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CGCVA Feted at Grand Haven

Association Officers and Members Enjoy "Coast Guard City, USA"

August 4th, Coast Guard Day, is celebrated in many ways across the Nation and at Coast Guard units world-wide, but none of these compare to the annual celebration at Grand Haven, Michigan, soon to be officially recognized as "Coast Guard City, USA". The CGCVA has been part of the gala event for years in various capacities, including several of our National officers participating in picnics, memorial services, concerts, and the grand parade.



(Clockwise from top left) The Welcome sign to Grand Haven says it all... especially during the annual Coast Guard Festival. — CGCVA National President Joe Klempeter and his wife, Susan, lead the contingent of CGCVA officers and members in the annual Coast Guard Day Parade down the main street of Grand Haven, Mich. — CGCVA Past President Dick Stent and his wife, Evelyn, wave to the crowd. — CGCVA National Vice President Jack Campbell and his lady, Ruth, are all set for the parade to begin.



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From the President

Dear Shipmates:

Once again, I have asked the *QD Log* editor to include registration forms and information regarding our Corpus Christi Reunion to assist you in registering early. It really helps us and avoids last minute problems.



JOE KLEINPETER

Also, of prime importance in this issue, are the recommended CGCVA By-Laws changes for your review and consideration. Remember, we will be voting on these recommendations at the Reunion so please read them carefully. The complete list of recommended By-Laws changes are contained on pages 19-27, immediately after the center pages containing Reunion information.

Again this year I had the privilege of representing the CGCVA, along with National Vice President Jack Campbell, at the annual Coast Guard Festival in Grand Haven, Mich. What an incredible place! I honestly hope that in future years the CGCVA will be able to have a large contingent of members attend this magnificent event.

Hope to see many of you at the Convention.
Semper Paratus!

Joe Kleinpeter

**"Sands of Emerald Beach"
CGCVA Reunion
in Corpus Christi, Texas
November 4-8, 1998**

**Information on tours and registration included in special pull-out section of this issue
Pages 15-18**

Don't forget to pre-register!

From the Vice President

The Battleship *Missouri* has arrived in Hawaii and I understand she will be docked at Ford Island. I've been in touch with our contact in Hawaii concerning the mounting of the plaque, however the "Missouri Committee" cannot give me any commitment at this time. There may be other options and I will certainly keep you informed.

During the early part of the summer, I attended the Coast Guard's "Change of Watch" ceremonies as ADM James Loy became the Service's new commandant and MCPO Vince Patten became the new Master Chief of the Coast Guard. I was honored to have LT Bruce Hensen, commanding officer of CG Station Sandy Hook with me at the Commandant's change of command.

On July 4th, Bubs and I were invited to attend the famous Macy's fireworks which took place in New York City's East River. We went on the 110-foot cutter *Adak* and had a delightful time in spite of a few rain showers. My thanks to the *Adak* skipper, LT Jim Tahar and the *Adak* crew for a great time.

I continue to attend graduation ceremonies at Cape May, N.J. whenever I can. The training cen-

ter recently had their own change of command and CAPT Sally Brice-O'Hara took the helm, relieving CAPT Edwards. I'm sure she is well qualified to fill the position and will do a wonderful job. The recognition the CGCVA is receiving at Cape May is quite rewarding and I have made many good friends during these visits.

More recently, I returned from my second year attending the annual Coast Guard Festival in Grand Haven, Mich. Joe Kleinpeter and I were given the royal treatment there, attending many events and getting a ride in the parade. Of course, one of the the most memorable events there is the Memorial Service to remember our fallen comrades from the *CGC Escanaba* with Distinguished CGCVA member Ray O'Malley.

Hope you all had an enjoyable summer. Stay safe and well... I look forward to meeting you at the Corpus Christi Reunion.



JACK CAMPBELL

Jack Campbell

From the Editor

My apologies for not including the usual variety of articles and features but it was necessary to include the proposed changes to the CGCVA By-Laws prior to the upcoming Reunion for your review. Things will be back to normal with the next issue.

In regard to the By-Laws, the following information is provided to assist you in understanding the changes which run from pages 19-27:

Everything printed in this style (italics and underlined) are new items recommended for inclusion to the By-Laws.

Everything printed in this style (bold and underlined) is to be deleted.



ED SWIFT

The recommended By-Laws changes are included in the *QD Log* so that each member can read it at their leisure. This way, we will not have to read all of the changes at the Biennial Business meeting on Nov. 6, 1998, only the parts that we receive objections, questions, and recommendations for clarification and/or explanations.

Please take the time to read and understand these proposed changes. Our Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, Vince Stauffer, put a lot of time and effort into your By-Laws.

Take care and see ya in Corpus Christi! Swifty

From the Secretary

1998 CGCVA REUNION

The publishing of the recommended changes to the By-Laws in this issue indicates the Reunion is just around the corner. I continue to process Registrations and the tours on a slow bell and I urge the membership to get yours in early. If your concern is, "What happens if I have to cancel my plans... will I get my money back?" I can assure you that the Registration fees will be returned as long as we have not had to pay for something that was ordered. The hotel will give refunds up to 48 hours before scheduled arrival. So please make your plans now and don't worry about losing any money. Your assistance is greatly appreciated in this matter.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

I again want to mention the idea of bringing either a stuffed animal or be willing to make a contribution to the Corpus Christi Police Dept. for the children of Corpus Christi. Please do what you can to help with this project. Thanks!

MARYLAND TAGS

In the last issue I mentioned that any CGCVA members who have Maryland tags on their vehicles can get special CGCVA tags (if we can get a minimum number of 25 who are interested). So far I haven't received any takers so I wanted to again advertise this opportunity to advertise our association. Interested? Give me a call at (301) 570-5664 and I'll give you the details. See page 27 for an idea of what the plate will look like. Keep in mind the CGCVA logo will be in full color.

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

If your CGCVA membership will be expiring soon (check the address label on the QD Log), please renew by sending \$25 to me at 17728 Strley Dr., Ashton, MD 20861-9763. Remember, our National Treasurer Baker Herbert will be retiring and I will be handling memberships.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

On several occasions I have requested the

membership to help us by informing of a change of address when relocating. This last mailing of the *QD Log* is one of the worst we've ever had due to non-reported changes of address. Baker and I have been trying to get caught up with the deluge of change of address notices we've received from the Post Office and we really need your help.

There are several CGCVA members that seem to move faster than I can receive the changes and get them entered into the computer. As I've previously mentioned, the notices from the Post Office cost the Association .50 each. This has really become a problem. If you are anticipating a move or even a temporary relocation, let me know so I can enter it into the computer. I try to keep our Association mailing list current and there is no excuse for me getting this list messed up as long as I'm provided the changes. The list is our lifeline to you, the membership and without it, we don't have an organization.

To assist, I've asked Swifty to include a change of address form in this issue and all subsequent issues of the *QD Log* both as a reminder and to provide you a tool to notify me of changes. Please clip it and send to me if you anticipate a change of address. Thanks.

Ed Burke



E.P. "ED" BURKE

ARE YOU MOVING? PLEASE NOTIFY-US!

Name: _____

Old Address: _____

New Address: _____

Phone: _____

From the Treasurer

CGCVA ACCOUNTS:

As of 1 August 1998, we have a balance in all funds of \$47,945.09 which includes seven Certificates of Deposit with a face value of \$43,000. In addition, we will have Certificate of Deposit interest earned but not received of about \$5,282 at the time of our Reunion in November. Included in this balance, CDs and CD interest earned and not received, is the Plaque CD for \$5,000 plus \$869.50 (currently in the general fund) and \$248.84 interest earned but not received. To date we have received \$2,913 in Reunion funds which are part of our balance in all funds.

Our financial picture continues to improve. We have at \$3,000 worth of inventory in our Small Stores. We are getting some quotes on T-shirts and hooded sweat shirts which will be screen printed rather than embroidered and, if the price is right, we may pick up a few for Corpus Christi. We are also looking at buying bumper stickers. Also, we require an additional laser printer which will cost about \$750.

DUES:

Dues expiration date is noted on your QD Log label. \$25 pays for TWO years of membership and if your dues expiration date is close, you may want to send your \$25.00 to the Secretary for the next two years, checks payable to CGCVA. Life members never have to pay dues and fees for life memberships are as follows: Under age 30 (\$200); 31-40 (\$185); 41-50 (\$165); 51-60 (\$145); 61-70 (\$115); 71-80 (\$85); 81-89 (\$50); and 90 and up there's no charge.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A hearty "welcome aboard!" to the following new CGCVA members. Sponsors (if listed) are in italics:

June 1998: Thomas J. Huckleberry (*William H. Ross*); William G. Williams (*Joe Kleinpeter*); Joseph S. Sortino (*Chuck Ulrich*); Howard O. Elvrom (*Dan Whitaker*); William L. Darby (*Dan*

Whitaker); John V. Carney, Jr.; Fletcher M. Ballard (*Ed Swift*); Louis H. Colon (*Dan Whitaker*); Billy Hopper (*Joe Kleinpeter*); Newton B. Anthony (*David Hughes*); Lawrence H. Fuchs (*Gil Benoit*); Francis R. Glebus; and Harold A. Anderson (*Pat Spero*).



BAKER HERBERT

July 1998: Donald A. Bickel (*Chuck Ulrich*); Gerald T. Altoff (*Dick Stent*); Kenneth C. Kisselbach (*Terrance Lee*); Paepaega T. Matautia (*Joe Kleinpeter*); Robert E. Peterson (*Chuck Ulrich*); Thomas M. Brewer (*John Halligan*); Ted A. Morris (*Baker Herbert*); George E. Hanlon (*Joe Kleinpeter*); John M. Shea (*Joe Kleinpeter*); Walter A. Woziak (*Dick Stent*); Robert W. Fitzgerald (*Al Duffield*); Thomas W. Dougherty (*Jack Campbell*); John D. McCann (*Joe Kleinpeter*); Jerome P. Gaca (*Chris Wood*); H. Otto Freitag (*Wayne Young*); and Frank W. Larder (*John P. Mahoney, Jr.*).

Baker Herbert



CROSSED THE BAR



RADM Russell R. Waesche, Jr.

Joined: CTB: 5-28-98

Richard G. Haffney

Joined: 4-18-88 CTB: date unknown

C. J. "Mickey Potter

Joined: 1-5-90 Notified: 8-5-98

Alva B. May

Joined: 5-12-97 Notified: 7-13-98

CGCVA Small Stores

The following CGCVA items are now available. Send orders to Baker Herbert at 8886 N. Leroy Road, P.O. Box 544, Westfield Center, OH 44251-0544 or call (330) 887-5539, fax (330) 887-5639. Please make checks payable to: CGCVA. Unless stated otherwise, prices include first class shipping.

Baseball Cap: blue/black with plain visor, gold-lettered "Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association" with embroidered CGCVA logo, one size fits all (\$11.00).

Baseball Cap: same cap as above but white with gold lettering. New item. (\$11.00).

CG Garrison Caps: fore 'n aft, CGCVA Logo, white lettered "Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association." Must state size (\$25.00).

CGCVA Embroidered Logo: 4-inch (\$5.00); 2-inch (\$4.00).

U.S. Mint USCG Bronze 200th Anniversary Coin, 1-1/2" diameter with keepsake box; \$5.00 ea. or three for \$12.00.

USCG Postage Stamp: New item. Uncirculated WWII stamp in brass frame with stand and gift box. (\$20.00).

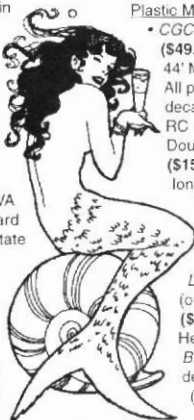
Men's Wristwatch: gold color with white CGCVA logo on face (\$20.00).

Christmas Tree Ornaments:
Includes imprinted drawing of ship with listing of all the ships in that class, along with commissioning and decommissioning dates. Requires special handling. Now available: 327' Secretary Class; 255' Owasco Class; 378' Hamilton Class; 311' Casco Class; CGC Mackinaw; USCG

insignia; 44' Motor Life Boat; CG aviation; CGC Eagle; CGC Bear; CGC Gallatin; Sandy Hook Lighthouse; Original Cutter Bear; USCG Bicentennial; and SPARS marching with CG flag. All above Christmas tree ornaments require special packing. Ornaments shipped in display box (\$12.50 ea.).

Plastic Model Kits:

- CGC Eagle in bottle under full sail, 12" (\$49.95);
- 40' and 41' Utility Boat and 44' Motor Life Boat, 30/33" long, wood. All parts laser cut for easy fit. Includes decals and deck hardware. Suitable for RC or static display (\$125.00);
- 36' Double Ender Motor Life Boat, 10" (\$15.00);
- 378' Hamilton Class, 47" long, composite plastic. Includes decals and deck hardware. Suitable for RC or static display. For the experienced modelmaker (\$200.00);
- Nantucket Lightship, Classic Replica Series (out of production), 17" long, plastic (\$100.00);
- USCG Bell HTL-4 Helicopter (\$25.00);
- Icebreaker Burton Island with CG and Navy decals, 12" long, plastic. New item. (\$20.00).



Patch Books: Spiral bound booklets will be shipped 4th class. New item. Vol. 1-A — White Cutters (\$18.50); Vol. 1-B — Black Cutters (\$13.50); Vol. 1-C — Red Cutters (\$12.50); Vol. 2 — Aviation (\$15.50); and Vol. 3 — Stations (\$19.50).

Flags: United States, Coast Guard and CGCVA, 10" with stand...\$10.00 per set

Vietnam Patches: \$10.00 each or \$90.00 per set of 11, including: Squadron One (4 different types); Explosive Loading Detachment; USCG — arvn — Explosive Loading Detachment; Market Time — Vietnam; Squadron Three; Squadron

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Three Weapons Systems Security — DaNang; USCG Commo (LORAN) Station — Con Son Island; and USCG Commo (LORAN) Sattahip, Thailand.

CG Squadron One T-Shirt: 82' patrol boat on front (send boat number of choice) with RVN Coastal Patrol Zones for Division's 11, 12, and 13 on back (\$22.50).

Book: "The Coast Guard At War, Vietnam 1965-1975" by Capt. Alex Larzelere, sent book rate (\$32.95).

USS Cepheus aka 18 (USCG)

The 11th reunion will be held Oct. 8-12, 1998 in Baton Rouge, La. Contact: **P.J. Pennington** at 367 Cedar Avenue, Manasquan, NJ 08736. Ph: (732) 223-3875.

USS Bayfield (APA-33)

Reunion scheduled for Oct. 4-7, 1998 in Lafayette, La. Contact: **George Sargent** at 8861 S. 35th St., Franklin, WI 53132-9193. Ph: (414) 761-0829.

USCGC Edisto

Former crew, including officer, enlisted and civilian personnel assigned to *USS Edisto (AGB-2)/CGC Edisto (WAGB-284)* are invited to renew old acquaintances and friendships through a shipmate association and potential reunion in the Fall of 1998. Contact: **Lyman Smith** at 69 Everett St., Middletown, RI 02842. Ph: (401) 849-6384.

USS Joseph T. Dickman

The 39th annual reunion of the *USS Joseph T. Dickman (APA-13)* will be held Oct. 14-17, 1998 at the Adams Mark Clearwater Beach Resort. Committee members include **Batek, Schurr,**



Pietro, Jones and Ciccotelli. (Note: When the Dickman was scrapped, the lead ballast in its keel was valued at more than \$25,000).

USCGC Mojave

Mojave shipmates, as well as family and friends of the *CGC's Modoc* and *Tampa* are invited to the Mojave Reunion Oct. 22-26, 1998 at the Ramada Inn Surfside, Daytona Beach Shores, Fla. For reservations, call 1-800-255-3838 or (904) 788-1000 and mention "Mojave Reunion". Contacts: **Hugh & Dottie Kates** at 593 Hawthorne Ave., El Cajon, CA 92020. Ph: (619) 440-6581.

USS Theenim

The 6th Annual Reunion for the *USS Theenim (AKA-61)* will be held Oct. 12-16, 1998 at Myrtle Beach, S.C. Accommodations are being arranged through White Star Tours. Contact: **Ken Black** at 331 Commercial St., Rockport, ME 04856. Ph: (207) 236-3206.

USCGC Mesquite

I am attempting to put together a "gathering" of *Mesquite* shipmates who served aboard under LCDR George Lawrence (1952-53). LT T.C. Pennock was XO and E.J. Schwndler was First Lieutenant. Should you be one of the crewmen or know the whereabouts of any, please contact **William Hermes** at 1225 N. Homer Street, Lansing, MI 48912. Ph: (517) 487-9875. Fax: (517) 346-7315. E-Mail: jobitomi@aol.com.

USCGC Taney

The next reunion for former crew members of the *USCGC Roger B. Taney (W-37)* will be held Oct. 15-18, 1998, at the Quality Inn Resort Hotel on Hotel Circle in San Diego, Calif. For informa-

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tion, contact **Harry Nelson**, 18327 Van Ness, Torrance, CA 90504 or call (310) 324-7282.

CG Shootists Reunion

A reunion of CG Rifle and Pistol Team Members is being planned for late Sept. 1998 in Las Vegas, Nev. Team members and support personnel who served from 1958-1961 at the USCG Receiving Center, Cape May, N.J., are being sought. Contact: **CHGUN "Mike" Opsitnik** at 5033 Cliffrose Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89130-0192. Ph: (702) 656-8383

255-Foot Class Cutters

The first reunion of all 13 USCG 255-foot class cutters will be held at the Plaza Hotel-Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada Sept. 27 - Oct. 1, 1998. For more information, contact the reunion committee at P.O. Box 33523, Juneau, AK 99803 or call (907) 789-2579.

USCGC Carrabasset

I am trying to arrange a reunion for crew members who served aboard the *USCGC Carrabasset* during WWII. Call or write **Bob Iles**, 339 Pennbrook Ave., Lansdale, PA 19446 or call (215) 855-2450.

USS Peterson

The reunion for shipmates from the *USS Peterson (DE-152)* will be held Oct. 15-17, 1998 at the Holiday Inn at 10709 Watson Road, St. Louis, MO 63127. For reservations, call (314) 821-6600 and mention "Peterson Reunion".

USCGC Modoc

The 12th annual reunion of the *USCGC Modoc (W-46)* and North Atlantic Convoys (1940-1945) will be held May 13-17, 1999 at the John Carver

Inn, 25 Summer St., Plymouth, MA 02360. Ph: (800) 274-1620 or (508) 746-7100. Coordinators are **Bob Woodbury** at 18 Ninth Ave., Halifax, MA 02338. Ph: (781) 293-7992 and **Moe Steinberg** at P.O. Box 178, Carlo Place, NY 11514. Ph: (516) 334-5309.

LST-16

The first ever ever reunion for WWII cremen of *LST-16* is in the planning stages. If interested, contact (on the East Coast): **Joseph Niemeck** at 6324 Witherole St., Rego Park, NY 11374 or call (718) 896-2458. On the West Coast, contact: **Dominic Pizzulli**, 2700 Neilson Way, Santa Monica, CA 40405 or call (310) 396-1150.

Fleet Tug Sailors

The National Association of Fleet Tug Sailors, Inc., is seeking former and current crew members of the Navy and Coast Guard "workhorses" (tugs and salvage ships classified as ATF, ATA, ATR, ATO, ATS, ASR, ARS, ex-Navy WMEC, Army LT and WSA, and all YT-Class ships. Their annual reunion will be held Nov 5-8, 1998 at the Hotel Galvez, Galveston, Texas. Contact: **George Kingston** at 1611 Woodbridge Circle, East, Foley, AL 36535. Ph: (334) 943-7823.

USS LST 22

Crew members of *USS LST 22* will hold their 4th annual reunion Oct. 22-25, 1998, at Fort Myers, Fla. Get details from Reunion Coordinator **Jack A. Pfeifer**, 11325 SW Timberline Drive, Beaverton, OR 97008 or call (503) 644-0048.

USCGC Bibb

The 8th annual reunion of the *USCGC Bibb (WPG WAGC WHEC-31)* will be held Nov. 5-9, 1998, in Washington, D.C. Contact: **Richard Olsen**, 574 Wyoming Ave., Maywood, NJ 07607.



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USS Callaway

The 32nd reunion of the Coast Guard-manned *USS Callaway (APA-35)* will be held Oct. 5-9, 1998, at the Buffalo Hilton Hotel, 120 Church St., Buffalo, N.Y. Former crew members and relatives should contact: **Wallace Shipp**, 5319 Manning Place, N.W., Washington, DC 20016 or call (202) 363-3663.

LORAN Reunion

The 21st annual reunion of Coast Guard LORAN Construction and Operation Personnel in the Pacific 1944-46 will be held Oct. 1-4, 1998 at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, Harrodsburg, Ky. Contact: **Jim Teater**, P.O. Box 135, Burgin, KY 40310. Ph: (606) 748-5588.

USS Falgout

A reunion of the *USS Falgout (DE-324)* will be held Oct. 7-10, 1998, at the Hoiday Inn, 2435

Jefferson St., San Diego, CA 92110-8500. Ph: (619) 260-8500. Fax: (619) 297-2078. Contact: **Bill O'Keefe** at 193 Indian Mountain Lakes, Albrightsville, PA 18212. Ph: (717) 722-0054.

USS Lowe

The 9th annual reunion of the *USS Lowe (DE-325)* will be held May 17-21, 1999, at the Days Inn, Mystic, Conn. Contact: **Tom Taylor** at 104 Covered Wagon Rd., Baltimore, MD 21220. Ph: (410) 335-3381.

Greenland Patrol

Members of the 1940-45 Greenland Patrol will hold their next reunion at the Regency Plaza Hotel in San Diego, Calif. from Sept. 27-30, 1998. **Ken Hartman** has put together a package of events and is the Greenland Patrol contact at 3960 S. Higuera #169, San Luis Obispo, CA

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.

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93401. Ph: (805) 543-7632. For hotel information, members should contact Ms. Karen Garner at Tarsadia Hotels at (800) 291-0638.

Attn. LST Sailors

Navy and Coast Guard LST sailors from all actions...join your shipmates in the U.S. LST Association at P.O. Box 167438, Oregon, OH 43616. Ph: (800) 228-5870.

USS Merrill

The *USS Merrill (DE-392)* will hold a reunion Sept. 22-26, 1998 at the Radisson Inn, New Orleans Airport, New Orleans, La. Hotel can be reached at (504) 467-3111 for reservations. Make sure you mention *USS Merrill* Reunion to get discount.

Contacts: **Fran Donaldson** at 3108 Arrowwood Dr., Raleigh, NC 27604. Ph: (919) 876-9187.

Bob Fanello at 1040 Midway Rd., Northbrook, IL 60062. Ph: (847) 272-2391. Also contact **Abner Giannino** at 2012 Clover Dr., Monterey Park, CA 91755. Ph: (213) 721-1290.

USCGC Courier

A reunion of *USCGC Courier (WAGR/WTR-410)* will be held Sept. 30 - Oct. 4, 1998 in Virginia Beach, Va. All former crew members, Voice of America personnel and Reserve personnel who served aboard or were affiliated with the *Courier* are invited. Contact: **Dave Newell** at P.O. Box 1319, Pepperell, MA 01463. Ph: (508) 433-2956.

Liberator & Privateer Air Crews

Find those long lost Liberator and Privateer air crews from the Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps through the International PB4Y Association. Also looking for photos and stories for a PB4Y History Book. Contact: **R. Sathre** at

31262 San Andreas Dr., Union City, CA 94587. Ph: (510) 487-PB4Y.

USS Arthur Middleton

Crew members of the *USS Arthur Middleton (APA-25)* are invited to a reunion Oct. 5-7, 1998 at the Bahia Hotel in San Diego, Calif. Contact: **Ralph A. Cragg** at 1517 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068. Ph: (847) 823-2532.

Gen. Hugh L. Scott

The WWII vessel *Gen. Hugh L. Scott (AP-136)* will hold a reunion Oct. 4-8, 1998 at the Showboat Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada. Contact: **Bill Damrell** at 2226 Hidden Creek Dr., Humble, TX 77339. Ph: (281) 539-1338.

CGC Ramsden

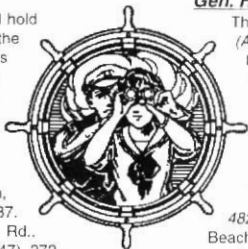
The *USCGC Ramsden (WDE-482)* will hold a reunion in Myrtle Beach, S.C. the last week of October, 1998. Contact (after 1 Sept.): **John Mahoney** at 750 E. Charleston Ct., Hernando, FL 34442. Ph: (352) 527-0017 or FAX (352) 527-2303.

CGC Matagorda

John J. Wheeler of 18 Maverick St., Marblehead, MA 01945 is looking for crew members who served on *USCGC Matagorda* during 1951 for a possible reunion.

CGC Point Evans

Robert Macleod of 8268 Ferrel Place, Harrisburg, NC 28075 is looking for crew members who served on *USCGC Point Evans* during 1967-69 in Vietnam in order to organize a possible reunion. Robert can be reached either by phone at (704) 455-6868, by fax at (704) 455-6858 or through his e-mail address: RGBYSHEAST@aol.com.



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Saluting Top CG Recruits

Any CGCVA member who happens to be at the Cape May Training Center for the Friday graduations is welcome to present the CGCVA-sponsored Physical Fitness Award to the winning recruit. 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 issue of the *QD Log*, the following recruits have received the Physical Fitness Award:

FA Kieron Whitehead (Tango 152) of Philadelphia, Pa., will report to Telecommunications Specialist Class "A" School in Petaluma, Calif.

SN Elaine A. Jergons (Uniform 152) of Pittsburgh, Pa., will report to Quartermaster Class "A" School in Yorktown, Va.

SA Leighton B. Scott (Victor 152) of Greensboro, N.C., will report to Quartermaster Class "A" School in Yorktown, Va.



CAPT Edwards and Jack Campbell with FA Kieron Whitehead of recruit company Tango 152.

FA Philip E. Dequine (Whiskey 152) of Portland, Ore., will report to Damage Controlman Class "A" School in Yorktown, Va.

SA Ethan L. Roberts (Xray 152) of Riverside, Calif., will report to Quartermaster Class "A"

School in Yorktown, Va.

SA Jason B. Litalien (Yankee 152) of Seattle, Wash., will report to Port Securityman Class "A" School in Yorktown, Va.

SA Lucas L. Spencer (Zulu 152) of Ventura, Calif., will report to *CGC Alert* in Warrenton, Ore.

SN Matthew J. Wirth (Alpha 153) of Hartford, Ct., will report to CGC Dependable in Portsmouth, Va.



SA Lucas Spencer (Zulu 152)

SN Jason L. Fisher (Bravo 153) of Pittsburgh, Pa., will report to *CGC Cutyhunk* in Port Angeles, Wash.

FA Rodolfo Hernandez (Charlie 153) of El Paso, Texas will report to *CGC Active* in Port Angeles, Wash.

FA Brian T. Albertson (Delta 153) of San Antonio, Texas will report to *CGC Red Cedar* in Portsmouth, Va.

SN David E. Goddard (Echo 153) of Albany, N.Y., will report to Boatswain's Mate Class "A" School in Yorktown, Va.

SA Brian R. Steinmuller (Foxtrot 153) of Albany, N.Y., will report to Boatswain's Mate "A" School in Yorktown, Va.

SA Robert D. Durant (Golf 153) of Jacksonville, Fla., will report to Yeoman "A" School at TraCen Petaluma, Calif.

SA Brandyn J. Wicklund (Hotel 153) of Riverside, Calif., will report for duty at TraCen Cape May, N.J.

E-Mail Addresses

Beginning with this issue of *QD Log*, I will run a listing of Association names and their e-mail addresses as they are received. Previously listed e-mail addresses will be listed regular-face and new ones will be added in **boldface** type.

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Look familiar? It's the former USCGC Mahoning (WYT-91), now the General Phillip Schuyler, a training vessel for the State University of New York Maritime College at Fort Schuyler, N.Y., since 1985. Launched and commissioned in 1939, it has seen continuous service since then. (Submitted by Walter F. Lawlor, Sr.)



LST Becomes Aircraft Carrier. Crewmen aboard the LST-906 saw their ship converted into a baby aircraft carrier. Its 220-foot long, 16-foot wide runway was built in 72 hours while the ship was in Algiers in 1944. The vessel was used as an aircraft carrier for artillery observation cuts like the one flying by which just took off from the ship. Ten of the aircraft are carried aboard the ship (six on the runway and four in cradles). The planes could not land on the runway but had to land on ground instead. (Submitted by John T. Steen).

Attention Golfers

The 2nd Annual Retired Military Golf Classic will be held Nov. 9-12, 1998 at the Cocoa Beach Country Club, Savannahs, and Patrick AFB. The entry fee of \$175 includes entry fee, shirt, cap, green fee, cart, gift certificate, range, prizes, drawing, party and more. This event is open to men and women and features separate men scramble, ladies scramble or stroke.

This event, sponsored by Space Coast Sports Promotions, is open to all retired U.S., Canadian and NATO military members and spouses.

For more information and entry form, contact **Ray Norman** or **Eddy Pauley** at (407) 453-7765. Fax number is (407) 452-1398. E-mail at normanray@aol.com or IFLY93T@aol.com.

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practical methods of retrieving the survivors was to throw lines with bowlines in the end. The survivor would drop this over his head and under his arms, wherein the momentum of the *Bibb's* rolling motion would create a sling-shot effect and hoist him aboard. Sometimes, the *Bibb's* crew went down the scramble nets that were hung over the side and assisted survivors who did not have the strength to climb themselves."

Lieutenant Keene assumed his rescue position in the *Bibb's* starboard whaleboat, which was swung out. From there, he could throw a line to a raft where a survivor could grab it. Keene would then pass his end of the line down to the deck, and the raft would be brought alongside for the removal of survivors. This process continued for almost an hour, while the *Bibb* maintained minimum steerage among the survivors and ADM Karl Donitz's U-boats.

At one point, Keene heard CAPT Raney yell, "Someone get that damned dog!" Keene then jumped down from the starboard boat, ran aft, and jumped onto a raft going down the port side with the dog. He lowered the rescue bowline over his head and under his arms, grabbed the

dog (whose name he later learned was Rickey) and returned to his starboard whaleboat, where he and his shipmates resumed the rescue of more survivors.

George Dunningham, the cook on board the *Henry R. Mallory*, owned Rickey and was afraid he had seen the last of his canine companion. He recalled, however that "the dog drifted up later, as proudly and nonchalantly as if it were an everyday matter." Dunningham later gave Rickey to the crew of the *Bibb*, who had constructed a special life jacket for the dog.

Lieutenant Keene's rescue efforts were not over. Sometime during the recovery operation, SN Phillip Luke, one of *Bibb's* rescuers, fell overboard. When Keene saw Luke floundering in the rough seas, he jumped over the side and rescued his crewmate in the same manner as he had Rickey. The shock from diving in from the height of the boat broke Keene's tooth, and he lost his favorite watch, which had been a graduation prize from the Coast Guard Academy.

Meanwhile the escort commander on board *HMS Vanessa* repeatedly had ordered CAPT Raney to return to the convoy. But Raney "would not do so until every American sailor and soldier he could find was retrieved from the water." Raney confidently told his executive office, LCDR H. F. Stalfi, "We are going to pick up these men." After rescuing all the survivors of the *Mallory*, the *Bibb* picked up speed to return to the
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The CGC Bibb leaving the South Carolina Navy Yard in January 1945.



Special Pull-Out Section

“Sands of Emerald Beach”

CGCVA Readies for 1998 Convention/Reunion in Corpus Christi

As your convention director, it will be my sincere pleasure to welcome all the CGCVA members and guests to our 7th Biennial Convention, to be held Nov. 4-8, 1998, in beautiful Corpus Christi, Texas.

I have made two trips there to plan the gala event and I can honestly say that we will have one of the most outstanding reunion packages ever. There are many things to do there and we have worked hard to put together several interesting yet easy of the wallet tour packages.

The Holiday Inn Emerald Beach Hotel is great, the food super, and the opportunity to relax and enjoy comradery outstanding. Room rates for us are only \$56.

The key to making this reunion a real success is to register early, both for the hotel and the tour events. To sweeten the pot, the Holiday Inn will draw from a list of all those CGCVA members who have made reservations prior to Oct. 1st, the winner receiving three free nights lodging. In addition, those who mail in the CGCVA registration form prior to Oct. 1st will be eligible for a drawing for a buffet cruise for two aboard the Captain Clark Flagship and another drawing for one free trip on the Mexico shopping trip.

While I'm on the subject of tours, the Mexican

trip will be a great opportunity to enjoy some outstanding shopping across the border from old Laredo. Also, don't miss the chance to visit the Columbus fleet...full-size replicas of the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria. Tours start on Nov. 5th with a visit to the USCG Air Station at Corpus



The Holiday Inn Emerald Beach Hotel in beautiful Corpus Christi — home base for the 1998 CGCVA Reunion & Convention, November 4-8.

Christi and a dinner cruise of Corpus Christi harbor that evening. Sightseeing of Corpus Christi and a visit to VFW Post #2394 is planned for Nov. 6th. Then, on Nov. 7th, enjoy the Laredo/Mexico shopping trip.

All of the above are available in our tour packages. The Holiday Inn general manager Bill Morgan and the City of Corpus Christi welcome you and, of course, I look forward to seeing you! Don't forget to pre-register!

Please use the forms on the next three pages to indicate your preferences for the tour packages and to send in your reservations. Hope to see you in Corpus Christi!

Bob Maxwell

Special Pull-Out Section

Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association

Pre-Registration

Registration

Late Registration

\$8.00 Per Person

“SANDS OF EMERALD BEACH”

\$10.00 Per Person

\$14.00 Per Couple

10/1/98 is cutoff for Pre-Registration

\$18.00 Per Couple

(Please Type or Print Clearly)

(For Name Tag)

Name: _____
Last First MI

Companions
Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Tel.#: _____ No. in your group: _____ No. Room(s) Req'd. _____

Date of Arrival: _____ Date of Departure: _____ Total Days: _____

I require the following Tickets: _____ **Business Lunch** _____ **Aux. Friendship Lunch**
\$14.50 Each \$12.00 Each

_____ **Awards Banquet**
\$24.50 Each

_____ Chicken

_____ London Broil

(Please indicate for each Banquet Ticket)

IF YOU HAVE A SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENT, PLEASE ADVISE UPON ARRIVAL

We have an agreement for a charge of \$56.00 + tax per night single/double occupancy until 10/20/98.

There are only Three (3) things that you must do to complete your early registration:

1. Call Holiday Inn Emerald Beach Hotel, 1102 So. Shoreline Blvd., Corpus Christi, TX 78401 at: (512)883-5731. Their FAX No. is (512) 883-9079.

Make your reservation.

Be sure to mention Coast Guard Combat Veterans Assoc.

2. **Complete Tours Form** for your tours. It's on another page in this issue. For any Questions you may have. Tel:(301) 570-5664 Msg or Fax. I will return your call ASAP.

3. **Complete this Form** and send it with Check/M.O. (Please, NO CASH) for your Registration Fee; Tours selected, Awards Banquet Ticket(s) and Luncheon Ticket(s) made out to: CGCOMVETS.

TO: E.P. Burke, LM
17728 Striley Drive
Ashton, MD 20861-9763

If you have questions, Call
(301) 570-5664 Leave Msg/Fax
I will get back to you ASAP.

PLEASE, DO NOT SEND HOTEL PAYMENTS TO THIS ADDRESS.

When you arrive at the Holiday Inn, Corpus Christi, TX, you can check in and come to the CONVENTION CENTER, sign in and pickup your envelope, you are now ready for the 'SANDS OF EMERALD BEACH'.

Note: If you have a problem w/Registration or have special requirements Call: Bob Maxwell at (530)335-3876 or Fax (530) 335-3304. Bob will return your call ASAP.

Corpus Christi Tours

The following tours have been set up for

Sands Of Emerald Beach Reunion.

The deadline for registering for these tours is October 1st 1998.

Thursday, Nov. 5th 1998: C.G. Air Station 10:00a.m. to 2:30p.m.

For those going to the CG Air Station, the bus will depart the hotel at 10:00a. The group will tour the Air Station at Corpus Christi and hopefully will be able to visit a Construction Tender and/or a 110' Cutter.(We're working on this) Lunch will be available at the "All Hands Club" at a reasonable price. Then return to the Hotel by 2:00p. Cost \$10.00 ea.

Number in party: _____ times \$10.00=

Sub-Total \$ _____

Evening Harbor Cruise 6:00p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

This will be a two hour cruise of Corpus Christi Harbor onboard the Stern Wheeler "Captain Clark Flagship". Includes a Delicious Buffet of Ham, Shrimp, Fruit and Salad. Price includes transportation. There will be a cash bar onboard. Bus leaves Hotel at 5:45p.m.

Cost: \$29.50

Number in Party: _____ times \$29.50 per person=

Sub-Total \$ _____

Friday, Nov. 6th 1998: Sightseeing of Corpus Christi & visit to VFW Post#2394 (After Bus. Mtg.) 2:30p.m. to 7:30p.m.

Sightseeing tour of Corpus Christi and the Maritime Museum. Visit Columbus' ships the Nina, Pinta and the Santa Maria with a stop at a Local VFW Post for entertainment. Includes admission to the Museum. Bus leaves Hotel at 2:30p.m.

Cost: \$18.00

Number in party: _____ times \$18.00 per person =

Sub-Total \$ _____

Saturday, November 7th 1998: Laredo/Mexico Shopping Trip

Bus will depart the hotel at 7:00a.m. and will return to the Hotel about 2:00p.m. This will include a visit to Mexico for the best shopping of any of the border towns. You will be on your own for lunch.

Cost: \$20.00

Number in party: _____ times \$20.00 per person =

Sub-Total \$ _____

Please No Cash, Check/M.O. Only

Grand Total: \$ _____

Payable to: CGCOMVETS

Mail to: E.P. BURKE

Your Name & Address (Print)

17728 STRILEY DRIVE

Name: _____

ASHTON, MD., 20861-9763

Address: _____

Tel: (301) 570-5664 Msg/Fax

City/State/Zip _____

Please complete, as this form can be separated from your CGCVA Registration Form. (Please, NO CASH) A Check/M.O. for your Registration Fee(s), Tours, Awards Banquet Ticket(s) and Luncheon Ticket(s) made out To: CGCOMVETS Please, Double check your figures, Thanks

“Sands Of Emerald Beach”

Agenda

Wednesday, 4 November 1998:

0900-1500	Arrival, Registration, Hospitality Room.
0930-1100	Pre-Convention Meeting w/Officers & Board Members.
1600-1700	* Opening Ceremony.
1800-Close	Hospitality Room-Entertainment.

Thursday, 5 November 1998:

0900-1600	Arrival, Registration, Hospitality Room.
1000-1430	Visit to C.G. Air Station, Corpus Christi, TX. Bus Dpts @ 10:00a.m.
1800-2000	Evening Cruise w/Buffer. Bus Dpts @5:45p.m.
1600-Close	Hospitality Room

Friday, 6 November 1998:

0900-1000	Arrival, Registration, Hospitality Room.
1130-1430	* Biennial Business Meeting w/ No-Host Luncheon.
1430-1930	Sightseeing Tour of the City w/visit to Maritime Museum & visit to VFW Post #2394. Bus Dpts @2:30p.m.
1500-Close	Hospitality Room.

Saturday, 7 November 1998:

0700-1400	Shopping trip to Mexico @ Laredo, TX. Bus Dpts @7:00a.m.
0900-1700	Arrival, Registration, Hospitality Room.
1800-1900	* Pre-Banquet Cocktails. Cash Bar.
1900-2100	* Awards Banquet.
2100-Close	Hospitality Room.

Sunday, 8 November 1998:

	Checkouts & Departures as scheduled.
0830-End	Post Convention Meeting, Officers & Board Members. (Reunion Committee, Treasurer, Secretary & Conv. Chrmn. to meet with Hotel Manager to settle Hotel Bill.)

*** The Hospitality Room will be CLOSED during the following events:**

Opening Ceremony Business Meeting Awards Banquet

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COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Founded 29 July 1985

PREAMBLE

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

CONSTITUTION

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

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I-Organization

This Association formed under the authority of the foregoing Constitution will be organized as provided hereinafter. That all meetings including the biennial meeting will be conducted in accordance with ROBERT'S Rules Of Order in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws and any special rules of order the Association may adopt.

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

2. Purpose: The primary purpose of this Association shall be to foster good fellowship and social activities.

a. The association assumes the responsibility for maintaining the gravesite of Signalman

First Class, Douglas A. Munro, USCG recipient of the Congressional Medal Of Honor, located at Cle Elum, Washington.

b. To accomplish the programs as outlined in the Preamble.

3. Association Officers:

a. The Association shall be governed by a National President; National Vice President; National Secretary, National Treasurer, and an elected Board of Trustee's consisting of four (4) regular members and the fifth member being the immediate past National President.

b. No elected Officer or Trustee will be installed in office that does not have a Support Document to substantiate their combat qualification to be a member of the Association.

4. Term of Office: Officers shall be nominated and elected for a two (2) year term

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in office at each regular biennial meeting of the membership. Candidates for office shall be regular voting members of the association who shall be nominated and elected by a "Show of Hand". The newly elected officers and appointees shall be sworn into office at ceremonies during the awards banquet held on the final evening of the reunion/convention. The offices of the National President and National Vice President shall not be succeeded by the same person, elected to that office more than one (1) time. Exception will be made in situations where a member is appointed to complete a term in either position caused by the vacation of the office by the Elected Officer. The offices of the National Secretary and National Treasurer due to the necessity of a consistent continuance of record management for the Association, may be succeeded by the person duly nominated and elected by the members without limitation to the succession rule above. The offices of the Board Members are covered in Article IV, 5. below. In the event of a vacancy of any office or **Directorship** caused by resignation; illness, death or removal for "cause", a replacement shall be selected to serve in the vacated position until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the membership. The selection shall be made by a committee appointed by the President.

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

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

ARTICLE II-Membership

Membership in this Association shall be limited to:

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

2. The Widow or Widower of **those listed in 1. above** members that were in good standing at the time of their demise, shall be considered members and shall be dues free without voting privilege. These members shall not hold office.

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

4. The National President, with the concurrence of the Board of Trustees, may authorize additional Honorary Membership without voting privilege to any person who has performed in an "Outstanding" manner for the betterment of either the United States Coast Guard or the Association. Such Honorary Membership will be accomplished by

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the issuing of a Certificate of Appreciation and Honorary Membership suitable for framing. Any member in good standing may make a recommendation to the National President for an Honorary Membership. The recommendation shall be in writing and accompanied with supporting information substantiating the individual's qualifications.

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

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

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

c. A spouse, child or orphan of a deceased Coast Guard Combat Veteran who died prior to the founding of the Association may be eligible for Associate Membership. Determinations will be made upon receipt of application for membership in each case. Support documents of combat service and relationship must be provided.

ARTICLE III-Dues

Dues shall be fixed by Board of Trustee's.

1. Dues are considered due and payable at biennial intervals commencing two (2) years from the month of initial membership. The membership expiration date will be affixed to the address label of the quarterly newsletter and will be the notice for the renewal of membership. The Treasurer will send out an "overdue Notice" to members not responding after approximately thirty (30) days. Members not responding to the "Overdue Notice" after sixty (60) days will be dropped

from the active rolls. A member dropped for Non-Payment of dues may be reinstated by submitting the necessary dues and Application Form.

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

2. Life Membership: *Persons meeting the requirements for membership, as outlined in Article II, may apply for life membership at the following fees:*

Under age 30	200.00
31-40	185.00
41-50	165.00
51-60	145.00
61-70	115.00
71-80	85.00
81-89	50.00
90 & up	0

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

ARTICLE IV-Officers

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

1. National President:

a. As the National President and Chief Executive Officer of the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association **and the Board of**

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Trustee's, call meetings of Officers and Trustee's as necessary. Preside over all meetings and determine the order of business.

b. Shall review the recommendations received from the Convention Chairman and with the concurrence of the Board of Trustee's, determine the time and place to convene the biennial reunion/convention.

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

d. Represent the CGCVA at business and social functions of various veterans organizations. Military, veterans legislative meetings on local state, and national levels. Or, assign officers of the association to attend in his stead.

e. Approve all expenditures and disbursements of the Association funds within the limitations of these By-Laws **and is authorized to sign drafts for these expenditures.**

f. The president-elect **shall may** make **following** appointments as necessary. They may include, but not limited to: Budget, By-Laws, Chaplain, Convention/Reunion, Editor, Historian, Master at Arms, Membership, Nominating, Parliamentarian and Ways and Means. upon election to enable announcement not later than the Awards

Banquet: Budget Director; Parliamentarian; Chairman, By-Laws Committee; Chairman, Convention-Reunion Committee; Chairman,

Nominating Committee; Chaplain; Editor; National Membership Director; Photographer; Historian, Ways & Means Director and Master-At-Arms.

g. Shall issue an annual "State of the Association" to be published in the first issue of the Quarterdeck Log each new calendar year.

2. National Vice President:

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

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

c. Furnish an annual written report of activities of the year to the National President in sufficient time for inclusion into the "State of the Association" message to members.

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

3. National Secretary:

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

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

c. Maintain the Association mailing lists. The Association mailing list will not be given to any "non member" or member in "Good Standing" for their personal gain. It shall be the responsibility of the National Secretary to ensure that the names of the members not be given out indiscriminately.

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d. Respond to the membership questions and/or requests within the capabilities of the means available.

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

f. In cooperation with the National Treasurer, establish and distribute budgets for all officers and appointees' of the Association.

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

h. In conjunction with the National President, prepare agenda's for all meetings.

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

j. Have prepared and distributed the Associations official publication, the Quarterdeck Log on a quarterly basis. Provide guidance and support to the Editor of the Associations official publication. In cooperation with the Editor, establish "Deadlines" and publication dates for the newsletter and assure their compliance of same.

k. Keep a record (minutes) of all proceedings of the association. (Executive,-General Session,-Board- & Special) Publish and make the minutes and records available to members upon request.

l. Furnish an annual written report of activities of the year to the President in

sufficient time for inclusion into the "State of the Association" message to members.

4. National Treasurer:

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

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

c. Prepare all drafts against the Association funds for settling Association financial obligations as authorized by the National President and in accordance with these By-Laws In addition to the National President, the National Treasurer is authorized to sign drafts described herein.

d. In cooperation with the National Secretary, establish annual budgets for the National President, National Vice President, National Secretary, National Treasurer, Board of Trustee's, the Quarterdeck Log, National Membership Director, Ways & Means Director, Convention/Reunion Chairman. Prepare the budget to show line items for a minimum of: Travel, Supplies, Postage, Equipment, Services i.e., Printing, etc.

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

f. Provide an annual financial statement, to be audited and presented for presentation at the annual business meeting, that has been audited as outlined in 5 (h), below. by a committee from the Board of Trustee's appointed by the National President.

g. Furnish an annual written report of activities of the year to the National President

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in sufficient time for inclusion into the "State of the Association" message to members.

5. Board of Trustees:

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

b. Of the four (4) elected Board Members, two (2) shall be elected to a Four (4) year term at each reunion convention The members of the Board will select a Chairman from their elected body for a two year term.

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

d. As directed by the National President, review recommendations received from the Convention Chairman as to the time and place of the biennial reunion / convention and advise the President of the Boards recommendations.

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

f. Review and approve the annual budget.

g. As selected by the National President, audit the Financial Records of the National Treasurer annually. When directed by the National President, but no less often than annually, cause an audit of the Association Financial Records in Custody of the National Treasurer.

h. Establish the amount of dues required for membership.

i. Review proposed changes to the By-Laws, as submitted in accordance with Article IX and forward to the Chairman of the By-Laws Committee with recommendations.

ARTICLE V-Committees

1. Standing committees shall be appointed by the National 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 National President. The Chairperson shall appoint members to serve on the committee.

ARTICLE VI-Voting

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

ARTICLE VII-Awards

Awards presented by this association will be based on the following criteria:

1. CG Person Of The Year: The following precept for the selection of the outstanding U.S. Coast Guard Member was submitted to U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters 30 May 1994. The Commandant G-PMP-4 agreed and approved the Precept, Schedule and criteria for the selection on 12 July 1994. Therefore, the following must be strictly adhered to:

a. Precept: Each year the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association (CGCVA) selects and recognizes an outstanding U.S. Coast Guard Member. The recognition is presented at the Association's biennial meeting on even numbered years (i.e. 1994, 1996 etc.). In odd number years (i.e. 1995, 1997 etc.) the recognition is presented at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC. The U.S. Coast Guard will fund the recipient's transportation, while CGCVA will provide the recipient's lodging and meals. The presentation would be made in the company of either the

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Commandant, Vice Commandant or the Chief of Staff.

b. Schedule: Annually in June, the CGCVA will notify the U.S. Coast Guard of the intention to make an award presentation to an outstanding individual.

Annually by 1 August, the U.S. Coast Guard will provide the names and background information of three (03) candidates to the Administrative Office of the CGCVA. CGCVA will make a selection and notify the U.S. Coast Guard, in writing, by the end of August and will provide the date(s) and location of the awards presentation in the even numbered years. The odd numbered years will require a satisfactory date agreeable by both the U.S. Coast Guard and CGCVA.

The U.S. Coast Guard will notify the appropriate command of the recipient and will provide the appropriate orders for the individual and spouse. CGCVA will notify the recipient of the details of participation, after the command has been notified. (Note: A courtesy/information copy of the agenda was sent to the recipients CO for the first Headquarters presentation in 1995.)

The Association shall award a CGCVA plaque annually to the person selected as "C.G. Person of the Year". The selection will be made from a list of 3 candidates received from Coast Guard Headquarters that had been chosen by USCG for recognition as a result of outstanding/heroic performance. Presentation will be made at the Association biennial Reunion/Convention. In the years between the Association Reunion/Convention presentation

will be made at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D.C. by the Coast Guard Commandant, or his designated representative. The National President, or designated alternate members, will be present to represent CGCVA.

a. Criteria: The candidate for the CGCVA recognition should have been awarded, or nominated for, a Coast Guard award during the period of the previous year 1 July through 30 June of the current year.

The feat involved should indicate a high degree of risk on the part of the candidate and merits a recommendation for the award of the Coast Guard Medal, Coast Guard Gold Lifesaving Medal, Coast Guard Silver Lifesaving Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross or Air Medal for the CGCVA recognition.

The individual is to be on Active Duty, Regular or Reserve, Officer or Enlisted personnel.

2. U.S. Senator/U.S. Congressman: At the regular Association Convention/Reunion a maximum of two (2) awards for members of the U.S. Congress (1 Senate, 1 House, 2 Senate or 2 House) may be awarded to those who have most helped provided exceptional support to the U. S. Coast Guard for the immediate preceding two (2) year period. Recommendations will be solicited/accepted from the USCG Liaison Officer(s) to Congress. up to one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the Convention/Reunion. All elected officers of the Association will be informed by the Secretary of the recommendations ninety (90) days prior to the Convention/Reunion. A vote by the elected officers must be received by the

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Secretary sixty (60) days prior to the Convention/Reunion to enable appropriate awards to be ordered. The total cost of each award will not exceed One Hundred (\$100.00) dollars.

ARTICLE VIII-Quorum

1. In a general meeting, the quorum is the number of members present at the time, since they constitute the entire membership at that time.

2. Officers and Trustee's meetings, the quorum is a majority of all the Officers or Trustee's or combination of both.

Officers: 3 Trustee's: 3
Joint: 5

ARTICLE IX-Change & Correction

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

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

3. Procedures:

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

b. Changes as defined above and meet all requirements shall be presented to the membership at the regularly convened

reunion/convention where they will be read and voted on by a "Show of Hand" (If the changes have been circulated to the membership in no less than thirty (30) days prior to the reunion/convention, reading of the changes may be suspended)

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

Originally Adopted:
July, 1986 at Reno, NV

Corrected/Amended/Approved:
July, 1988 at Reno, NV

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July, 1990 at Baltimore, MD.

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

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October, 1992 at Reno, NV

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

Corrected/Amended/Approved:
November 2, 1996 at San Diego, CA



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To understand the following changes to the By-Laws, the following information is furnished:

Everything printed in this style are new items recommended for inclusion to the By-Laws. Must be "Italic and underlined".

Everything printed in this style is to be deleted. Remember, in order to be deleted it must be "Bold and Underlined".

This is published in the Quarterdeck Log so that each member can read it at their leisure. This way we will not have to read all of the changes at the upcoming Biennial Business Meeting on 6 November 1998. Only the parts that we receive objections/questions/recommendations for clarification and/or explanations.

Please, our Chairman of the By-Laws' Committee put a lot of time and effort into **YOUR** By-Laws, take a little time to read and understand them.



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Coast Guard Combat Veteran

This is an example of what the Maryland Coast Guard Combat Veteran license plate would look like. Keep in mind the CGCVA logo would be in full color. Contact Ed Burke for details.

“Someone Get That Damned Dog”

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convoy. En route, however, her crew sighted and rescued 33 survivors from the torpedoed Greek merchant vessel *SS Kalliope*. Three of the rescued crewmen from the *Henry R. Mallory* died that night and were buried at sea.

The 0800-1200 watch log entry of LTJG Ellis Perry reads simply: “Crew at General Quarters throughout the watch. 235 survivors of manne disaster brought aboard during watch. SN Phillip Luke placed off duty this date by medical officer for treatment for exposure to sea water.”

Some months later, the U.S. escorts were taken off the North Atlantic convoy routes and assigned to the North African convoys. Despite the specter

of “Loose Lips Sink Ships” and the implied penalties for discussing the details of Allied sinkings, the *Bibb*'s crew was overwhelmed upon returning to Boston by journalists whose interest was piqued by stories from survivors of the *Mallory*.

Lieutenant Keene was dispatched to the Coast Guard's Washington Headquarters for ten days to participate with Commandant Admiral Russell Waesche in a national radio program and other ceremonies. Keene, ironically, was singled out for having saved Rickey and was recognized publicly for being the best friend of man's best friend. The American Humane Society and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals each awarded medals to Lieutenant Keene for saving the dog. Although Captain Ramey had an option to recommend a number of the *Bibb*'s crew for life-saving medals, he declined, saying that everyone had only done his duty and that no one would be singled out.

Rickey — the ungrateful rescued dog — ran away as soon as he set paw on Boston's wharf. (submitted by CDR W. Russell Webster, USCG)

A First Person View of the Rescue

Alphonse Balsis was a machinist's mate aboard the *USCGC Bibb* in February 1943, having entered the Coast Guard as an Apprentice Seaman in December 1941, just a few weeks after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

The *Bibb*, one of many ships he served on during his 4-1/2 years in the Coast Guard, was a senior escort ship in a convoy of 75 ships sailing the North Atlantic.

Word was out on a cold night in early February that something was amiss when a radioman onboard the cutter overheard a conversation between two German submarine captains saying they would torpedo the convoy.

Balsis said crew members were only told to

sleep with their clothes on that night. “Everything was hush-hush, secret-secret,” he said. “They didn't tell us anything.”

Various sources list the official dates as

February 2 and 7 as the date when enemy torpedos struck the troop transport *SS Henry R. Mallory*. According to the Coast Guard Historian, none of the other ships in the convoy knew until four hours later when the *Bibb* saw some men adrift in a lifeboat.

The rescue wasn't made public until the following April when the *Bibb* docked in Boston. Even then, neither the *Bibb* nor the *Mallory* were mentioned by name in Boston newspaper accounts.

The *Mallory*, when it was struck, was about 600 miles south southwest of Iceland. It carried 136 Army, 72 Marine, 173 Navy personnel, two civilians, a crew of 77 and an Armed Guard of 34.

The *Bibb* was instrumental in rescuing more than 300 from six different ships, from September 1942 to March 1943. And, although Balsis refers to the night as routine, he recalls the dangerous details of the night.

When the *Bibb* saw the *Mallory*, the peril of the

During a World War II convoy, the CGC Bibb (WPG-31) stayed behind to pluck 235 survivors from U-boat-infested waters in the North Atlantic — but the only recognition given went to the crewman who saved Rickey, a dog.

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rescue was compounded by the presence of about 20 German submarines still in the area. "Sometimes we had to give up the search and drop some depth charges," Balsis said.

When crew members were able to attempt rescue, some of the castaways were too weak to lift themselves and had to be hoisted from their lifeboats to the cutter with ropes around their waists.

Others, so eager to board the rescue ship, tried to use a line thrown to them to individually board the *Bibb* instead of tying it to the lifeboat to be pulled in. One boatswain's mate, who appeared to have part of a finger missing, pushed the others aside to tie the line so they could all be saved. Balsis recalls that incident as an isolated act of heroism.

But he also remembers seeing one lone man on a liferaft a few miles out jumping and waving his arms to get the *Bibb's* attention. "He kept standing up, then we didn't see him anymore. I often think about him," Balsis said. "I don't know if he grew weak or fell into the water. I don't know if we picked him up. I think we did. We picked up everyone we saw."

The *Bibb* rescued 202 survivors from the Mallory and 33 survivors from the Greek ship *Kalliopi*. "There were almost as many survivors as crewmen," Balsis said.

Once onboard, survivors slept in the crew's bunks as crew members worked. Balsis said when the men came off duty and found someone in their beds, they woke them up to find a different place to sleep. Chow routine was also impacted. Normally, the ship had two messes per day, but once the *Bibb* picked up survivors, meals were served around the clock. Survivors shared the *Bibb* for about one week until it reached Iceland.

The 365-foot *Bibb*, still in Coast Guard service

as late of 1980, was eventually scuttled off Key Largo, Fla., to become part of a manmade reef.

(reprinted courtesy of Mary Keely,
Cape May Star and Wave)

RADM Riker Will Be Guest Speaker At CGCVA Convention

Rear Admiral J. Timothy Riker, USCGR, the

Senior Reserve Officer Atlantic Area, has accepted an invitation to serve as guest speaker at the upcoming CGCVA Convention in Corpus Christi.

Enlisting in the Coast Guard in 1970, Riker was assigned to the USCGC Hamilton (WHEC-715) until he was accepted to Officer Candidate School (OCS), graduating in June 1971. His first officer assignment was deck officer on the USCGC Unimac (WTR-379). Subsequent assignments

included Instructor duty at OCS, Commander of Reserve Units at Columbus and Cincinnati, Ohio, Paducah and Louisville, Ky, and Buffalo, N.Y., and Reserve Group Commander, Detroit, Mich.

In 1991, Riker was recalled to active duty in support of Operation Desert Storm, deploying as Planning Officer on the staff of Commander, Harbor Defense Command, in Manama, Bahrain. In 1994, he was again recalled to active duty, this time deploying to the Republic of Haiti, as Defense Commander and Commanding Officer of Port Security Unit 301 at Cap Haitien. In 1996, RADM Riker assumed the duties as Senior Reserve Officer Pacific Area.

In civilian life, RADM Riker is a trial attorney in Cincinnati, Ohio. He and his wife, Miriam, have two daughters, Katherine, age 16, and Allison, age 13.



RADM J. Timothy Riker, USCGR

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A contingent of Coast Guard SPARS was included in the 1998 Coast Guard parade at the Grand Haven Festival.



CGCVA National Vice President Jack Campbell with new Training Center Cape May, N.J. Commanding Officer, CAPT Sally Brice-O'Hara (left) and Ms. Sheila Barrett. Jack attended the training center change of command and reinforced the CGCVA's support there for activities that provide historical Coast Guard education to recruits in training.



Coast Guard Combat Veterans Auxiliary Membership Application

Name _____ Date _____
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Street or Box Number City State /zipcode

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

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Nancy Burke, Secretary/Treasurer

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CGCVA Form 3A (Rev. 12/95)



Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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A couple of unidentified Coasties catch up on Coast Guard news during WWII, courtesy of U.S. Coast Guard Magazine.

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