Fort Mitchell, KY.

Where to Send CGCVA Correspondence

I want to apologize for the inconvenience that I caused by not putting my name and address on the Reunion/Convention/Registration Form in the last *QD Log*. However, I must point out that whenever there is a doubt of where you should send anything in regard to CGCVA correspondence, you can't go wrong sending it to the Administrative Offices (wherever that may be). That address is always included on the inside front cover of every *QD Log*, so no matter what you are writing about, if you use this address your correspondence will always get to the appropriate place. Please make a note to use the new address of the Administrative Offices, following the Convention. After October 2000, please don't send correspondence to me or Trustee Baker Herbert (Past Treasurer) who still receives dues payments at his home. This costs the Association unnecessary time and money to forward mail to the Administrative Offices and it

may ultimately result in dues being increased. We try very hard to keep costs down so we will not have to raise the dues. Do you realize that our last dues increase was at our Business Meeting in Norfolk, VA in 1994? Our dues are quite low at \$12.50 a year, roughly \$1.00 a month. This is the result of not having to pay salaries for your Officers and Chairmen of the various committees. Sometimes we take for granted what these people do for the Association so try to help them by cooperating when sending in dues or whatever else you may be doing.



ED BURKE

CGCVA Scholarship

On behalf of the entire Association, I'd like to thank LM Baker Herbert for agreeing to personally travel to Tiffin, OH to represent the CGCVA and present the first CGCVA Scholarship Award. I believe he was the appropriate member to present the first scholarship since he was instrumental in conceiving and getting the award approved by the Board of Trustees and the general membership. Baker is one of our founding members and helped turn a small group of Coasties assembled in Chicago in 1985 into an organization with over 1700 members. Anyway, thank you very much Baker!

Ed Burke

ARE YOU MOVING? PLEASE NOTIFY US!

Name: _____

Old Address: _____

New Address: _____

Phone: _____

"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.

CGC Ingham Association

The 9th annual reunion of the USCGC Ingham (WHEC-35) Association will be held 2-6 Aug 2000 at the Holland Inn, 482 E. 32nd St., Holland, MI 49423. All hands who served in Ingham during its 52 years of active duty (1936-88) are welcome. Contact: **CAPT J.R. Hearn**, USCG (Ret.) at 103 Sequoia Rd., Portsmouth, VA 23708. Ph: (757) 405-3032.

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

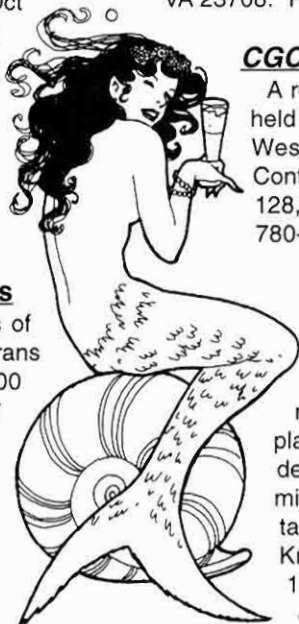
A reunion of crew members of the *USCGC Ramsden* (WDE-482) was held during the summer of 1999 and another is being planned for summer 2000. Although details have not yet been determined, interested parties may contact: **Frank Smolko** at 107 Oak Knoll Rd., New Cumberland, RI 02870. Ph: (717) 774-1795 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 crewmembers 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.

Deep Thoughts:

Instead of a trap door, what about a trap window? The guy looks out it, and if he leans too far, he falls out. Wait. I guess that's like a regular window.



Reunions — Notices

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 communication (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 aboard the CG 255's will be held 6-10 May 2001 in Las Vegas, NV. Contact: **Doak Walker** at P.O. Box 33523, Juneau, AK 99803.

Greenland Patrol

A reunion of the WWII Greenland Patrol (Coast Guard, Navy & Army), will hold a reunion 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.

Deep Thoughts:

- If a kid asks where rain comes from, a cute thing to tell him is "God is crying." And if he asks why is God crying, another cute thing to tell him is, "probably because of something you did."
- The face of a child can say it all... especially the mouth part.
- If you ever reach total enlightenment while drinking a beer, it will probably start shooting out of your nose.

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

USS LST-22

The 6th annual reunion for crew members of the WWII *USS LST-22* will be held 7-10 Sept 2000 in Portland, OR. Contact: **Jack A. Pfeifer** at 11325 SW Timberline Dr., Beaverton, OR 97008. Ph: (503) 644-0048.

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-767

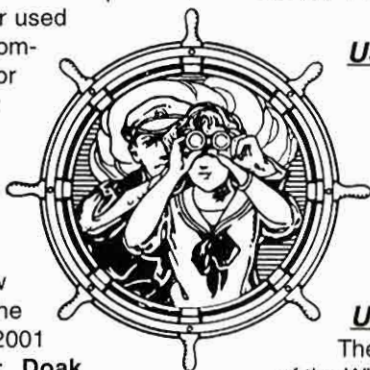
A reunion for *LST-767* is planned to take place in Buffalo, NY to coincide with the LST Association annual reunion 30 Aug through 5 Sept 2000. Contact: **Dave Ramsay** at One Utah St., Beverly Hills, FL 34465. Ph: (352) 527-2869 or e-mail Dave at: ramshorn@xtalwind.net.

LST-829

The CG-manned *LST-829* will hold its 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.

Machias Reunion

The *USCG/US Machias (PF-53)*, Escort Div. 33, will hold a reunion 7-10 Sept 2000 at the



Reunions — Notices

Holiday Inn, Ft. Mitchell, KY. Contact: **John R. (Dick) Jones** at 806 Helene St., Wantagh, NY 11793-1622. Ph: (516) 731-0442.

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

Mounted Patrol

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

Quick Thinking Waitress

"How come you're late?" asks the bartender as the blonde waitress walks in the door. "It was awful," she explains. "I was walking down Elm Street and there was this terrible accident. A man was lying in the middle of the street after being thrown from his car. His leg was broken, his skull was fractured, and there was blood everywhere. Thank goodness I took that first-aid course... all my training came back to me just like that." "Wow! What did you do?" asks the bartender. "I sat down and put my head between my knees to keep from fainting!"

Ridge Rd., Montvale, NJ. Contact: **Frank Seigel** at 48 N. Maple Ave., Park Ridge, NJ 07657 or **Anthony Sperduto** at 349 Calvin St., Westwood, NJ 07675.

USS Aquarius

The *USS Aquarius (AKA-16)* will hold its annual reunion 21-24 Sept 2000 in Hampton, VA. Contact:

Homer Brush at 4113 Durham Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073. Ph: (248) 549-5163.

"Rusty Bucket" Reunion

The crew of *LST-764 (Rusty Bucket)* will hold their 12th reunion along with the National LST Association Convention in Buffalo, NY, 30 Aug - 5 Sept 2000. Ships party night will be on 2 Sept. Contact: **Rod Whalen** at 317 Central Ave., Amityville, NY 11701. Ph: (631) 691-4229.

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.

USCG Lightship Sailors

A reunion of the USCG Lightship Sailors Association will be held 5-7 Oct 2000 in Baltimore, MD. Contact: **Marty Ktyzwicki** at 94 Albemarle St., St. Paul, MN 55117. Ph: (651) 488-6166. E-mail: marty.k@juno.com.

USCG Stewards

The USCG National Association of Former Stewards and Stewardmates, Inc., invite all members and friends to attend their 11th reunion 18-20 Aug 2000 at the Sheraton Atlantic City West Hotel, Atlantic City, NJ. Contact: **BMCM Robert Hammond** at 97 Curtis Avenue, Piscataway, NJ 08854. Ph: (732) 752-2512.

USS Allentown

"Operation Restart," codeword for the



Lucinda E. Young, daughter of CGCVA member Rodney O. Young of Tiffin, Ohio, is shown receiving the first CGCVA Scholarship from Trustee Baker Herbert (right) and CGCVA member Joc Rosado. The presentation was made 13 February 2000. Lucinda is a full-time student at Tiffin University and works part-time at Mercy Hospital in Tiffin. Her goal is to receive a B.S. in Managerial Studies.

Reunions — Notices

USS Callaway Veterans Assn.

The 34th reunion of the *USS Callaway* (APA-35) will be held 31 Jul thru 2 Aug 2000 at the Holiday Inn, Solomons, MD. Contact: **Wallace Shipp** at 5319 Manning Pl., NW, Washington, DC 20016-5311. Ph: (202) 363-3663.

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.

USS Cavalier

Crewmembers 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 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 aboard *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 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 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.

USS Wilhoite

The next reunion for former personnel serving aboard *USS Wilhoite* (DE/DER-397) will be held 23-26 Aug 2000 in Meridian, MI. Contact: **Clarence R. (Bob) Gray** at P.O. Box 4095, Meridian, MI. Ph: (601) 485-6021. E-Mail: jgray5000@aol.com.



Potential Reunions

LST-831 — I served aboard *LST-831* during WWII and so far, I've only run across one other crewmember. 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 aboard *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.

'Britain At War In Colour'

Main United Kingdom broadcaster is seeking footage for a major new production, 'Britain at War in Colour' following the success of 'Colour of War' which aired on A&E 15-17 Feb 2000. They are urgently seeking color film of Britain and Europe from 1930-47; anything from home video to professional film. They also need diaries or letters written by American servicemen and women stationed in Britain or Europe during that period. Contact: **Katie Chadney** at Trans World Int'l, The Axis Centre, Burlington Lane, London W4 2TH, England. E-Mail: kchadney@img-world.com.

Fort McHenry National Monument

The Dept. of the Interior wishes to memorialize the contributions of USCG veterans who served at Fort McHenry, Baltimore, MD during WWII.

The National Park Service is trying to create new exhibits at the Fort McHenry National Monument that will provide information to visitors on the Coast Guard's port security, shipboard fire fighting and other duties. First person accounts are needed which will be recorded and stored in the fort's archives for future generations. If you were one of the 28,000 men or women who served there, contact **Ranger Vincent J. Vaise** at (410) 962-4290, ext. 236, or write him at Fort McHenry National Monument, East Fort Ave., Baltimore, MD 21230.

Admiral Sobel Remembered

"Thank you (the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association) for the contribution to the Coast Guard Foundation's Arnold Sobel Scholarship Fund. Dad was interested in providing college opportunities for the children of enlist-

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."

Please remember: The CGCVA is a Non-Profit Association. All donations are tax deductible.

Association News — Mail Buoy

ed men and women, and actively supported efforts on their behalf. Our family deeply appreciates your thoughtfulness in honoring his memory with this donation to a cause he truly believed in. We are grateful for your kind expression of sympathy.”

The Sobel Family

“Thank you (Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association) for your gift to the Coast Guard Foundation in memory of Arnie Sobel; it will be added to the endowment of the Arnold Sobel Scholarship Fund. Arnie received tremendous pleasure from helping these most deserving young men and women and I know how much your thoughtful generosity would have meant to him.”

John M. Sargent
President, Coast Guard Foundation



ADM Willard J. Smith Passes

On 1 April 2000, ADM Willard J. Smith, USCG (Ret.), died in Atlantic Beach, FL. He was the first CG aviator to serve as Commandant and did so with distinction from 1 June 1966 until his retirement on 1 June 1970. ADM Smith oversaw the Coast Guard's transition from the Treasury Dept. to the Dept. of Transportation. He was buried with full military honors at Arlington Nat'l Cemetery on 27 April 2000.

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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Fred's Place. www.fredsplace.org/
CAPT John M. Austin. jaustin@sault.com

Deep Thoughts

Somebody told me how frightening it was how much topsoil we are losing each year, but I told that story around a campfire and nobody got scared.

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“Uncommon” Coasties

In the previous *QD Log*, within the story “USCG — 5th Armed Service in WWII,” it was mentioned that the common Coast Guardsman of WWII was not always so common. Several examples were given. I have another.

I was stationed with a not so common one at the Currituck Lighthouse Mounted Patrol in 1943. He was **Law Jenkins** from Texas, who had won the World's Lightweight Boxing Crown in 1941. He first turned to boxing while in the Army and, when WWII got underway, Law enlisted in the Coast Guard. He served with honor and was one of the crew of the first LST to hit the beach at Normandy. After hanging up his gloves in 1948, Law rejoined the Army and was honored for his heroic actions during the fighting in Korea.

Thought You Had A Bad Day

A man was working on his motorcycle on his patio and his wife was in the house in the kitchen. The man was racing the engine on the motorcycle and somehow, the motorcycle slipped into gear. The man, still holding the handlebars, was dragged through a plate glass patio door and along with the motorcycle, dumped onto the floor inside the house.

The wife, hearing the crash, ran into the dining room and found her husband laying on the floor, cut and bleeding, the motorcycle laying next to him and the patio door shattered. The wife ran to the phone and summoned an ambulance. Because they lived on a fairly large hill, the wife went down the several flights of long steps to the street to direct the paramedics to her husband.

After the ambulance arrived and transported the husband to the hospital, the wife uprighted the motorcycle and pushed it outside. Seeing that gas had spilled on the floor, the wife obtained some paper towels, blotted up the gasoline and threw the towels in the toilet. The husband was treated at the hospital and was released to come home.

After arriving home, he looked at the shattered patio door and the damage done to his motorcycle. He became despondent, went into the bathroom, sat on the toilet and smoked a cigarette. After finishing the cigarette, he flipped it between his legs into the toilet bowl while still seated. The wife, who was again in the kitchen, heard a loud explosion and her husband screaming. She ran into the bathroom and found her husband laying on the floor. His trousers had been blown away and he was suffering burns on the buttocks, the back of his legs and his groin.

The wife again ran to the telephone and called for an ambulance. The same ambulance crew was dispatched and the wife again met them on the street. The paramedics loaded the husband on the stretcher and began carrying him to the street. While they were going down the stairs to the street accompanied by the wife, one of the paramedics asked the wife how the husband had burned himself. She told them and the paramedics started laughing so hard, one of them tipped the stretcher and dumped the husband out. He fell down the remaining steps and broke his arm. True story!

He made a career of serving his country. He was also a good horseman, being from Texas, and did well on the Mounted Beach Patrol.

Thomas Nichols

Ask The Editor

As the *QD Log* editor, we look to you for answers to questions that crop up. No one has been able to help me on these so I'm sending them your way. Please help me out. First, would you kindly advise me what S.P.A.R.S. real name

is? And second, could you print the Coast Guard Song, "Semper Paratus"? I remember singing the song in boot camp. Thanks in advance.

Alvin R. Mason

Editor: No problem Alvin. Back in 1942, President Roosevelt signed legislation authorizing a Coast Guard Women's Auxiliary of commissioned and enlisted personnel to relieve Coast Guardsmen for sea duty. Its first head was LT Dorothy C. Stratton, formerly Dean of Women at Purdue University. The organization was known as the SPARS, a combination of the first letters of the words in the Latin and English versions of the Service motto: *Semper Paratus*; Always Ready.

In regard to the song, I'm sending you a copy of music and lyrics as contained in the Sam Fox Publishing Company song sheet, copyright 1928. For everyone else's benefit, here's the words of the first (of four verses) and the chorus:

From Aztec Shore to Arctic Zone,
To Europe and Far East.

The flag is carried by our ships
In times of war and peace.
And never have we struck it yet
In spite of foemen's might.

Who cheered our crews and cheered again
For showing how to fight.

So here's the Coast Guard marching song.
We sing on land and sea.

Through surf and storm and howling gale,
High shall our purpose be.

"Semper Paratus" is our guide.
Our fame and glory too.

To fight to save or fight and die!
Aye! Coast Guard, we are for you.



CAPT Francis S. Van Boskerck, Jr., shown here in the dress uniform of a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Revenue Cutter Service, was the composer of the lyrics to the U.S. Coast Guard marching song, "*Semper Paratus*."

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:

SN Luis D. Gonzalez (Romeo 156) of Syracuse, NY, will report to CG Air Station Elizabeth City, NC.

SA Corinne E. Babiak (Tampa 156) of New York, NY, will report to *USCGC Eagle*, New London, CT.

SN Jacob A. Schade (Uniform 156) of Fair Oaks, CA, will report to CG Station Cleveland Harbor, Cleveland, OH.

Welcome New Members

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

FEBRUARY 2000

Eric G. Anderson; **Henry L. Skidmore, Jr.** (Bill Wells); **Kenneth R. Hanson** (William McLeod); **John H. Hamann** (Herb Weinstein); **Michael A. Davis** (Joe Kleinpeter); **Frank J. Tobat** (Tom McHale); **Harold J. Murray** (Fred Ahern); **Dennis J. Knopf**; **Dennis L. Rix** (Ed Reinhart); **Bernard Blank**; **Michael A. Conner**; **Arnold T. Lapham**; **Norbert J. Keller** (Baker Herbert); **Gordon R. Crawford**; **Frederick L. Cooper**

(Baker Herbert); **Walter S. Miles** (Joe Kleinpeter); **S. Edward Withrow** (Herb Weinstein); **Larry Stefanovich** (Joe Kleinpeter); **Lawrence H. Beach** (Paul Wheeler); **Gerald N. Davis** (Joe Kleinpeter); **John G. Dionigi**; **Mark D. McKenney** (Joe Kleinpeter); **Jason A. Bernard** (Jack Campbell); and **Leonard Suter, Jr.** (Paul Wheeler).

MARCH 2000

Paul H. Eason (Joe Kleinpeter); **Charles E. Darlington**; **Richard L. Lindley** (William Franklin); **Admont G. Clark** (Bernard Webber); **Chad A. Adams** (Bill Wells); **Oran M. Smith**; **David W. Mashburn** (Robert Pereslete); **Robert R. Moodie** (Joe Kleinpeter); **George M. Blacketter** (Stan Haraburda); **Thomas P. Hogan** (Bill Wells); **Richard E. Palczewsky**; **Earl J. Wheeler** (Bill Wells); **Marion W. Weshinsky** (Bill Wells); **Thomas A. Ottenwaelder** (Kevin Burke); **Edward Schertzer** (John Stamford); **Kenneth R. Meis** (Wilber Kress); **Clifford D. Davis** (Paul Wheeler); **Duane A. Leach** (Joe Kleinpeter); **James Jones** (Leroy Brown); **Kirby K. Randall** (Baker Herbert); and **Russell J. Buscemi** (Chuck Ulrich).

APRIL 2000

Rocco Totino (Joe Kleinpeter); **Alexander N. Sanders** (Joe Kleinpeter); **John W. Morrison** (William Donaldson); **Peter D. Corson** (Joe Kleinpeter); **David C. Miller** (Joe Kleinpeter); **Willis A. Tuttle** (Al Duffield); **Arthur L. Paule** (Paul Wheeler); **John R. Nesbella**; **E. Peter Boyages** (T. George Kotros); **Lester R. Scarborough**; and **George Houtte** (Al Duffield).

CGCVA Reunion

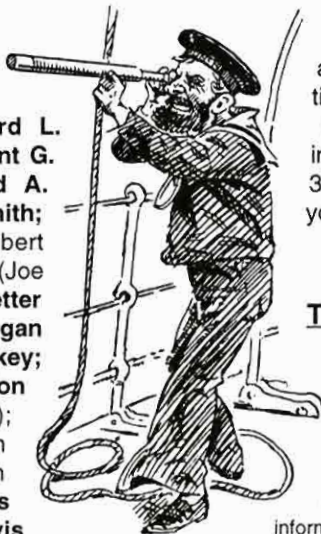
Plans are being finalized for our millenium reunion in Northern Kentucky. With help from Nancy & Ed Burke, we have put together our

menus and tours. The tours will consist of a day trip to Wright-Patterson Air Force Museum, a bus tour of Cincinnati, lunch cruise on a riverboat and, for those of you who enjoy slots, we have arranged a trip to a riverboat casino.

We have had several calls from leaders of other CG organizations who are interested in joining us. We certainly welcome them. The registration forms for all activities, along with hotel information, are provided in this *QD Log*. Please call me at anytime for other information on the reunion at (530) 335-3876. Looking forward to seeing you in October. Semper Paratus!

Bob Maxwell

CGCVA Reunion Committee Chairman



The USCGC Hermes and the 'Enemy' Submarine

(Editor's Note: In the last *QD Log*, there was a story on the *CGC Hermes* by Glen Eppens. While I could not substantiate the story, I asked if any other *Hermes'* crewmembers could provide additional information. Below is another story on the incident from Arnie (Ack Ack) Adams)

Mr. Eppen's note about the subchaser *CGC Hermes* and that she may have sank a submarine, (one of theirs) does have some basis more than a rumor. I was a member of her crew when we, from the crude "Q" listening gear on board, heard what appeared to be a submarine. We dropped depth charges at shallow depths, enough to scare the wits out of the snipes in the engine room.

Since this happened some 48 years ago my faulty recollections should be pardonable. That, and the fact that our next liberty call was Mare Island, which pretty much wiped what little mental acuity we had down the tubes. Besides, I wound up in a marine brig, not the best place to contemplate heroic measures at sea.

Lt. Dave Bartlett was our skipper. Today he would be found to be woefully incorrect, political-

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ly. But as so often the case, he had the courage and discipline of a warrior, which was badly needed on the little cutter fighting the enemy at sea.

George Cole was a Gunners Mate 1/c and our ordnance officer. He knew his stuff about explosives, magazines, and the newfangled depth bombs in racks on the fantail.

He also was pretty good with the 3"/23 on the bow, even though it was trained and fired like a shotgun. Something of a wonder considering the stability of the round bottomed shallow draft cutter.

Here is how the story probably got started. As best as I can remember it was around the first part of 1942. The *Hermes* was on its way to Mare Island to be fitted out with a lot of left over armament that the Navy did not need, considering Pearl Harbor and all. The *Hermes* had recently been on a routine patrol in Alaska, where she had damaged her screws. She had been fitted with tug screws, that seemed to work just fine. That fact is important.

About dusk, with Point Montera to starboard, *Hermes* began the maneuvers to take her through the mine fields of Golden Gate. Suddenly, a newly trained seaman exclaimed that he had a hit on his listening gear. That there were Jap submarines along the West Coast was common knowledge. It was possible that somebody was going to follow us through the mine fields. Considering the slow speed, jerky motion, and noise of tug screws made it more plausible. To an alert enemy we were a tug! No danger.

Whatever was down there soon learned otherwise. George sent me to flying bridge with a couple of Lewis machine guns in case the sub surfaced, then he went back to command the depth charge

salvos. Captain Bartlett started a standard run.

It has been hinted that these 165s danced a bit in calm waters. That is so. When I first took the helm to learn my duties, I noticed a pendulum in front of me that had worn a groove in the wood backing about 25 degrees each side of center.

What a ship! This late afternoon we were near the Potato Patch and in number 3 seas. The wind howled on the bridge, and spray closed over the ship, stinging and crusting everything with salt.

Because of the seas, runs had to be made into the swells. *Hermes* bucked and shuddered each time the bow dug in and slowly, very slowly righted. The two

Winton diesels were dependable but had little if any extra oomph for war maneuvers.

Two cans rolled off the stern just as we met a huge wave. As the cutter tried to climb that mountain, making little headway, the depth charges let go. The hull rang like a bell as fountains of water sprung astern, seeming under the ship. Pale faces showed from the engine room trunk.

I had finally got the machine guns on their pedestals. Because they were finicky things and apt as not to jam, I let go a



A salty Coast Guard Chief and a crusty Army First Sergeant are at a bar arguing about who had the tougher career.

"I did 30 years in the Rangers," the SFC declared proudly, "and fought in three of my country's wars. Fresh out of boot camp, I hit the beach at Okinawa, clawed my way up the blood-soaked sand, and eventually took out an entire enemy machine gun nest with a single grenade. As a Sergeant, I fought in Korea. We pushed back the enemy inch by bloody inch all the way up to the Chinese border, always under a barrage of artillery and small arms fire. Finally, as a Staff Sergeant, I did three consecutive combat tours in Vietnam. We humped through the mud and razor grass for 14 hours a day, plagued by rain and mosquitoes, ducking under sniper fire all day and mortar fire at night. In a fire fight, we'd shoot until our arms ached and our guns were empty, then we'd charge the enemy with bayonets!"

Looking straight ahead, the Chief says nothing. Then, after a deliberately long, slow drink, the Chief says, "Just as I suspected... all shore duty!"

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blast from each. Someone down in the bridge yelled "What in hell is that?" All this with George hanging onto the racks, knee deep in water, the ship rolling on its beam ends and the Captain shouting for another drop.

We emptied the racks, saw what looked like an oil slick, and no longer could hear submarine noises. There was much slapping on the back and nervous laughter as we made our way into San Francisco Bay, sure that we had scored a hit.

The Army sent out an aircraft to examine our area of encounter, did say there appeared some sort of oil slick. The Navy never confirmed a sunken anything in the area and we were denied all the recommendations for medals and awards for our heroic efforts.

Mare Island shipyard was put out with having to repair us. Mostly because the depth charges under our keel had twisted the hull so that nothing lined up, not even the hatch covers. We were put in dry dock behind a submarine. The Navy just heated the hull and twisted it back in line, or so they said.

How I landed in the brig? The Bos'n had brought down from Alaska some seal skins and forgot to go through Customs. I raffled them off for a nice profit until the revenue men confiscated them. Luckily, Captain Bartlett was a resourceful man, for he talked the marines into releasing me to the brig on the *Hermes*! As in everything else, the first turn of the screws in departure.....

Ack Adams

Yet More On Ellis Island

I was also one of the 'boots' whose beginnings in the Coast Guard started on Ellis Island. Olaf "Bud" Veath, who wrote in the last *QD Log* about marching in the World's Fair Parade while he was

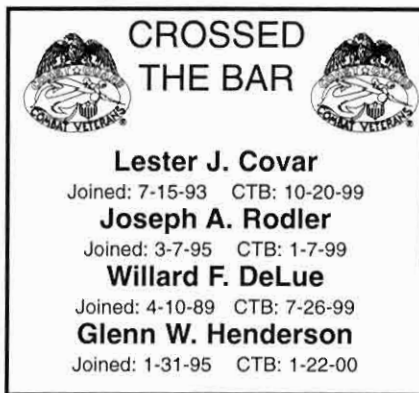
at Ellis Island, had to be in the company I was in. His dates coincide with the time I was there and I too was in the parade on the Coast Guard's 150th anniversary, Aug. 4, 1940. Here's what I recall about that event:

A battalion of Coast Guardsmen were formed at Ellis Island from our company and men from cutters in the New York City area. We were taken there by a cutter. Our uniform was called a 'broken uniform,' being comprised of a dress white blouse (blue collar and cuffs with white stripes), and dress blue pants. The dress whites was our summer uniform, worn only at foreign stations.

The parade consisted of three battalions. The first was the Navy and they were in neat undress whites. Next was the Marine Corps in their 'sun tans.' Then came the Coast Guard. I was in the NY Nat'l Guard prior to enlisting in the Coast Guard so I was made a "clothes stop petty officer," and placed in the rear

of our group, making sure we were all in step. When we marched between the crowds on both sides, I kept hearing "Ahs!" and "Wows!" and toward the end I heard one woman say, "What navy is that?" Made me proud of the Coast Guard and if I had thought of it then I would have told her with pride that we were "the Hooligan Navy!"

Walter "Gaby" Grabowy



"Tars & Spars" Remembered

On the back page of the last *QD Log* was a photo from the movie, "Tars & Spars." It brought back a lot of good memories. I was stationed as a Ph.M2/c in Wilmington, CA when the film was being made in 1946. Columbia Pictures invited a bunch of us at our unit to be 'extras'. It was a fun time; we were on liberty anyway. Got to meet all the stars in the film and have lunch with them. Just wish I could find a copy of "Tars & Spars" on videotape.

Bill Reinhold

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**ALL ATTENDEES MUST PAY REGISTRATION TO BE ADMITTED TO THE
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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.

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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 advise them you are registering for:
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**Registration/Tour/Banquet/Lunch
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October 23, Monday

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October 24, Tuesday

Casino Tour, Cruise following Mtg.
(Bus Trip Only, There is Admission Chrg.)

15.00 X _____

October 25, Wednesday

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Riverboat luncheon cruise on Ohio River.

35.00 X _____

Awards Banquet:

October 25, Wednesday

28.50 X 2 _____

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October 24, Tuesday

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We have in the past been able to come up with nice rewards for early
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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 Auxiliary. 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.

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History of the Officers and Men of Coast Guard LST 796

by Henry L. Skidmore

(Editor's Note: During World War II, Coast Guard-manned LSTs (Landing Ship Tank) saw action in the Europe and Pacific Theaters. They brought men and equipment to places like Toranto, Normandy, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Henry Skidmore, a plank owner of LST-796, served with the ship throughout its time in the Pacific as a MOMM/1c, USCG)

April Fools' Day 1945 meant D-Day on Okinawa — Invasion! Artillery maps and Army short-wave radios allowed us to closely follow the progress of the Army and Marines as they landed and moved inland. The next few days were occupied at night retirement, General Quarters for air raids and making smoke to protect others and ourselves from air attack.

On April 3, we learned that a kamikaze plane had struck *LST-599*, just a few miles away. Our First Lieutenant, Mr. Haddon, took a fire team and fire fighting equipment to assist *LST-599*. Mr. Haddon and the fire team did our ship proud that day. They instructed men at the scene of the fire and led them below decks to fight it. It was also about this time that an enemy suicide plane hit the *USS Henrico*, killing the ship's captain, executive officer and two senior Army officers.

For the next two weeks we steamed in a convoy south of Okinawa, running back and forth making 180 degree turns periodically, and generally marking time until called in for our next assault. During that time we learned of the death of President Franklin Roosevelt. Returning to Okinawa on April 14, we anchored off Hagushi where again we were subject to enemy air attack and usual smoke screens. At 0230, while anchored there, Army anti-aircraft searchlights picked up a twin-engine Japanese bomber over Kadena airfield. It flew out over the anchorage and we easily spotted it, as we weren't protected by smoke. At 0234, we brought it under fire with

the twin 40mm. We got off 21 rounds, all of which were on the target and exploded beneath the bomber. The last we saw of the plane it was climbing steadily and heading back for Japan, having jettisoned its bombs in the ocean.

On the 16th we anchored off Ie Shima and launched the LVTs of the Army's 708th Amphibious Tank Battalion for the assault on that island. Our berth was about 1,500 yards from the beach, a ringside seat for part of the operations ashore. The open country made it easy to follow the movements of our troops ashore. An air umbrella furnished by U.S. Navy planes not only protected us but continually rocket-bombed the island. Destroyers and small craft on radar picket patrol between us and Japan constantly reported on enemy air attacks. One torpedo plane did get through and headed directly at us. It was just out of range for our guns when the *USS Portland*, in a fine example of gunnery and fire control, shot it down. It took four or five rounds with one of their secondary batteries, a burst between plane and water, and the kamakaze flipped on its back like a leaf in the wind and hit the water with a splash.

At one time during the morning, while we were anchored, shells began hitting the water fairly close — possibly shots from our own Army artillery fire from a nearby island supporting the Ie Shima operation. We upped anchor, moved eastward out of the line of fire and from then on had no further trouble. We later learned this was more likely enemy fire from Ie Shima.

On April 17, the 708th Tank Battalion came back aboard. That evening we went down to Nago Wan, Okinawa where we watched our capital ships shelling in support of our troops ashore. Until the 23rd, most of our time was spent in and

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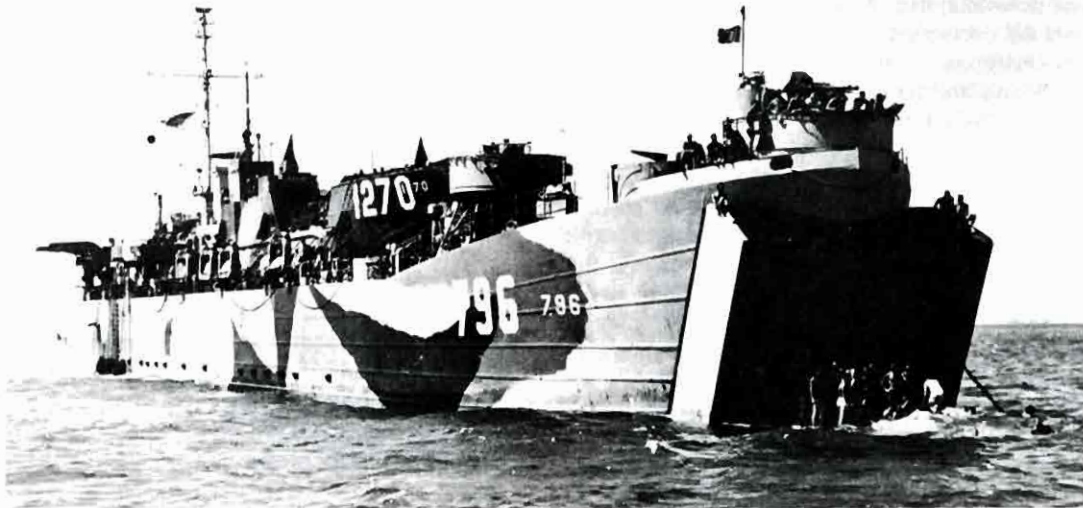
around Ie Shima and Okinawa when we received orders to put the 708th ashore at "White Beach" on Okinawa. This we did the night of April 24th. A number of uncharted and undisclosed coral heads punctured several holes in our forward void spaces but did not hinder our progress. Unloading of the 708th was completed on the 25th and we shoved off for Saipan in the Marianas.

On June 4, we received our orders for Leyte, arriving there on the 11th but remaining only two days when we were routed to Puerto Princesa on the island of Palawan via the Surigao Straits. We steamed through the Mindanao Sea and Sulu Sea to Puerto Princesa, the capital of the island of Palawan and the old Spanish capital of the Philippines before the American occupation after the Spanish-American War of 1898. Puerto Princesa was a large air base for our Army and Navy patrols over the China Sea. A small island in the harbor there served as a penal colony for Philippine collaborators. It was here that the Japanese forced about 150 Marines, survivors of

Bataan, Corregidor and the infamous Death March, into slit trenches where they poured gasoline on them and set them ablaze. What a horrible choice — either be burned alive or machine-gunned in cold blood if you left the trench. Only six or seven Marines lived to tell this gruesome tale. The location of the trench and prison was pointed out to us near our beaching slot. We learned that one of the survivors crawled down the cliff to the water and swam about 3 to 4 miles across the bay where natives saved him. Later, one of our PT boats picked him up.

The high point of recreation during this time was the much-heralded baseball game between the rates and non-rates. The Hege-Men (rates), in spite of flashy shirts, could not handle the hard-hitting non-rates who beat them 7-5.

On June 16, we loaded the 619th Engineer Base Equipment Company, U.S. Army, and retraced our route back to Leyte and then to Nansie Shoto on Okinawa, arriving there on the 27th. Immediately upon unloading the 619th, we



Coast Guard-manned LST-796 during WWII operations in the Pacific Theater.

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went back down to "Purple Beach 2" at Okinawa and loaded M Company, 305th Infantry Regiment, 77th Infantry Division, U.S. Army. Most of these men were combat veterans of Okinawa, Saipan and Ie Shima. We were bound for San Pedro Bay, Leyte, and then for further routing to a rest and rehabilitation center for the 77th Division, which later proved to be Cebu City on the island of Cebu, Philippines.

Two days out, on July 3rd, our Chief Commissary Steward Fosnock earned the nickname of "Frosty." Fosnock retired to the dairy box about 2100 clad only with shoes and dungaree pants, either to check the temperature of the box or possibly arrange a midnight snack for himself or his buddies. That was the last seen of him until 0900 the next day when Stone (our Jack of the Dust), unlocked the dairy box to find a blue, chattering and half-conscious Fosnock reclining among the egg, lemon and apple crates. Because of his fine insulation of flesh and the usual well nourishment of a Chief Commissary Steward, "Frosty" was fortunate to suffer no ill effects and was back at his steam table after 48 hours on the binnacle list. The removal of the dairy box's safety catch remains unsolved.

We made San Pedro Bay, Leyte on July 6th and then received orders back to Cebu City, arriving on the 10th and beaching about five miles north of Cebu City near the picturesque town of Danao. En route to Cebu City, we passed Mactan Island, the place where Ferdinand Magellan met his tragic death, as he was about to complete the first circumnavigation



The Coast Guard manned 76 Landing Ship Tanks (LSTs — affectionately known as "large slow targets") during WWII. Three of them, LSTs 69, 167 and 203, were lost during the war. Here, LST-831 lowers her bow ramp at Okinawa on D-Day. Note the unauthorized stenciled letters "USCG" above the bow door.

of the world.

Soon we were back at Okinawa, beaching at Hamasaki where we discharged the units of the 5 A.A.F. On July 27th, we were en route to Buckner Bay (named after the Tenth Army Commander, Lt. Gen. Simon B. Buckner, who was killed while commanding ground forces at Okinawa). At Buckner Bay we put our bow ramp on a pontoon causeway in a small bay at Yonabaru to take on personnel and gear of the 96th Infantry Division. We also played host to our old friends Mr. Biscotte and the boys of LST-1270, who came over the bow ramp like a boarding party. While there we also experienced a series of air raid alarms and were constantly forced to make smoke at night, much to the discomfort of the lungs of all hands.

On January 27, 1946, LST-796 steamed into San Pedro, CA, having traveled 43,289 miles in 15 months (Oct 1944 - Jan 1946).

(Editor's Note: For more information on LSTs, visit the website: www.uslst.org/ for the LST Association & Homeport; or check out "Coast Guard-Manned Naval Vessels in World War II" available through: www.uscg.mil/hq/g-cp/history/h_cgvv.)

The U.S. Coast Guard Charnel House on Omaha Beach, Normandy

by Anthony F. J. Leone

(Editor's Note: Anthony Leone has written books and numerous articles on the Coast Guard's wartime exploits during WWII, especially those involving LSTs and amphibious operations. The feature story on LST-796 on pgs. 20-23 dealt with LST operations in the Pacific Theater. Now read about Coast Guard operations at Omaha Beach during the Normandy Invasion.)

A repository for the bodies and bones of those who fell during the initial assault on Omaha Beach still stands, invisible to all but the survivors of that terrible day, June 6, 1944. The eternal death watch is kept by the spirits of dead sailors dwelling in the bosoms of patrolling sea gulls. The once blood-stained sands of Omaha Beach are gone, soaked up by the ravages of time. But the spirits of those who lost their precious life fluids there, remain. Old veterans still walk the narrow strip of land, hoping to recapture the moments of that day but there is only sand and the noisy sea gulls overhead. The sound of death rattles, explosions, screams of agony are silenced forever as it should be. Only the survivors of Omaha Beach hear the sounds of war today. They are not senile and do not strain to hear the noise of yesterday; it is buried forever in their hearts. The screams of the dying increase each year as the veterans of the assault on Normandy grow older. The terrible sounds of war at Omaha Beach will follow them into their graves.

When the night winds of Normandy howl in anguish over the beachhead today, they carry the voices of those sailors and Coast Guardsmen who perished along with the attacking troops. In the early morning of June 6, 1944, a devastating rain of fire erupted from the German blockhouses at Omaha Beach, tearing into the flesh of the invaders from the channel. Coast Guard-manned LCIs and other types of landing craft

were caught like flies in a spider web as they sought to free the clumsy landing craft from the deadly Teller mine-topped obstacles. German 88s began to bark, forming a death-dealing chorus with the whoosh of the 80mm mortars and the chatter of heavy machine guns. It was a time to die and the Coast Guardsmen in the LCIs were right on schedule.

Screams of those trapped in the hungry flames enveloping the shell-racked landing craft could be heard loud and clear far out into the anchorage offshore. The killing continued without interruption as a German youth, looking through the port of resistance Nest 62, raked the beach with deadly fire from his MG 42. Hein Severloh was sobbing as he implored them in a loud voice to go back where they came from. Hein was 21 years old at the time and had reluctantly left his farm in Germany under strong persuasion from representatives of the New Order. Severloh was a farmer, not a killer. No matter... at 21 he was now engaged in the business of killing men his own age. His machine gun chattered a song of death as he swept the beach repeatedly, killing kids in khaki whom he had never met. The attackers stumbled and fell under the weight of their backpacks. Others stepped into deep holes and drowned.

Hein Severloh, tears streaming down his ruddy cheeks, continued to rain down death upon the Americans spilling ashore from the Higgins boats. He swept the heavy gun from side to side, tearing human flesh to bits. Few signs of life were visible on the killing sands of Omaha Beach. A Navy corpsman lay bleeding to death, his red cross plainly visible. Several medics had attempted to reach his fallen body but were cut down, turning the shallow water a crimson red. The frontal assault continued as endless waves

A Navy corpsman lay bleeding to death, his red cross plainly visible. Several medics had attempted to reach his fallen body but were cut down, turning the shallow water a crimson red. The frontal assault continued as endless waves of khaki-clad figures leapt from the ramps of bullet-riddled LCVPs. They dashed across the beach in an effort to reach the safety of the sea wall but most of them never made it.

The first squad of the 16th Infantry was mowed down like wheat in the field at harvest time. Landing zones "Easy Red" and "Fox Green" ran red with the blood of the 116th Infantry as the senseless attack continued. Company A was completely destroyed in a matter of ten short minutes. The heavy footprints of Death were everywhere as the rampaging Grim Reaper proceeded to stomp out life on a narrow strip of beach near Vierville.

To make matters worse, the 105mm howitzers from Houtteville were now adding to the carnage. Elements of the German 716th and 352nd divisions kept up the intense fire from the bluffs overlooking the broad expanse of wet sand, now bloodied. Each sea-sick Yank received his own one-way ticket to hell on earth as the Americans poured ashore like so many sheep to a slaughter.

Meanwhile, U.S. Army Rangers, after suffering heavy casualties, had finally succeeded in scaling the cliffs of Pointe du Hoc, isolating the German defenders of Omaha Beach. The

foothold of the beach was now established. After four hours of intense battle, thousands of dead and wounded littered the narrow strip of beach. A make-shift open-air morgue was established at the foot of the bluffs. The dead lay in a neat row, as though in prone review, their combat boots protruding from under tarps, blankets and pieces of cardboard. At the waters edge, chunks of human torsos bobbed to and fro in the tide, still wrapped with inflated life belts. Wounded and shell-shocked survivors of the fierce struggle walked about like sleep-walkers. A few lay

against the sea wall, their eyes glazed over with terror, staring into space. It was time to count the dead.

Coast Guard-manned LCIs sat disabled on Omaha Beach, their sides pierced by 88s and machine gun fire as tiny wisps of smoke continued to curl up from the mutilated carcasses of steel. The broken bodies of Coast Guardsmen lay among the dead troops trapped in the coffin-like structures, packed together like so many dead mackerel in the hold of a fishing trawler. It had been a bountiful harvest for the Grim Reaper. Blood still leaked from the many holes in the hulls of the LCIs. When the channel

tide rocked the landing craft gently from side to side, the blood gushed forth to spill on the wet sands directly below. There were no lighthouses here on Omaha Beach for the Coast Guard to man; no horse patrols either. There was only Death.



American invaders clamber from a Coast Guard-manned LCI(L) into a landing barge for the last lap of the English Channel crossing which will bring them into harms way at landing sites such as Omaha Beach at Normandy.

Directory Assistance

To assist the CGCVA membership, here's a listing of helpful addresses, phones, fax numbers and web sites that cover a myriad of topics, some of which may impact you. Keep this listing as a reference:

Coast Guard Pay & Annuities — Contact the Commanding Officer (RAS), Coast Guard Human Resources Service & Information Center, 444 SE Quincy Street, Topeka, KS 66683-3591. Call toll-free at 1-800-772-8724. Commercial: (785) 357-3415. Fax: (785) 295-2639.

DEERS — www.dmdc.osd.mil. Or call your local ID issuing office at 1-800-538-9552; in CA: 1-800-334-4162; in AK & HI : 1-800-527-5602.

Report of Death — To report the death of a Coast Guard, NOAA retiree/annuitant, or a light-house keeper, call 1-800-772-8724; commercial phone (785) 357-3415; or FAX (785) 295-2639.

TRICARE & Medical Benefits — Visit the TRICARE web site at: www.tricare.osd.mil/.

Service Records — Contact the Nat'l Personnel Records Center for copies of DD-214's, personnel records, medical & dental records, and service medals. Requests must be in writing and include complete name, rank, SSN, dates of service, and date of birth. Write to: National Personnel Records Ctr, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63132-5200. Ph: (314) 538-4141.

Social Security — For information regarding benefits, call your local Social Security Office or toll-free at 1-800-772-1213. Or use their web site at: www.ssa.gov/SSA_home.html.

VGLI — For information on coverage with Veterans Group Life Insurance (VGLI), write to OSGLI at 213 Washington St., Newark, NJ 07102 or call 1-800-419-1473. Their web site is: www.va.gov/benefits/insurfaq.htm.

Miscellaneous Web Sites

More and more information is becoming available through the internet so, if you have internet service, an amazing amount of information is quickly available and right at your fingertips. Try some of the following:

www.irs.ustreas.gov — Ever wondered how to get those forms you needed for your taxes? Ask a tax related question? Check on your income tax return? This the site for you!

www.nara.gov/regional/mpr.html — Get the forms and information to request copies of military records.

www.va.gov — Connects you to the Veterans' Administration's main site and links you to the VA nearest you. Provides a wealth of information on how best to use the VA health care system and their policies, procedures and forms.

www.uscg.mil — The Coast Guard's Home Page; can link you to a variety of other CG sites for recruiting information, statistics, photos, etc. Find telephone numbers and addresses of all CG units world-wide; contact the CG Historian's Office for information and read the latest news releases on what the CG is doing.

www.fredsplace.org — If you haven't visited this site yet, try it. Fred is a retired Coastie and his site has an extensive "reunion hall" in which shipmates can find each other. Lots of CG memorabilia and information.

www1whs.osd.mil/icdhome/DDEFORMS.htm — Need a Dept. of Defense form? This is the place.

www.whitehouse.gov — E-mail the president and read press releases pertaining to current events. Contains links to a variety of government agencies and the Senate (www.senate.gov) and Congressional (thomas.loc.gov) web sites.

CGCVA Small Stores

The following CGCVA items are now available. Send orders to Baker Herbert at P.O. Box 544, Westfield Center, OH 44251-0544 or call (330) 887-5539, fax (330) 887-5639. E-mail USCWG64@aol.com. Please make checks payable to: CGCVA.



Baseball Caps

BASEBALL CAP; blue/black, gold-lettered "Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association," with CGCVA logo, one size fits all, plain visor ...\$11.00
Baseball Cap; same as above but white ...\$11.00

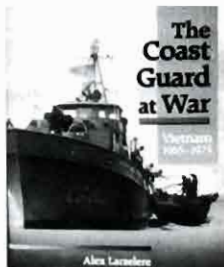
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CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS; Pick from: 327' Secretary Class; 255' Owasco Class; 311' Casco Class; 378' Hamilton Class (each with ship imprinted on front and list of cutters in class with commissioning & decommissioning dates on back); CGC Eagle; CGC Mackinaw; 44'er breaking through surf; CG Aviation with various aircraft; CGC Gallatin; CG Insignia; Commemoration of CG SPARS; Sandy Hook Lighthouse; 1st cutter Bear; 200th Anniversary of USCG; Army; Navy; Air Force; Marine Corps ...\$12.50 each (shipped in display box)



USCG Christmas Ornament

CGCVA EMBROIDERED LOGO; 4-inch ...\$5.00 2-inch CGCVA logo ...\$4.00



Book; "The Coast Guard At War, Vietnam 1965-1975"

FLAGS; U.S., USCG, and CGCVA, 10" with stand...\$10.00

BOOK; hardback, "The Coast Guard At War, Vietnam 1965-1975" by Alex Larzalere, sent book rate ...\$25.00 (**Special Reduced Price**)

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CGCVA Small Stores



36-foot Motor Life Boat model kit

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BOOK: "Coast Guard Navy of World War II" by William Knight. Coast Guard WWII history. \$30.00. (Unlimited supply)

PATCH BOOKS: Pick from Volume 1-A (White Cutters)

...\$13.50; Volume 1-B (Black Cutters) ...\$8.50; Volume 1-C (Red Cutters) ...\$6.50; Volume 2 (Aviation) ...\$10.50; and Volume 3 (Stations) ...\$14.50. These booklets are spiral-bound and will be shipped 4th class mail or bound printed matter.

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(The above prices include first class mailing with the exception of the Christmas Tree Ornaments which require special packing)



CG Bell HTL-4 Helicopter model kit

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From The President (cont. from page 2)

a chance to participate in a commemoration activity, try to do it... you'll probably be very glad you did.

I'd like to welcome the new members listed in this issue and encourage them to bring in others. Also, to try and attend our Convention & Reunion in October and get involved with Association activities.

I'd like to extend my congratulations to Lucinda Young on her selection as the first recipient of the CGCVA Scholarship and encourage our membership to let others know of this opportunity to assist deserving young men and women.

Finally, I hope everyone gets to participate in some form of Memorial Day and Coast Guard Day activity prior to the Reunion. Have a safe and fun spring and summer shipmates. Semper Paratus!

Joe Kleinpeter

My Thanks To The CGCVA

I wanted to thank you (Baker Herbert and Joc Rosado) again for presenting the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association Scholarship to me. I really appreciate the two of you taking the time to meet myself and my family in Willard. I know that my Dad was really excited to meet both of you and I know he had a lot to talk to you about. I also wanted to thank you for the lunch at the Country Kitchen; it was really good. I had a great time! Thanks again!

Lucinda Young

Vets In The Classrooms

A program started by **Ralph George** called "Veterans In The Classrooms" has made some significant advances in local schools by providing first person accounts of wartime experiences by veterans from all service branches.

So far, the program has dwelt on WWII with

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participants from the five services who served in the European, African and Pacific theaters speaking to history classes and answering questions. Mr. George hopes that the program can be expanded nationwide and include presentations by veterans who served in Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf and other campaigns. It could be coordinated through VFW Posts or other veterans organizations. Programs are videotaped so they can be shown to future generations. If anyone would like more information on how to establish a "Veterans In The Classrooms" program in their area, contact **Ralph George** at 14425 San Carlos Dr., Fountain Hills, AZ 85268.

Share Your Memories

Recently, CGCVA member James Everett and his wife Madeleine participated in Florida State University program, "Share Your Memories With History," held at the Tallahassee Civic Center. There were numerous exhibits, patriotic music by the Andrews Sisters, and an orchestra playing the service songs. And yes, they did play "Semper Paratus" and James and Madeleine stood when it was played. More than 7,000 attended the event.

Part of "Share Your Memories" at the university is the Reichelt Program For Oral History, which gathers historically pertinent information through tape-recorded interviews with veterans. The program began in 1969. Interviews are conducted, processed and archived according to professional guidelines established by the National Oral History Association. Interviewees are encouraged to edit their transcripts for accuracy



James and madeleine Ecerett at the Florida State University "Share Your Memories" exhibit at the Tallahassee Convention Center.

SAD NEWS

There was a great loss recently in the entertainment world. Larry LaPrise, the Detroit native who wrote the song "Hokey Pokey" died last week at age 83. It was especially difficult for the family to keep him in the casket though. They'd put his left leg in and... well you know the rest!

cy and receive copies of their interviews for personal records and family members.

To obtain more information on these programs, contact: **Dr. Robin Sellers**, Director of the Reichelt Program For Oral History at Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2200. Ph: (850) 644-4966; Fax: (850) 644-6402.

Navy/Coast Guard Vietnam Memorial

In early May 2000, a project commenced to construct a U.S. Navy/Coast Guard Vietnam Unit Memorial Monument at the U.S. Naval Amphibious Base in Coronado, CA. This monument will display individual plaques for Medal of Honor and Navy Cross recipients, the more than 2,500 Navy and seven Coast Guard casualties,

and more than 370 Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps units that served in Vietnam.

I feel the CGCVA should get onboard and support this project, both in terms of getting a CGCVA plaque included and through representation at the planned Dedication Ceremonies on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2000. Of course, personal contributions would also help out. Send contributions and request information from: **Ralph J. Fries** at (888) 610-6070. E-mail at: www.vietnamunitmemorialmon.org.

Let's help out!

Chris Wood
CG Squadron 3, Vietnam

CGCVA Auxiliary News

Auxiliary Members and Friends:

From information provided in the last *QD Log*, it sounds like there will be plenty of activities to keep everyone busy during the Reunion in Kentucky this October. We are looking forward to seeing a lot of wonderful folks, many for the first time while at the same time renewing friendships. We have met so many special people through the CGCVA and its Auxiliary, we really can't wait for October to get here.

Anyone who can be a volunteer during the Reunion, please let me know so some plans can be made ahead of time. The Auxiliary members normally help with registration and with the food at the Opening Ceremony and during the luncheon. Of course, there's probably other things



we can help with so I look forward to your suggestions.

Paul and I will be in the Fredericksburg, VA area from early May until its time to head to the Reunion in Kentucky. We look forward to time with family and friends in that area during the spring and summer months. There will also be some Coast Guard-related events we'll attend while there.

My e-mail is included in the *QD Log* (as is Paul's) but you can also write me at 118 Rainbow Drive #1868, Livingston, TX 77399. We get mail forwarded to us no matter where we are. You can also write to Nancy Burke, our Nat'l Secretary-Treasurer at 17728 Striley Drive, Ashton, MD 20861. Take care all!

Liz Scotti, CGCVA Auxiliary President



Coast Guard Combat Veterans Auxiliary Membership Application

Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First Init.

Address: _____
Street or Box Number City State Zipcode

Eligibility: _____ Sponsors Name: _____
Wife, Husband, Daughter, Son, Other-Explain

Amount of Membership Dues enclosed: \$ _____ Dues: \$10.00 Every 2 Years

Make Checks Payable to: CGCVA AUX

Nancy Burke, Secretary/Treasurer

17728 Striley Drive,

Ashton, MD 20861-9763

CGCVA Form #3A (Rev 12/96)

Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please read before completing application: Limited to Students 23 years of age or younger. This Application must be accompanied with the following: Minimum of Two (2) Reference letters. (Teacher, Pastor, Lawyer, etc.) Copy of GPA, Applicant must have a 2.75 average, furnish personal history in own words, and statement from their sponsor. Must be a relative of the sponsor (Son; Daughter, Grandson or Grand daughter) of a member in good standing, and shall be a second year student of a junior college or a third year student of a four-year college. Must show financial need.

STUDENT'S NAME:

Last	First	Middle Initial	Date of Birth		
Address	Apt. #	City	State	Zip	Tel. #

Social Security # _____

This hereby authorizes the CGCVA to verify records from the applicable Institutions, and/or all other sources deemed necessary by the CGCVA.

SPONSOR'S NAME:

Applicants Signature & Date

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Address	Apt. #	City	State	Zip	Tel. #

Send Completed Application w/attachments to:

Sponsors Signature & Date

Bob Maxwell
P.O. Box 2790
Burney, CA 96013

Date Received: _____ Complete: Yes No

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Awarded: _____
Date

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cc: Nat'l. Secretary/Treasurer
Nat'l. President



Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Please Print Clearly)

Personal Data

Name: _____ Date: _____

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Do you have two(2) Residences? Yes No

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Branch Of Service _____ Service Number _____ From _____ To _____

Important: This Application MUST be accompanied by either a copy of your Discharge (Both Sides); or, a copy of a DD-214; or, a copy of a DD-215; or, a copy of NAV/CG-553; or a copy of your letter of awards, or a copy of some other "Official" document that states your participation in or your direct support of a combat situation. You may further get a certified statement from a former shipmate who is a member of the CGCVA in "Good Standing," stating that you served with him on a particular ship/station during a particular period of time. Haitian service has recently been authorized the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal that qualifies for membership.

Rank/Rate: Present @ Discharge @ Retirement _____

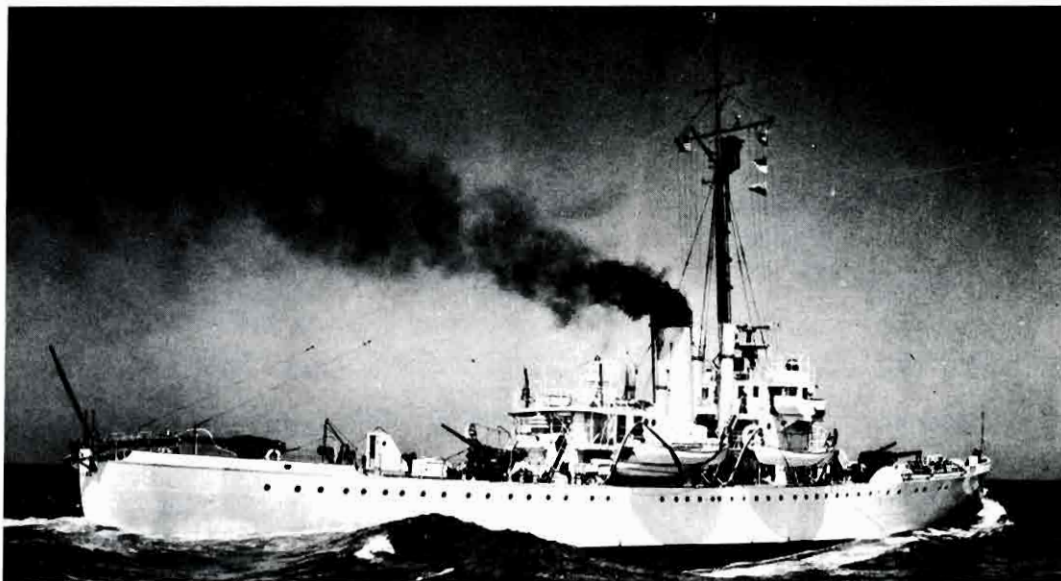
Dues: \$25.00 For 2 Years. Amount of Membership Dues Enclosed: \$ _____

Make Check/M.O. Payable To: CGCOMVETS

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Send To:

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