
Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association Newsletter

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"Tradition — Duty — Rapport"

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Dear Members, Lady Coasties and Fellow Coasties,

What a great year we have had. We have almost doubled our membership this year, and in this Season of Celebration, I wish to thank all of you.

Evelyn and I sincerely hope that you have all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah, and wish that you have a happy 1993 with good health and happiness.

Our meeting in Reno was a great success and all of your input was most helpful. I wish to thank all of you who attended and we look forward to seeing all of you and many more in '94, wherever our meeting may be. Remember to send your suggestions to our Chairman, Raymon C. Hertica, 14332 Hope St., Garden Grove, CA 92643. All suggestions will be looked at and be given consideration by the Board.

We all owe Vince Stauffer and Pat Denney and Dich Ahrens a boatload of bouquets for the work they put into all that is involved in putting on something like this. Of course, we can not overlook Frenchy Benoit and Ed Burke for the great job they did as bartenders, and Carol and Dick Ahrens and Ray and Gert Hertica at the registration desk. Jane Maxwell has always helped out tremendously and Reno was no exception. Herb Reith offered a laminating service for the benefit of Patriots Point. Baker kept us straight financially. Herb Weinstein certainly helped with clothing sales. A very new member, Art Green, stepped right in and really took some great photos. Art took the famous WWII gun tub photo aboard MENGES and went from Reno to New London for more photos at the DE Memorial Presentation to the CG Academy.

We now have a lot more people involved with Association duties, including recruiting. Paul Scotti has been there since the Association was founded, first as Secretary/Treasurer and now as Historian and our Director of Public Relations. Paul is interested in your history and that of your ship or units while with the USCG.

Since Reno, I have represented the Association at New London for the Destroyer Escort Sailors Association Memorial as well as making the Superintendent of the Academy an Honorary Member. RADM Tom Matteson, prior to his assignment as Academy Superintendent, helped the CGCVA with the 1990 Reunion in Baltimore. I was in Washington, DC for Veterans Day, November 11, which was also the 10th Anniversary of the Wall. I'm close to a Columbus, Ohio Vietnam Veterans Group and they were chosen as the Honor Guard and did the 21 Gun Salute. After the Wall, they laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and I was proud to represent the CGCVA. I'm not certain of National TV coverage but I do know it was covered by the Columbus OHIO TV stations.

On November 19-21, I was back in Washington to help the SPARS celebrate their 50th Anniversary. Talk about a celebration. They really put on a Great Celebration. The Coast Guard Band gave them a band concert, and on Saturday night, November 21st, the night of the banquet, the Coast Guard Commandant, Admiral Kime, Captain Stratton, who was the Director of the SPARS during WWII, now 94 years young, Rear Admiral (retired) Russell R. Waesche, Jr., former Commandant Gracey and several other Admirals and CG Captains were in attendance. As your President, I presented a plaque to the SPARS on behalf of our Association. They were very grateful. Some SPARS served in Hawaii, Alaska and Puerto Rico and are eligible for membership in the CGCVA.

Let us resolve that each member will get one new member this coming year. We will double our membership from the 1310 that we now have.

God Bless you all. Semper Paratus.

Dick Stent
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BY-LAW CHANGES. The changes recommended in the OCT-NOV-DEC 92 Newsletter were adopted plus LIFE MEMBERSHIPS and HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS added.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS: Member must be paid up in good standing and upon payment of following will be issued LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

Age Through 30	\$175.00
31-40	\$160.00
41-50	\$140.00
51-60	\$120.00
61-70	\$90.00
71-80	\$60.00
81 and over	\$50.00

Life members shall not be subject to further levies.

HONORARY MEMBERS: The President may nominate persons who are otherwise not eligible for membership in the CGCVA and with the approval of the majority of the Board of Directors may award HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS. Honorary Members will not be subject to dues and will have no vote in the Association.

NORMANDY USCG MONUMENT. Mr. Jim Ward, Director of Community Relations, USCG, Washington DC addressed the meeting and asked that the CGCVA spearhead the Normandy CG Memorial Monument in France. Mr. Ward stated that the USCG was prohibited from payment of funds towards any monument and believed that the CGCVA was the best organization to get a Normandy Monument in place. Retired CG Captain Quentin Walsh stressed the importance of establishing a policy now and start the planning for a CG Memorial at Normandy, France to correspond with the 50th anniversary of the invasion, June, 1994. Various estimates on the cost of a Monument have been reviewed and it is believed that a modest Memorial will cost between \$15,000. and \$20,000. which will not include the cost of travel to Normandy to arrange with French Officials for the placement of a monument. A perpetual maintenance fund may also be required. After discussion of this subject the membership elected to SUPPORT a Normandy CG Monument but not sponsor this project. As of December 15th, 1992 CGCVA has funds on hand in the amount of \$1840.00. The CGCVA earlier designated \$750.00 for this purpose, the CGCVA Auxiliary donated \$250.00. Private donations from James Hudlow, VADM K. K. Cowart and Frank Reinhold were received. The CGCVA Auxiliary donated \$90.00 in Reno, Al Courter turned in \$522.00 from raffle sales, Reno, Jim Bunch sent stamps to be sold for the memorial and so far \$48.00 has been received from stamp sales and in Reno, Ralph Chizek, CWO, Retired put a buck on Keno and said if he won the money would go to the Normandy Memorial. He hit \$100.00 and donated it. Accordingly, the CGCVA has \$1840.00 to date for the Normandy CG Memorial which will be used as the President and Board of Directors so direct.

AWARDS. The CGCVA honors one member of the USCG, who in the past two years has been a distinguished member of the USCG. CWO Karl Willis was honored upon receiving a recommendation from the USCG, which among other things stated that, "CWO Willis deployed to the Middle East on 24 hours notice in support of Desert Shield/Desert Storm. He embarked on various U. S. Navy ships, trained U. S. Navy and foreign personnel in interception and boarding tactics and techniques. CWO Willis and his team conducted 58 boardings and CWO Willis personally detected violations of United Nations sanctions aboard 6 vessels. While most of CWO Willis' accomplishments remain classified he did work for two months at sea with no liberty on a 24 hour call, seven days a week under high seas, poor visability and extreme heat. All six of the United Nations sanctions violations were personally detected by CWO Willis who was physically assaulted on many occasions and verbally assaulted on just about every boarding occasion." Others honored with an award were VADM Thomas R. Sargent III, Bob Maxwell, Past President, Don Kneip, Past Director, Dick Ahrens, Past Director, John Uithol, Former Director of Legislative Affairs, Baker Herbert, and NAS FALLON, Color Guard Unit.

BANQUET PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Edith Courter gave the history of the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag and led all present in the Pledge. Edith is the newly elected President of the CGCVA Ladies Auxiliary.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER. Vice Admiral Thomas Reece Sargent III, USCG (Ret) gave the keynote speech. Admiral Sargent pointed out the importance of our Coast Guard "roots", the professionalism of past and present CG personnel and the fact that the Coast Guard does not tolerate any form of discrimination. The "Bender Blues" were mentioned as one additional tool for CG Boarding personnel which presents them in a more of a law enforcement type of uniform and of course the distinction of a separate Coast Guard uniform. Admiral Sargent was the former Vice Commandant of the USCG, was born in London, England and naturalized a U. S. citizen in 1930. Upon graduating from the USCG Academy in 1938, Ensign Sargent made his very best decision when he proposed to and was accepted by Lucy Berg of Quaker Hill, Connecticut. They were married later that year. Prior to and during the early part of WWII, Admiral Sargent saw service in MODOC (was aboard at the time of the BISMARK encounter), Commanded Sub Chaser PC-469, served in DUANE as Engineering Officer and Commanded USS SANDUSKY PF-54. SANDUSKY had a group at the reunion. During Viet Nam, Admiral Sargent served as Project Officer for the TOP SECRET "Operation Tight Reign", a Loran-C chain in Southeast Asia. The normal construction time for a Loran-C chain is 32 months but this baby was on the air in less than 6 months. For WWII service Admiral Sargent received the Bronze Star and for Viet Nam Tight Reign work he received the Legion of Merit. Admiral Sargent always took care of his "people". In his speech, the Admiral discussed the ADMIRAL ARNOLD SOBEL SCHOLARSHIPS. Rear Admiral Sobel was present when Admiral Sargent made note of the scholarships, which are four 4 year college full scholarships. Any questions about the scholarships should be directed to Admiral Sobel c/o CGCVA.

SEA STORIES. CWO4, USCG (Ret) Ira Beal told a tale of being one of two members of the CGC NORTHLAND who volunteered to spend a year in Greenland, living off of the land. The time was Summer/Fall, 1941. Apparently there was some type of housing but survival depended on living as an Eskimo. Operating a low frequency radio and perhaps a direction finder was the mission. It was perhaps the NORTH STAR that eventually picked the two up a year later. Not exactly a day at the beach. Could things have been worse? Yes, Ira's next assignment was on a Norweigan Island which upon occasion saw a few German planes. Ira and the Ship's Cook shot down a fokker (Junker) and the plane crashed out to sea.

NORMANDY RAFFLE. V.I.P. Travel, prior to CGCVA members having purchased the required 40 tickets, donated one round trip ticket for continental US travel. The Players Club donated a one year membership and Bargain Publishers donated 1,000 Coast Guard Type business cards. Al Courter handled this operation and made the Association \$522.00 for the Normandy Monument. Winners of the raffle were: Art Green, airline ticket; Jack Mathis, one year membership to Players Club and Richard Novotny, 1,000 Coast Guard type calling cards. Great job, Al.

REUNION PHOTOS. Art Green, WWII CG Combat Photographer and the Coastie who took the famous "Gun Tub" photo aboard MENGES, took many photographs at the Reunion. While the photo album was displayed in Reno (Art doesn't fool around - 1 hour photo service) many may not have seen the album which will be available at future reunions. Thanks, Art for great photos.

CGCVA PENNANT. Pete Lasanen and his wife spent over 200 hours making a beautiful CGCVA Pennant which was presented to the Association by Al Courter since Pete was unable to attend. Pete retired from the CG as a Master Chief Petty Officer. What did George Washington say to his troops before crossing the Delaware? "All Hands, lay to the boats". Pete said something like that to the Germans in Greenland who were operating a weather station. Pete, unarmed, and the Germans with guns, approached his motor whale boat. Pete calmly told them to step aboard, took them back to the NORTHLAND where they were arrested for violation of the Neutrality Act, or some such, in 1941. The CGCVA has Pete on video from the NORTHLAND Reunion, September, 1991.

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CGCVA LADIES AUXILIARY. Edith Courter was elected President of the CGCVA Ladies Auxiliary, Ellen Clawson was elected Vice President and Jane Maxwell was re-elected Secretary/Treasurer. The Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon in Reno hosted a VA Spokesperson who discussed survivor benefits. All wives, daughters, sisters, mothers-in-law, mothers, sisters-in-law, and grandmothers and grandmothers-in-law are welcome as members. For further information write: Jane Maxwell, Drawer 2790, Burney, CA 96013 or call Edith Courter at 813-856-7387. Dues are \$10.00 every two years. In addition to a previous donation of \$250.00 for the CG Normandy Monument, \$90.00 was donated by the CGCVA Ladies Auxiliary towards the monument in Reno.

MENGES SHIPMATES. Art Green and Sy Lein met after almost fifty years. These two were sleeping in the aft berthing compartment when a Chief Machinist Mate awakened them for GQ. Shortly thereafter the fan tail of the MENGES was blown away by a U-Boat torpedo. Sy also served in LST-18 and he was able to join shipmates Bob Lorenzo, Raul Ochoa and Curtis Norman.

KEY WEST, NORTHLAND and TAMPA mini reunions were held concurrently with the CGCVA. Bob Maxwell initiated the policy of inviting all CG units to share in CGCVA reunions without any obligation to join.

VIDEO TAPING. Fred McLendon, TAMPA and SEBAGO, taped a good bit of the Reno activities.

FOUNDING MEMBERS PRESENT. Paul and Liz Scotti hosted cocktail reunion for 1985 members who were in Reno. Present were Noel Bell, Gil Benoit, Paul Ewalt, Ned Fontaine, John Gnegy, Baker and Marylou Herbert, R. W. Madura, Vice Admiral and Mrs. Tom Sargent and of course, the Scottis. There was general disbelief that from fifteen founding members the Association has grown to twelve hundred.

OLDEST MEMBER PRESENT. Frank Prince was born when the world moved into the 20th century. His family relocated to the "Show Me" State and at an early age he joined the U. S. Coast & Geodectic Survey. Perhaps the heroic deeds of WWI Coast Guardsmen added to the awards Congress bestowed upon Revenue Cutter Service men in the Spanish American War that caused Frank to enlist in the Coast Guard in 1919. In those days the Coast Guard did not follow the rating structure of the U. S. Navy so Frank was "Ordinary Seaman - Acting Quartermaster". Frank recalls that officers had ranks like 1st Lieutenant, 2nd Lieutenant and 3rd Lieutenant, Captain, Senior Captain and Captain Commandant. Ranks and ratings of the U. S. Navy were adopted in about 1920. It has been reported that in 1920 or thereabouts, 90% of the CG Officers wanted to be absorbed as part of the USN - Congress thought otherwise of this group of about 3500 enlisted, 395 Warrant Officers and 200 Commissioned Officers. The annual budget was about 10 million dollars. In 1924 Coast Guard appropriations went to almost 14 million and the service almost doubled in size since the Treasury Department had the responsibility to enforce the Volstead Act, or as we remember it, prohibition. Frank learned navigation under R. R. Waesche in 1920, was promoted to Warrant Officer in 1924 and was assigned as gunnery and watch officer, USCGC BEAR. Frank spent considerable time on Bering Sea Patrol, sounded a 150 year salute to the US off Nome, Alaska in 1926 and with the addition of some black powder blew out a few windows in Nome homes. After a tour in Cleveland, Ohio, 1934-39 Frank was assigned to the SPENCER. It was there that Frank was asked to help train Douglas Munro and Ray Evans, plus about ten other recruits. Frank commanded the ICARUS and served in the "Lucky" CHASE and worked as a ship's pilot after retiring from the USCG in 1950.

U. S. COAST GUARD HISTORICAL MONOGRAPH PROGRAM - THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD IN SOUTH EAST ASIA DURING THE VIETNAM CONFLICT - BY Lieutenant Eugene N. Tulich, USCG - 1975. Jack Hawkins, CGCVA Member, copied and shipped many copies of this Monograph to Reno and they were picked up by interested members. Thanks so much, Jack. Commander Tulich did an outstanding job on this Monograph.

MEMORIBILIA ROOM, RENO: Lost, 1 Vietnam pipe and 8 news papers, USS CAMBRIA, June 1944 to August 1944. Please contact the Association if you have any information regarding these lost items.

KEITH JORGENSON PRESENT. The WWII writer of "Jergy's Journal" was in Reno. The August, 1942 issue of the Coast Guard Magazine, page 18, relates, "Our Anniversary. A lot of water has passed under the bridge since our little old 'outfit' celebrated its 151st anniversary, just one year ago. This month marks the celebration of its 152nd.

Back there in 1789, when Alexander Hamilton fought tooth and nail with the U. S. Congress to establish that 'small fleet of cutters' he little knew what an important part the boys in the Coast Guard were going to play in putting the United States on the map. Navies of all sizes were established by countries all over the world. Even our own United States set up a fighting outfit to take care of the various wars we had to contend with. But all the time the Coast Guard kept on keeping the sea lanes safe in peace times or otherwise. Coast Guardsmen kept going to sea in all kinds of weather, giving and taking all Motor Nature had to offer. Thousands and thousands of dollars were saved in shipwrecks. Thousands and thousands of tons of merchant shipping were rescued to keep the merchant marine on a steady basis.

With the building of all the navies little was said about the Coast Guard. People's eyes automatically looked toward the glamorous side of the Navy. No one could picture the daily life of the average Coast Guardsman. Only the mothers and families of the men and the men themselves knew what guts and backbone it took to keep that white fleet of cutters on the water ready to get underway at the sound of a recall. And so on down through the past century and a half they have been giving and giving, and getting very little in return.

But now with the passage of the last two years the Coast Guard is rapidly becoming one of the determining factors of the present conflict. Drifting away slightly from its original duties, the Coast Guard is beginning to spread out and hit in many of the four corners of the world. Leaving an ample supply of men on the home shores to guard our coast line, our cutters and men on the transports are right out there with the Navy pinning back the ears of any one who doubts our way of life. In the last two years alone the Coast Guard has increased its size by six times. Who knows what will take place during the next two years?

For those old timers that held on with the Coast Guard and for those other people who have always had undying faith in 'Semper Paratus', the Coast Guard will continue to answer the call whenever requested. There will never be a doubt in their minds that when the thick of the fray is actually boiled down there will be found the boys with 'the shield' right in the middle of it. And after the whole war is over the Coast Guard will settle down to resume once again its duties of preserving life and property at sea. Off will go the guns, and the cutters will once again be tied up to the docks with a single line, awaiting the call of a vessel in distress. Claiming no laurels--wanting none." ~

RAY O'MALLEY. No doubt some of our members had their bags packed for Reno and at the last minute were unable to make the trip. Ray O'Malley had his car serviced, bags packed and was all set to leave when he was detained for medical reasons and hospitalization. He called to say he would miss everyone at the reunion but will be there in 1994. Ray is the sole living survivor of the ESCANABA which was torpedoed in the North Atlantic during WWII. Only two Coasties got clear of the ship. Ray is a fixture in Grand Haven during Coast Guard week. Hope you are well and back in the swing of things, Ray.

COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

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

2. This Association has assumed the responsibility of maintaining the gravesite, located in Cle Elum, Washington, of Signalman First Class Douglas A. Munro, USCG, recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

CONSTITUTION

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

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - ORGANIZATION

This association formed under the authority of the foregoing Constitution will be organized as provided hereinafter:

(1) **NAME:** This Association shall be called the "Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association," hereinafter referred to as the "Association."

(2) **HEADQUARTERS:** There is no permanent Headquarters. Headquarters shall rotate to such place as the elected President shall designate.

(3) **ASSOCIATION OFFICERS:** The Association shall be governed by a President, Vice Presi-

dent, Secretary and Treasurer and a Board of Directors consisting of five members.

(4) **TERM OF OFFICE:** Officers, except for the Secretary and Treasurer, shall be nominated and elected by a "show of hands" at each regular reunion/convention of the members. Due to the necessity of having the President, Secretary and Treasurer in constant contact, taking into consideration places of residences, compatibility and the needs of the Association the Secretary and Treasurer shall be appointed by the President. No elected officer shall succeed him/ herself in any office to which elected more than one time. The term of office of the elected officers shall commence at the reunion/convention at which elected and be for a period of two years, except for the members of the Board of Directors which is covered in Article IV(e)(3) below. In the event of a vacancy caused by resignation, illness, death or removal for "cause", a replacement shall be appointed by the President to complete the term of that member. If the office of President becomes vacant the Vice President shall succeed to the Presidency.

(5) **PURPOSE:** The primary purpose of this Association shall be to foster good fellowship, social activities and to accomplish the programs as outlined in the Preamble.

(6) **AUXILIARY:** Effective 16 July 1988, there shall be an Auxiliary providing for the membership of spouses of members in good standing, such Auxiliary to provide their own organization and By-Laws.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP:

1. Membership in this Association shall be limited to:

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

(b) The widow or widower of those listed in (a) above shall be considered members and shall be dues free without voting privilege. These members shall not hold office.

(c) The Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, if not otherwise eligible, shall be recog-

nized as an Honorary Member without voting privilege. The President, with the consent of the Board of Directors, may authorize additional Honorary Membership without voting privileges.

(d) Associate Membership status is permitted for people who are presently in, served in, or retired from the United States Coast Guard who meet the combat criteria while in the service of another Armed Force (United States or foreign). Members of the United States Public Health Service who served as members of a United States Coast Guard Combat Command shall be eligible for this membership status.

ARTICLE III - DUES

1. Dues shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) per year.

2. Dues are considered due and payable at biennial intervals commencing 2 years from the month of initial membership. Dues notices shall be sent out by the Treasurer at least 60 days in advance of the due date of the renewal. Members not responding to the dues notice shall be sent an overdue notice approximately 30 days after renewal date. Members not responding to an overdue notice may be dropped from the active member rolls. Any member dropped from the active rolls may be reinstated by submitting the necessary dues and applications.

3. Life Memberships are available to paid members in good standing at the following fees:

Thru age 30	\$175.00
31-40	160.00
41-50	140.00
51-60	120.00
61-70	90.00
71-80	60.00
81 & older	50.00

Life Members shall not be subject to further levies.

The Treasurer shall deposit Life Membership monies in a Restricted Fund called the Life Membership Account and invested as directed by the Board of Directors. Income derived by such investments shall be utilized as directed by the President.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

1. Officers of this Association named in Article I are vested with authority and charged to perform

duties as follows:

(a) **PRESIDENT:**

(1) Has overall responsibility for conducting the official business of the Association and it shall be the President's duty to give careful attention to the work of the Association, and to carry into effect the policies determined upon by the majority of the membership. The President shall:

(2) Call meetings and reunions/conventions at such time and place as the Board of Directors determines necessary and to preside at and determine the order of business.

(3) Have authority to direct the functions of all committees appointed by the President.

(4) Review and sign newsletters to the membership. Newsletters shall be prepared and distributed to the membership on a quarterly basis.

(5) Make commitments and expenditures within the limitations prescribed by these By-Laws.

(6) Authorize all checks signed by the Treasurer.

(7) The fiscal records of the Association shall be audited by a committee appointed by the President at least every other year, or when ordered by the President. A written report on the outcome of the audit will be submitted by the Chairman of the Audit Committee to the President and read at the next regular meeting for acceptance by the membership.

(b) **VICE PRESIDENT** shall:

(1) Be the first assistant to the President in all affairs concerning the Association.

(2) Automatically assume the office of President should the office become vacant for any reason.

(3) In the absence of the President at any official or social function, perform the duties of the President as outlined in these By-laws.

(c) **SECRETARY** shall:

(1) Assist the President in conducting of official business.

(2) Give notice to the membership of the time and place for holding reunion/conventions.

(3) Maintain all Association files and records other than fiscal.

(4) Prepare and distribute to the membership a Newsletter when directed by the President.

(e) **TREASURER** shall:

(1) Institute and maintain an accurate fiscal record of the Association, account for any monies received from whatever source and deposit them into the Association's authorized account(s) at

the earliest reasonable time.

(2) Prepare all drafts against the Association funds for settling Association debts, as authorized by the President and in accordance with these By-Laws.

(c) **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

(2) The immediate past President of the Association shall be seated as a member of the Board replacing the prior immediate past President.

(3) Of the four elected Board members, one shall serve for a period of eight (8) years, one for a period of six (6) years, one for a period of four (4) years and one for a period of (2) years. The member serving for the two year term shall also serve as the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

(4) The Board shall direct the President as to the frequency and location of reunion/conventions.

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

(6) Approve all expenditures of Association funds in amounts of \$1,000.00 or more.

ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES

(1) Standing committees shall be appointed by the President, but shall not exceed the tenure of the President's term in office.

(2) The Chairperson of all committees shall be designated by the President. The Chairperson shall appoint members to serve on his/her committee.

ARTICLE VI - VOTING

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

ARTICLE VII - BY-LAWS

Changes: A request for change in the By-Laws may be submitted by any member in good standing. Requests for changes must be submitted to the Board of Directors at least six months prior to a regularly scheduled reunion/convention. A change is defined as any alteration that materially affects the intent and/or meaning of the Article being considered. Corrections to the By-Laws that change neither the meaning nor the intent of the Article under consideration will be determined by the Association officers. Notice of such changes and/or corrections will be presented, and voted on by members in attendance, at the next regular Association reunion.

ADOPTED, July, 1986, Reno, Nevada

CORRECTED/AMENDED, July, 1988,

Reno, Nevada

CORRECTED/AMENDED, July, 1990, Balti-

more, Maryland

APPROVED, Board of Directors, 8-9 December, 1990. Reno, Nevada

CORRECTED/AMENDED, October, 1992,

Reno, Nevada.

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Sy Lein, Curtis Norman, Raul Ochoa, Robert Lorenzo and J. Clooney, LST-18 with their flag from Leyte. *Photo by Art Green.*



Destroyer Escort plaque of CG Manned USN Destroyers, WWII, presented by the Destroyer Escort Sailors Association at New London, Connecticut. *Photo by Art Green.*



Herb Reith salutes and places carnation at DE Memorial, New London, Connecticut. *Photo by Art Green.*



Keith Jorgenson, Frank Prince and CGCVA President Dick Stent. *Photo by Art Green.*

NEW MEMBERS

ADDISON, Erman C. - BIBB, CGC 186 & LST 20 - Jim Bunch
 AKERS, Melvin L. - CARTIGAN, SEA CLOUD & USNF 1503 - Self
 ALBERS, Bernard A. - MOJAVE, ADM. W. L. CAPPS & LILAC - Joe Houghton
 AMELKIN, Adolph - GRESHAM & GEN GORDON - The Association
 ANDERSEN, Carlo A. - USS BANGOR & USS GRAND ISLAND - Frank Reinhold
 ANTICO, Joseph J. - USS MARCHAND, USS WM. WIEGEL & USS EL PASO - The Association
 ARCHER, Kenneth J. - ARROWWOOD, LST-68, FS-182 & ARS DULUTH - Commandant's Bulletin
 AVAKIAN, Albert A. - USS HARVESON - Paul M. Hayes
 BANKSTON, Luther V. - LST Group Staff 86 - George F. Huepers
 BARNHILL, Ernest E. - KEY WEST - Vince Positan
 BENCIK, JR. Edward J. - ADMIRAL CAPPS - Joe Houghton
 BERTKE, Michael L. - MORGENTHAU - Chuck Huyler
 BIBBY, Raymond R. - LST 768, ONONDAGA, FIR, MANZANITA, MC LANE, RANDALL - The Association
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 COLTON, John W. - Vince Stauffer
 CONRAD, Charles - LST-168 & LST-170 - David C. Hughes
 COOK, Francis J. - BIBB, CHELAN, NANSEMOND, LANSING & VANCE - Herb Reith
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 du MOULIN, Charles T. - TAHOMA & GEN GEO. RANDALL - Jim Bunch
 DUNCAN, T. Marvin - HOWARD D. CROWE & SHELIAC - Jim Bunch
 ESPE, William K. - USS PETTIT & MACKINAW - The Association
 FILBURN, JR. Kenneth - COOK INLET - The Association
 FITCH, Jesse C. - FP-167 - Jim Bunch
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 GILLETTE, Gordon D. - USS CHAMBERS - Herb Reith
 GJESDAL, Harvey - PSU-301 Desert Storm - Herb Reith
 GREEN, Art - MENGES - The Association
 GREJCZIK, Raymond N. - USS MC CAWLEY & USS SAMUEL CHASE - Frank A. Dina
 HAGERTY, William F. - GEN WEIGEL & Pacific Loran - The Association
 HALLMAN, Dwayne W. - Desert Storm - Karl Willis
 HARGEST, Thomas S. - HARVESON - The Association
 HARRIS, Herbert R. - SAN PEDRO, POCATELLO, INGHAM - Jim Clawson
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 HENRIQUE, Frank E. - LST 70 - Jim Bunch
 HINES, Robert L. - USS MARCHARD & USS GEN W. P. RICHARDSON - Bryce Lord
 HOLLERN, Daniel F. - USS PRIDE & FIREBUSH - Richard Stent
 HORNE, John T. - USS BROWNSVILLE & LST 790 - Herb Reith
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 HUTCHINSON, Jack B. - USS CHAMBERS - Herb Reith
 IRWIN, James L. - GEN WM. WEIGEL - Jim Bunch
 JACOBS, Merville P. - USS HURST - Herb Reith
 JAHNES, Henry J. - 83300 & RESFLO-1 - Jack Read
 JANSSON, Ronnie E. - Vietnam & RED BIRCH - Jim Bunch
 JONES, Tad C. - SPENCER - Jack Ridley

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 KERWIN, John F. - BIBB - Jim Bunch
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 LAMBRINOS, Peter - CALLAWAY - Plankowner & decommissioned - Al Courter
 LAVINGHOUSE, JR. Evan F. - PANDORA - Jim Bunch
 LAWTON, Arthur F. - ADM. CAPPS, ILEX & TAMPA - Joe Houghton
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 LOGUE, Carroll R. - USS WAKEFIELD & USS SAVAGE - Herb Reith
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 MARGRAVE, Harold R. - NORTHLAND, EASTWIND, WESTWIND & GEN H. L. SCOTT - Al Courter
 MARTIN, Clyde E. - WWII - The Association
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 MC GINNISS, Hugh - PSU 303 Desert Storm - Herb Reith
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 NORMAN, James G. - WWII - Baker Herbert
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 OLIVER, Everett P. - RVN 69 - Chuck Williams
 PALMER, John E. - WAKE ROBIN, JONQUIL & MILLEDGEVILLE - The Association
 PANZIERI, Louis F. - MAHONING, 83400 & USS GEN GREELY - Jim Bunch
 PASEK, Raymond J. - Joseph T. DICKMAN - Jim Bunch
 PIZZULLI, Dominick - LST-16 - The Association
 RAISSIS, Nicholas J. - WINSOCKETT - The Association
 RALEIGH, Harry S. - GEN HOWZE & SAGEBRUSH - Raymond Runyon
 REINHART, Edmund L. - ORCHID & MENKAR - 13th Dist. CG Retiree Newsletter (Al Grantham)
 RIKER, Jan T. - Desert Storm - Richard Stent
 ROGOWSKY, Walt D. - LST 795 - David C. Hughes
 ROSENTHAL, Sam - USS AQUARIUS - Self
 RUSCH, Joseph M. - TAMPA - Al Courter
 SEIDLE, Joseph K. Jr. - DANMARK - Al Duffield
 SEWARD, Michael R. - PSU303 Desert Storm - Self
 SHEFFIELD, Raymond E. - GEN R. L. HOWZE - Jim Bunch
 SHIGLEY, Herschel W. - Korea/Vietnam - CG Retiree Newsletter
 SIMON, Abraham - LST-327 & KICKAPOO - Martin Litinger
 SMITH, Stewart E. - PON, MINNETONKA & CLOVER - Worley Bunch
 SOCKWELL, Pierson - LST-66 - Commodore Bill Hoover
 SPALDING, Harry J. - SORREL, STORIS & USNF-1503 - Jim Bunch
 SPARROW, Joshua S. - USS BARRETT & USS RICHEY - Leonard Nicholson III
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 SPINELLI, Thomas R. - USS ALBUQUERQUE & USS LST-788 - The Association
 STEPICH, Nicholas - CAMPBELL, FS-317 & LST-66 - NORMAN RABKIN

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THOMAS, Robert A. III - LEDET/DESERT STORM - Karl Willis
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TRACEY, John J. - ALGONQUIN & TUPELO - Jim Bunch
VANDERMEER, Douglas D. - ARTHUR MIDDLETON, LST-762, FINCH & TANEY - The Association
VEZO, Robert E. - LST-381 - The Association
WALSH, John D. III - PSU-301 - Ken Bisonette
WALSH, J. O. K. - PT WELCOME, PT. BANKS & PT. MARONE - Quentin Walsh
WERTH, George C. - PAMLICO & ANDROSCOGGIN - Vince Stauffer
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WILLIAMS, Robert C. - USS NEWELL - Self
WILLIS, Karl R. - Desert Storm - Baker Herbert
WULF, Paul A. - MENGES, HUDSON, NEWELL, FALGOUT - Herb Reith
WYRICK, Jack R. - AURORA & NEMESIS - Dick Stent
YASINSKI, Walter - BIBB & Navy-26 - The Association
RADM Arnold I. SOBEL - LST-24 & ERIDANUS (Re-listing)

LIFE MEMBERS

Michael Opsitnik
Maynard Fontaine
Robert Maxwell
Curt F. Steib
John Gnegy
Harold Margrave
John Klingensmith
Richard Stent

As of 12/23/92 1316 members have signed up with CGCVA. Paul Scotti started keeping a record as of 8/26/87. Before that we just made donations.

WIVES OF CGCVA OR OTHER COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS

Widows of CGCVA members or other Coast Guard Combat Veterans are given a dues free status in the CGCVA and receive the newsletter without charge.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 12/23/92 funds on hand are \$6,495.83. Of this amount \$1,840.00 is earmarked for "Normandy CG Monument", \$78.00 is on hand for Patriots Point and \$550.00 is in the Life Membership Account.

CGCVA NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter is published quarterly each year, beginning with JAN-FEB-MAR for the benefit of CGCVA Members, a Non-profit Veterans Organization as defined by the U. S. Revenue Code. Articles are welcome but they should be clearly printed and ready for printing as we have no staff. Send articles to: CGCVA, 6858 Lafayette Road, Medina, OH 44256, which is the business office of the CGCVA. Baker Herbert is the editor, typist and proof-reader (laugh laugh). The CGCVA is looking for an editor with experience to take over this operation.

The Association phone number is 216-725-6527.

CROSSING THE BAR

Alfred Lord Tennyson

Sunset and evening star,
Ane one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and form,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farwell,
When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

EUGENE CORRIGAN - USS MOHAWAK

CLYDE S. DELANOY - LST-22, MC LANE

SAM J. FURIOSO - RESFLO-L, CGC 83514.

THOMAS HANSEN - 83400/CGC CHAUTAUQUA

CWO STEPHEN L. LYON - MOJAVE, GRESHAM, SHELIAK

WALTER YASINSKI - BIBB/NAVY-26

RADM JOHN F. THOMPSON - CAMPBELL/HARVESON

Wanted - 1942 CG addendum to a Bluejacket manual. Contact R. J. Soafer, 6613 Via Arroyo Dr., Buena Park, CA 90620 (714) 527-7260.

Wanted - Head band for old CG dress blue flat hat, "U. S. Coast Guard". Harold Wade, 2676 Stonebury Dr., Rochester Hills MI 48307.

Wanted - 45/70 Springfield Trap Door - Fred Todd - (201) 762-5057

CUTTER - The U. S. Coast Guard defines a "Cutter" as any vessel 65 feet in length or more, that can accommodate a crew for extended deployment. Cutter sizes range from 65 to 399 feet; crews range in size from six to more than 180 people. USCG COMMANDANT'S BULLETIN.

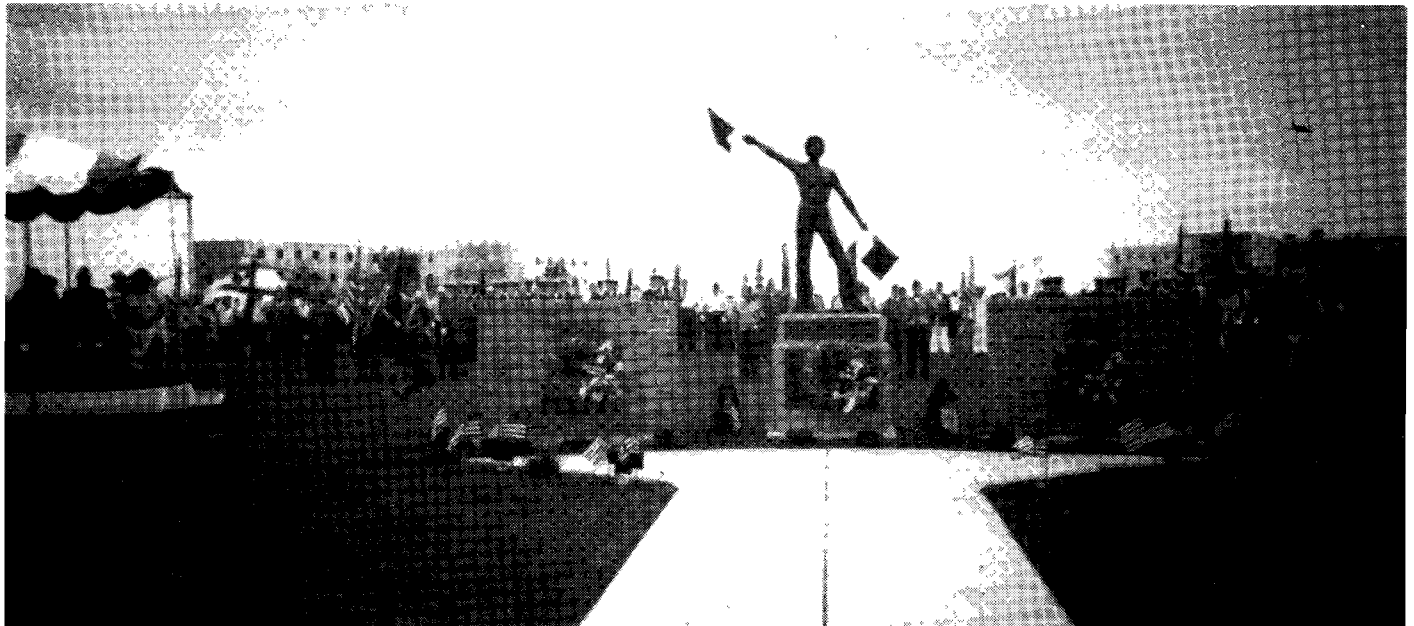


DOUGLAS MUNRO HONORED

CGCVA Members Vince Stauffer, Pat Denney and Frank Prince participated in the memorial ceremonies for Douglas A. Munro at Cle Elum, Washington. Below photograph shows the the stone purchased by the CGCVA for the Munro gravesite. The bronze plate on the stone was sponsored by the Chief Petty Officers Association of the CG.



Commodore Bill Hoover, past president, CGCVA and member John Stamford placed a wreath made of white carnations with one red rose, formed in the shape of a CG Shield at the statue honoring Douglas Munro, Coast Guard Training Center, Cape May, NJ on September 26th, 1992. Bill Hoover, and wife Libby, donated the wreath. The New Jersey VFW sponsored the statue of Munro at the Coast Guard Training Center, Cape May.



Christopher F. Wood
12 Curtis St
Stafford Spgs., CT 06076

Dear CGCVA Members,

On November 11, 1992 the CGCVA awarded posthumous life membership to the seven Coast Guardsmen killed in action during the Vietnam War. This idea was conceived by myself and association Treasurer Baker Herbert back in October when I called him and asked if anyone had done this in the past. He said he didn't think so and thought it was a great idea. I told him that my idea was to make rubbings from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, (The Wall), mount them each on a backer board with the statement "(name) is hereby posthumously awarded life membership into the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association in honor of the sacrifice he gave while serving his country in the United States Coast Guard this the 11th day of November 1992". Then attach the CGCVA logo pin to each and place them in plastic for protection against the weather. As I was going to Washington D.C. for the 10th anniversary of The Wall I offered to place each plaque at the panel listing each of their names. Baker in turn mailed me the logo pins. I contacted the Friends of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, a group dedicated to helping veterans, friends and family as they relate to The Wall and asked if they could do the rubbings for me. This would give me time to prepare them as mentioned. After I explained what our idea was they said they would be glad to assist in this project and mailed the rubbings within a week. I immediately responded with a thank you letter on behalf of the association. The Statement of life membership was done by a co-worker of mine Jim Rusate. Jim created them on his computer and was also happy to be a part of our project. Finally I put all the pieces together and created the (7) plaques.

Me and my son Joshua departed Connecticut for DC on Monday evening Nov. 9th and arrived at our hotel at about 1 A.M. on Tuesday. We hit the rack for a few hours then got up and took the Metro into the city. Our first stop was the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum. If you've never been there put it on your list of places to see. Next we walked over to the Museum of Natural History. It is also a great place to visit. I was most impressed by the rocks and mineral display. Last on our list of sights to see at the Smithsonian was the Museum of American History. They had set up a special exhibit of articles that were left at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. By the time we got there the waiting line was about 3-4 hours so we decided to return in the morning at 10 when the doors opened. Our last stop of the day was The Wall. There was quite a crowd there walking around and visiting all the information booths as well as the vendors selling T-shirts pins and patches etc.

On Wednesday November 11th Veterans Day we got up early and were at The Wall at about 8:30. I stopped at the directory to double check on the location of each name. By this time the people were pouring in, many bringing a memento to leave at The Wall. Our first stop was at panel number 58W for Jack Rittichier. I placed his plaque in a clear area just below his name, stood back at attention and gave a hand salute. We then proceeded down the walkway placing the remaining (6) plaques at their respective panels as we had done for Jack. It was a real honor for me to have done this for our fallen brothers. As soon as we finished we high tailed it over to the Museum as planned to see the display of articles. The doors were being unlocked just as we arrived (boy timing is everything) and we ran right up to the 3rd floor where the exhibit was. It was very moving to see the many different articles left by friends and loved ones. One can only imagine

and the meeting must be for them. As we left the museum a parade was underway, down Constitution Ave. headed toward The Wall. We followed along until we all ended up at the Memorial. At about 12 Noon the walkway along The Wall was closed to prepare for the 10th Anniversary Commemoration. We walked over to get a good spot to view and hear the guest speakers. While we were waiting I began to look at the people in the crowd and as I turned around a "Medal of Honor" came into view. I walked over to the man and as we shook hands I told him it was an honor to meet someone who was awarded our nations highest honor. A few minutes later a fellow came past us walking thru the crowd. I reached out and grabbed him by the shoulders and said "I know you". Turns out it was Bob Magagna, a fellow crewmember from the Chases Vietnam Cruise. We hadn't seen each other in 22 years. It was good to see another Coastie come to The Wall.

The Commemoration started out about 12:30 by the playing of some music related to the Vietnam experience. One song in particular, a sad tune to say the least really got to me and as I looked up and saw all those names I broke down and began to cry. My son Josh put his arms around me and held me. I guess I really needed to shed a tear for those who didn't come home. In a funny kind of way it feels good to cry. It's a kind of bonding with the names. Tears are the only thing I can offer now, but in my heart I know it is enough. At 1:00 the speakers began with Ron Barbard, President of the Prudential Insurance Company introducing the Master of Ceremonies and President and founder of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund Jan Scruggs. He spoke of The Wall, how it all started and what it means today. He was followed by the Joint Armed Services Color Guards Presentation of Colors. Welcoming remarks were offered by Harry Robinson, III Board of Directors Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund and James Kidenour, Director National Park Service. Both gave moving speeches about the Memorial. The Opening Prayer was offered by Father Philip Salois, President National Conference of Vietnam Veteran Ministries. The Prayer was followed by The Pledge of Allegiance lead by Reverend John Steer, Founder and Director Fort Steer Charlotte, Ark. Colors were then retired. Additional remarks were offered by Rocky Bleier, Former Pittsburgh Steeler and Vietnam Veteran, Anni Booth Elias, Daughter of a U.S. Serviceman Killed in the Vietnam War, Pamela Handrahan, Daughter of a U.S. Serviceman Missing in Action and Maya Ying Lin, Designer of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. All spoke of their special ties to the wall and of their personal experiences. A musical Interlude "Carry On" was performed by Country Joe McDonald of "Woodstock" fame. A special guest speaker was also present for the ceremony. Vice President Elect and Vietnam Veteran Al Gore. He spoke of the new commitment to veterans issues by President Elect Clinton and to work for a final end to the POW-MIA issue. Closing remarks were offered by Major General Edward Baca, Adjutant General New Mexico National Guard and Diane Carlson Evans, RN Founder Vietnam Women's Memorial Project followed by the Pledge of Peace recited in Vietnamese and English respectively by the No Greater Love Children. The Keynote Speaker was Terry Anderson, Former Hostage and Vietnam Veteran. He told of his experience as a hostage and how that related to his Vietnam experience. The Commemoration ended with the laying of Wreaths followed by Taps. Looking back I must tell you that those few days in November will be a memory for me that I will remember for the rest of my life.

Attached is a slightly reduced copy of one of the (7) plaques left at The Wall along with a list of the Coast Guardsmen whos names are etched into the black granite.

Sincerely, CGCVA Member





LT JACK RITTICHIER

**IS HEREBY POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED LIFE MEMBERSHIP
INTO THE COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION
IN HONOR OF THE SACRIFICE HE GAVE WHILE SERVING
HIS COUNTRY IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
THIS THE 11TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 1992**

1959

IN HONOR OF THE MEN AND WOMEN OF
THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED
STATES WHO SERVED IN THE VIETNAM
WAR THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO GAVE
THEIR LIVES AND OF THOSE WHO REMAIN
MISSING ARE INSCRIBED IN THE ORDER
THEY WERE TAKEN FROM US.

JACK CRITTICHIER

OUR NATION HONORS THE COURAGE
SACRIFICE AND DEVOTION TO DUTY AND
COUNTRY OF US VIETNAM VETERANS.
THIS MEMORIAL WAS BUILT WITH
PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
NOVEMBER 11, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMANDER

DATE: 10/10/67

TO: THE COMMANDER

FROM: [REDACTED]

Re: Report on Hurricane Andrew's damage to dependents in need of assistance and relief.

1. SRA Chapter 291 sent a check for 150,000 dollars in relief to the C.G. MUTUAL ASSISTANCE FUND.
2. CALYA NATIONAL sent a check for 500,000 dollars in relief to the C.G. MUTUAL ASSISTANCE FUND.
3. Members of both assoc. sent checks on their own to the same fund.

Under the leadership of the CPDA, and directed by OMC RICHARD LONGO USCG RET. active duty personnel, reserve personnel, retired personnel, C.G. AUX. and the CPDA put together 64970 tons of clothing and other supplies, which was shipped out of ST. PETE AIR STATION for C.G. dependents relief. OMC RICHARD LONGO reports that C.G. MUTUAL ASSISTANCE FUND released 120 000 dollars including the money from the assoc. and the private sector. The C.G. MUTUAL ASSISTANCE FUND was the designated pipeline for the effort.

Storm damage as reported to me by OMC RICHARD LONGO and my nephew DOUGLASS JOHNSTON. My nephew is a civilian Coast Guard shipfitter, who normally works in the BOSTON AREA, was sent to the distressed area along with other civilian COAST GUARD workers. They worked 12 hour shifts for 14 days to clear away wreckage and to get things back to working order.

Damage as follows (brief report, as received). Located in the RICHMOND HEIGHTS, dependents housing area. One third or more base housing wiped out, 30 mobile homes destroyed, all housing lost roofs or had major damage, forest nearby destroyed with trees blocking roads, electric power lost and not completely hooked up as of Sept. 13, no fresh water, dependents staying three or more families together in what was left of their housing, supplies came by helicopter and later by truck. All told 534 dependents representing over 100 families suffered. 243 of them had heavy damage with 149 suffering moderate damage.

On behalf of myself and all of my shipmates I say thank you to both assoc. for your quick response to my request for donations.

Sincerely
AL COURTER

NATIONAL RADIATION HELP LINE

A national toll-free telephone number has been established by the Department of Veterans Affairs to assist veterans and their families in dealing with radiation disability claims as a result of military service. By dialing 1-800-827-0365, callers are connected with specially trained veterans benefits counselors who can provide current information on VA benefits and services available to veterans exposed to radiation sources while on military duty.

Assistance is offered in filing claims for disability compensation, reopening old claims, sharing general information on current medical research on radiation exposure or legislative activity involving the subject. In some instances, arrangements will be made for a counselor from the nearest VA Regional Office to provide follow-up actions.

The radiation help desk is located at the VA Regional Office and Insurance Center in Philadelphia. Counselors will answer calls from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. After normal office hours and on weekends and holidays, an answering machine will receive messages, with calls returned the next business day.

REPLACING MILITARY DOCUMENTS

Budget and staff limitations have necessitated charges to veterans requesting copies of military documents from the National Personnel Records Center. The first request for a DD Form 214 is free. Second and/or subsequent copies will cost \$2.85. Complete copies of military records will cost a minimum of \$6.00. Copies of records are available from the National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63132.

VA REFUNDS IN THE OFFING

Veterans who have paid off the debts created following foreclosure of their GI loans may be eligible for refunds. An inaccuracy was discovered recently in the methods used to determine the "net value" of properties securing VA loans in termination. Because it may not be able to identify all those affected by the foul-up, VA requests that veterans apply for refunds to ensure that they receive them. The cases that may be eligible include loans terminated from October 31, 1984, through February 1991.

To request a refund, a veteran should write to the VA office that had jurisdiction over his or her loan. Provide information such as the VA loan number, the VA claim number (and/or Social Security number), and evidence that the debt was paid in full.

THE LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER

At about the turn of the century, the Keeper of the Eddystone Light (or some such) received word that he would get his long requested donkey used for coal hauling. So he took his young son and walked twelve miles into the nearest freight yard. After getting the donkey he thought he would ride it home. People passing by said, "Just like adults of today - making the child walk". Upon hearing this the keeper put the boy on the donkey and he walked only to hear, "Just like children of today, taking advantage of the elderly" - The Keeper than said, we'll both ride, which was O.K. until they reached the rickety old Eddystone Light Bridge. With the weight of the Keeper, the son and the donkey, they fell through the bridge. The Keeper was able to save himself and his son but the donkey was drowned. The Keeper's moral- "Listen to everyone and you can very easily lose your donkey."

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I'm not sure but perhaps it was Bill O'Neill that told us with quite some authority that contrary to belief, Vince Stauffer did not mess cook at the last supper. According to Bill's recollection of the Charles Reith Chronicles, Vince was present but was too small to actually work - also his working underage could have put him in a worker's comp. law violation. Vince was heard to say, I believe, those very often quoted words, however, which were, "Everyone that wants to be in the picture, come to this side of the room."

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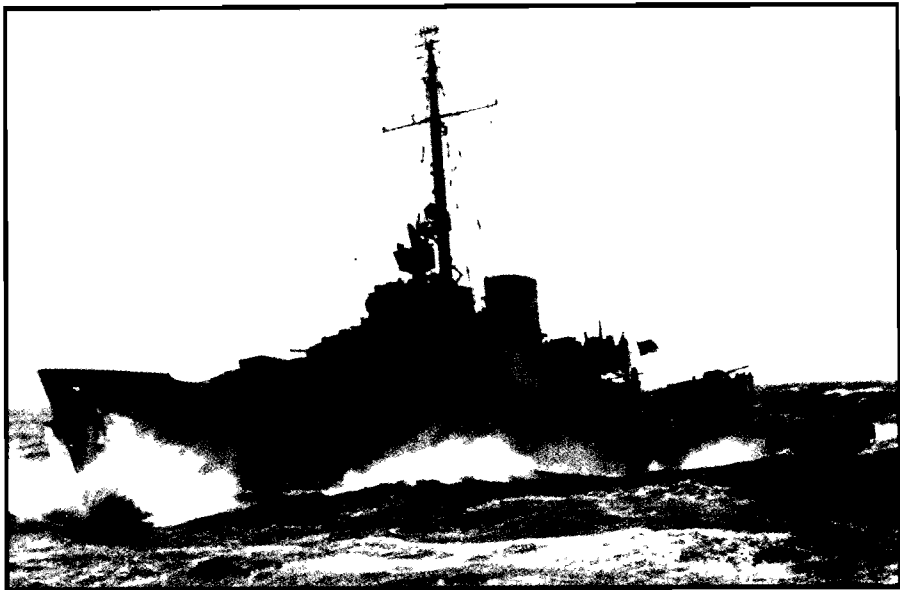
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He is married to Mae Elsie Schuebel, and is the father of Herbert W. III, Paul A., Richard W., Hollie J., and Ronald J. (deceased).

He was employed at Bell System; Maintenance and Design Engineer — Central Office Equipment. He retired in 1976 to Enka, NC and presently serves on the board of Directors of DESA. He was the National Secretary of the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Assn. and a member of numerous military and civilian organizations.



KARL E. STEIN, Lt., graduated from Brown University with a Ph.D. and a knowledge of celestial navigation. He was commissioned in March 1942 as an ensign on the USS *Wakefield*. He was forced to "abandon ship" after a disastrous fire at sea, Sept. 3, 1942.

He was ordered to Submarine Chaser Training Center in Miami in October 1942 and in January 1943 was assigned to the Coast Guard cutter *Tampa*, and escort vessel on the "Greenland Patrol." He was appointed lieutenant on Feb. 8, 1943. He participated in rescue operations after the sinking of troop transport *Dorchester* and witnessed the sinking of Coast Guard cutter *Escanaba*. On Aug. 3, 1943, he was transferred SCTC for more training and ordered on the USS *Mosley* (DE-321).

On Feb. 9, 1946, Lt. Stein was released from active duty, but continued to serve in the Coast Guard Reserve until he retired with the rank of commander in March 1963 after 27 years.



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THE OTHER SILENT SERVICE

By Herbert W. Reith

When one mentions the "Silent Service", it immediately brings to mind the submarine service. However, there is another Uniformed Service, the United States Public Health Service (USPHS) which can be rightfully be called "The Other Silent Service".

They do not bear arms and their exploits and deeds in defense of our country are virtually unknown. The uniformed portion of the USPHS is called the Commissioned Officer Corps and consists of medical doctors, dentists and nurses. They wear uniforms almost identical to Navy Officers and the ranks are identical. The Surgeon General of the USPHS wears the uniform of a Vice Admiral.

Many of these doctors are assigned to the Coast Guard ships and stations around the world. A few years ago in Alaska, a Coast Guard helicopter on a mercy mission in horrendous weather slammed into a mountain killing all aboard. Among those killed was a USPHS doctor assigned to the Coast Guard.

During time of war the USPHS's contribution is large in comparison to its small size. The following stories are just a few of this service's proudest moments.

On January 29, 1942, the U.S.C.G. Cutter Alexander Hamilton was torpedoed by a German U-Boat just south of Iceland. The medical officer aboard was Dr. James A. Finger of the USPHS. The Alexander Hamilton was an almost new 327-foot cutter of the Secretary class. She had gone to rescue a disabled Navy Supply ship and took her under tow, heading

for the nearest landfall with repair capabilities, which was Iceland.

Approaching Iceland, the cutter was met by a Navy tug and cast off the tow. Shortly thereafter the cutter was rocked by an explosion on the starboard side. The resulting explosion ripped open the engine room killing all of the engine room crew. Dr. Finger was in his stateroom and immediately went to the sick bay. Once there he found that it was crowded with a large number of wounded men in the small space and the area was without electrical power.

Working under these adverse conditions, he and the pharmacist mates attended the wounded, administering morphine and applying temporary splints and bandages. Due to his medical skills only six of the wounded died. Nothing could be done for the 20 crewmen who died outright.

When the order to abandon ship was received, the wounded were placed in all available lifeboats, with a pharmacist mate in each boat. Dr. Finger refused to leave the cutter until he was sure that all wounded were safely off. He was among the last to leave and the Alexander Hamilton sank shortly thereafter.

On February 3, 1943, the Troop Transport Dorchester was sunk off Greenland. The cutters Escanaba and Comanche raced to the Dorchester and saved 225 men.

Complete devotion to duty and disregard of self was displayed by Dr. L. Ray Howard aboard the Comanche. His resourcefulness and coolness under fire were the hallmark of the USPHS. Doctor Howard improvised hospital ward

aboard the cutter which was tossing in the heavy seas and pursued by submarines. The doctor, along with Coast Guard enlisted medical personnel, completely oblivious to their own safety, worked silently and efficiently in the darkness to save many lives. Due to the large number of casualties, the doctor and pharmacist mates found it impossible to carry out promptly the various treatments required for each patient. Dr. Howard hastily trained crew members in teams of three to attend to the less seriously injured which resulted in a large number of survivors lives being saved.

April 17, 1943 found the cutter Spencer escorting a North Atlantic convoy. The Spencer's sonar gear picked up a German submarine, the U-175, and forced it to the surface by depth charge attacks. The Spencer, aided by the cutter Duane, opened fire on the surfaced submersible. Survivors began abandoning the sub and were rescued by the cutters.

However, one man stayed aboard the U-boat and began shelling the Spencer. Before the cutter could respond, 27 casualties resulted. Among the wounded was USPHS Dr. John J. Davies, who was hit with shrapnel. Despite his wounds Dr. Davies labored for 72 hours treating the cutters surviving casualties as well as two wounded prisoners from the submarine.

Four days before the Spencer's encounter with the German U-boat, the Escanaba, on April 13, was torpedoed in the North Atlantic and went down in about 3 minutes. Only two enlisted crewmen survived. Among the 101 men who were lost with the Escanaba was Dr. Ralph R. Nix of the USPHS.

Enough of the North Atlantic and

Hitler's undersea fleet. On January 29, 1945, the U.S.S. Serpens, a Coast Guard manned ammunition ship blew up off Guadalcanal. She was off loading munitions at Lunga Beach at the time. The ship's medical officer, USPHS Dr. Harry M. Levin, seven other officers, 188 crewmen and 57 Army men were killed. Eight enlisted men and two officers were the only survivors.

Coast Guard transports participated in every major invasion in Europe, Africa and the Pacific. Each had its own medical staff headed up by USPHS doctors and augmented by Coast Guard enlisted medical personnel. These went ashore with the invasion forces to attend the wounded on the beaches. They tried to stabilize the wounds in order to ensure survival while being evacuated to ships offshore with more complete medical facilities.

A case in point is the U.S.S. Callaway. She was hit on January 9, 1945 by a Kamikaze in Lingayen Gulf, killing 29 men and wounding 25. Dr. Benjamin H. Wolfman was the medical officer aboard and his skills avoided a higher death toll.

After emergency repairs, the U.S.S. Callaway sailed for Iwo Jima, taking part in that great invasion. Dr. Wolfman's staff worked hard and long, both ashore and afloat, taking aboard and treating over 300 casualties from the beach. What must be remembered was that these transports were not hospital ships. Only the skills of these USPHS doctors made the difference by doing a superb job with limited facilities.

Dr. Vernon G. Guenther, assisted by another USPHS doctor, were assigned to a group of Coast Guard manned LST's tak-

ing part in the Iwo Jima invasion. These LST's were loaded with ammunition. They were stationed close on- shore so that amphibious trucks could pick up the ammunition for delivery to the fighting front.

As casualties increased the trucks began bringing the wounded on their return trips to the LSTs. Dr. Guenther established emergency treatment procedures pending evacuation to the larger ships standing further out. Even though the LST's mission did not include emergency care for the wounded, the resourcefulness of Dr. Guenther saved many lives. Later this group of LST's participated in the Okinawa invasion and came under Japanese air-attacks on numerous occasions.

Returning to the European Theater of Operations, we find the USPHS doctors prominent participants in the Normandy invasion on June 6, 1944. The story begins in Staten Island, New York, where 60 of the Coast Guard's 83-foot cutters were assembled. These boats were to become Coast Guard Rescue Flotilla One (and only) purely rescue unit assigned to Sword, Juno, Gold, Omaha and Utah landing sites.

Drs. Martin R. Boltizar and John S. Micelli were plucked from the ranks of the USPHS and assigned as the Flotilla's medical officers. Prior to the invasion the doctors held classes every morning, noon and night, indoctrinating nearly every one of the almost 1,000 men in the Flotilla in all phases of first aid. The small wooden cutters were jammed with stretchers, blankets, medical supplies, and even self-inflating life rafts which proved of great value in keeping groups of survivors together and out of the water

until the cutters could effect their rescue. The cutters had only six feet of freeboard and this posed a problem in taking aboard wounded men and those weakened by exposure and shock. To overcome this, nets were hung over both sides of the small vessels so that crewmen could go over the side to assist survivors in the water.

Due to the skills of these Coast Guardsmen and the training given them by Doctors Biltizer and Micelli, these small boats saved 1,438 men from the water during the invasion. Three months after the invasion these 83 footers were still picking up survivors from the stormy, cold waters of the English Channel.

Doctors Leon Holoman and Romeo J. Gentile were assigned as medical officers to two Coast Guard manned flotillas consisting of 24 LCIs. The flotilla transited the Atlantic, arriving in North Africa in 1943. During the crossing both doctors were transferred to other ships via breeches buoy to provide medical care which required the attention of a medical doctor.

The flotilla took part in the invasion of Sicily where it proceeded to the beach under heavy enemy fire. The LCI on which Dr. Holoman was embarked was hit in the stern which carried away its stern anchor used to pull the ship off the beach. Another shell completely destroyed the forward area of the ship which included the surgical unit. With his medical facilities gone, Dr. Holoman went ashore and joined a beach surgical unit all D-Day attending to the wounded. The next day he organized a group of the flotilla's Pharmacist Mates and they went from ship to ship giving medical care to the casualties from the flotilla and the

beach. If this wasn't enough, at the Salerno landings a few weeks later, the USPHS doctors and the flotilla's LCIs were involved in a carbon copy of the Sicily performances.

The Commissioned Officer Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service may have never fired a shot at an enemy during war

time but their contribution is no less than any other branch of service. It has never received the public acknowledgment it deserves. This story only scratches the surface of the contributions of the USPHS during World War II.

Reprinted from Carolina Veterans News

4 CG Manned LCI's lost at Omaha Beach according to CGCVA Member Frank Reinhold. Frank lost a good friend, Leslie Fritz in this battle. Fritz is still buried near Omaha Beach.

Philip H. Healey reports that in the Spring of 1941 German Naval Officers were going to sink two Danish ships and one Italian Ship in Boston Harbor but the crew of the RARITAN took them in to custody. Healey made numerous trips into the North Atlantic in RARITAN, a 110 foot tug. Sailing in RARITAN was small potatoes compared with taking a forty foot liberty launch, alone, from Greenland to Iceland with twenty pounds of nitro, recalls Healey. The trip took three days. That's earning your twenty-one bucks a day once a month the hard way.

The Association would like to get a copy of popular World War II Coast Guard songs, such as, "I'd Like To Get The Guy Who Named The Coast Guard" and "Drink, Coast Guard Drink." Any others that may be floating around would be appreciated. Also any poems about the Coast Guard or Naval Service would be greatly appreciated.

CGCVA Member Ralph Dorsey, Cor-Caroli, wore his same CG uniform of 50 years ago to the Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands reunion, August, 1992. The Coast Guard does it again.

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