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From the President

Well folks, our planning for the 1994 Reunion/Convention are really coming together. I'll defer to the Secretary to fill you in on the details but there's one area I'd like to present myself.

First, I must ask you, "Do you have all your earned Medals and Awards? I mention that at this time because we want to have a ceremony during our 1994 Reunion to present medals and awards to members who either never received them, got them and lost them, and/or were never properly presented. Help us make this a success by writing to one of the below addresses and requesting earned medals and awards:

If you **have** documents that indicate the medals and awards you have earned, enclose that documentation when writing to:

Commandant (G-PMP-4)
U. S. Coast Guard
2100 2nd Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20593-0001

If you **do not have** documents that indicate the medals and awards earned, you should write to:

National Personnel Records Center
(Military Personnel Records)
9700 Page Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63132-1500

Remember, it will take some time for them to process your request, so don't become impatient and write to find out what happened. Your letter will be acknowledged and you will get

an answer. If you are in doubt as to whether you are entitled to a particular medal or award, ask about it and explain why you think you are entitled. If you were serving onboard a vessel at the time, point that out in your letter. Finally, there is no charge for the medals, whether previously issued and lost or not.

Let's get behind this...bring those medals to the Reunion and have a long line to get them presented at the Banquet.

We're also moving full speed ahead with our plans for a Normandy Plaque and a proposed design is included in this issue.

On a bit of a personal note, I extend my apologies to CAPT Al Grantham, USCG (Ret.). Al was mistakenly identified in the *Quarterdeck Log* as being aboard the *USS Lansing (DE-388)* during World War II. In actuality he served on the ship during the Korean War and wrote to tell me that while he was old, he wasn't old enough to have served in WWII. Sorry about that Al.

I attended the Greenland Patrol Reunion October 22nd and was delighted to see about 180 people at their banquet dinner. Mr. Ray O'Malley, survivor of the CGC *Escanaba* sinking attended as did Captains Chiswell, Barbour and Denny, plus a Coast Guard color guard squad. I served as one of the four chaplains during their remembrance of the *Dorchester* sinking.

Finally, my thanks to RADM Arnie Sobel for helping to get us out of a "dead in the water" situation regarding the CGCVA book. He has taken us in tow and we are now on our way to seeing this project to conclusion. Thanks Arnie!

Dick Stent



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To All Our Members:

May this holiday season we a most joyful one. May we all enjoy each others company for many years to come and see our association continue to grow. May we continue to support each other and watch over the organization that brought us all together — the United States Coast Guard. Have a great New Year and hope to see you at the 1994 Convention/Reunion in Norfolk.

All the CGCVA Officers and Board of Directors



From the Secretary

1994 Reunion/Convention Report

In an effort to keep you abreast of what's happening with our 1994 Reunion, the following bits and pieces are provided.

The Howard Johnson Hotel Norfolk is furnishing our association with a room called the "French Quarter." This is the room that will house our memorabilia displays and where we will have our registration desks. There will be television and a VCR showing a great video on the Coast Guard but don't forget to bring along any appropriate videos you have too. It will also serve as our hospitality room where much of the comradery (sea stories) will take place.

We are trying to set up a good variety of tours for you to choose from and I'll try to list them in the next *Quarterdeck Log*. The previous issue did list a number of attractions in the greater Norfolk area by the way. Tentatively, we have in the works bus tours for day trips outside of Norfolk and some around town being looked at. Everyplace we have questioned thusfar regarding a bus tour of Williamsburg have turned out to be quite costly. The other ones have been averaging between \$23 and \$30. Remember, it takes a minimum of 35 people to get a bus tour with a maximum of 46 persons. I might add that these tours include everything except lunch. Food is up to the individual. In that respect, we didn't want to set a fee for lunch since some folks don't eat, some eat light and some eat like me.

We want you to come to Norfolk expecting to have a good time and we will do our part to make sure your expectations are fulfilled. If you would like to write or give me your ideas, I will be happy to review them and, if possible, implement them. However, to save time and postage, I will not promise to reply to suggestions. Things like your ideas on specific tours and the amount of money you're willing to pay out for them would be quite helpful.

We are trying to set up a long (full day) tour and some shorter tours right in Norfolk. We feel pretty good about the possibility of having one of our own Coast Guard cutters come into town and take a large group on a cruise. There are several harbor cruises available on the *Spirit of Norfolk* too. It is real fancy, offering lunch cruises, dinner cruises and moonlight cruises complete with dancing and everything. The *Carrie B.*, a paddle wheeler, offers great lunch and dinner harbor cruises and is slightly less expensive. Last but not least, the *American Rover*, a tall ship, offers two and three-hour sailings.

We will have an "Opening Ceremony" with a lot of distinguished guests the first day. The business luncheon will be conducted on Friday with sufficient time being allowed to conduct Association business and hold elections. It will be a busy time but a fun time too. To wind things up, the Awards Banquet will be Saturday evening and the newly elected officers will be installed. It looks like this 1994 Convention is shaping up to be a great one, so if it's at all possible for you to be there, don't let this one get away.

One piece of news that I know you will be interested in is the "Early Registration Drawing." If you register before 26 August 1994, your name will be put in a container for a drawing with five prizes, including:

- Grand Prize — 4 days free hotel
- First Prize — 3 days free hotel
- Second Prize — 2 days free hotel
- Third Prize — 2 Banquet tickets
- Fourth Prize — 1 day free hotel
- Fifth Prize — 2 Luncheon tickets

No officers or Members of the Board will be included in this drawing. The hotel will provide the list of names that are eligible.

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1994 Reunion Report (continued)

To assist you, I have included a Howard Johnson Hotel Norfolk Registration Form below. Please fill it out completely and mail in. Or, if you prefer, you can call or fax in your reservation by using the numbers on the form. We have an agreement with the hotel for cancellation with a minimum of 72 hours notice prior to check-in time. We are also trying to make it as easy as possible for you to register and get there and have a great time after you have arrived.

Remember that VIP Travel Agency in Medina, Ohio is waiting to help you with details of your travel to and from your home and with reservations. They will contribute a ticket for every 40 they handle to someone that otherwise could not come to the Convention. So, if you

need travel arrangements, they are the ones to use. I used them last year when we went to Reno, Nevada and they did a great job for Nancy and me.

Howard Johnson Hotel Norfolk will provide free transportation to and from the airport and free shuttle service around town. There is plenty of free parking and there is room for RVs but no hookups. I have been told that it might be possible to run a wire from the RV into a room (that is of course if you get the approval of the folks in the room).

Thusfar we have been getting great cooperation from Patricia Philips and Holly Armstrong of the hotel and everything seems to be fitting into place nicely.

Ed Burke

**Howard Johnson Hotel Norfolk
700 Monticello Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23510
Tel: (804) 627-5555 Fax: (804) 533-9651**

Please Reserve _____ Room(s) For _____ Person(s)

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: (____) _____

For the: Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association Convention/Reunion, Oct. 26-30, 1994

*One night's room deposit must be forwarded with this reservation or with major credit card number and expiration date listed below. Check-in time is 3 p.m. Check-out time is 12 noon. Reservations received after Sep. 26, 1994 will be subject to space availability.

To qualify for "Early Registration Drawing" your reservation MUST be received prior to August 26, 1994.

<u>Type:</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>Double</u>	<u>Twin</u>	<u>Triple</u>	<u>Quad</u>
(Circle One)	One Person	Two Persons	Two Persons/Two Double Beds		

Will Arrive: _____ at _____ *^ p.m. or earlier arrival _____ Guaranteed for Late Arrival _____
(date) (time)

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date: _____

Cancellations must be received a minimum of 72 hours before scheduled arrival.

From the Treasurer

The Association has \$11,113.15 on hand as of 5 November, of which \$3,017 is reserved for the Normandy Memorial and \$6,055 in the Life Membership Account. Our unencumbered balance on hand is \$2,041.15. Our Association pays no salaries and the majority of our expenses are for the *Quarterdeck Log*. The membership has been truly fantastic in the payment of dues and this is greatly appreciated.

Life Memberships CGCVA Life Memberships are on the increase and may be adjusted upward at the 1994 Reunion. Currently they are available at the following rates:

Through age 30	—	\$175
31 - 40	—	\$160
41 - 50	—	\$140
51 - 60	—	\$120
61 - 70	—	\$ 90
71 - 80	—	\$ 60
81 and over	—	\$ 50

Congratulations to our newest Life Members:

Herbert Baker	Maurice Stopa
Gregory Kester	Stanley Syrek
Larry Bull	Otto Peterson
Robert Hare	John Stevens
Robert Wilcox	Walter Case
Carl Stanton	Baker Herbert

CGCVA Items Now Available Here's a list of CGCVA items now in stock, ready for sale and their prices. All items can be ordered by sending a check payable to CGCVA to Baker Herbert, P.O. Box 544, Westfield Center, OH 44251-0544:

- CGCVA Baseball Cap, dark blue with gold lettering; Plain Visor (\$10); Senior Officer "Eggs" (\$12); Flag "Eggs" (13).
- CGCVA 4" Logo Decal for Window (\$2).
- CGCVA Logo Embroidered Patch (\$5).

Besides the CGCVA items available through the Association, here are some general Coast Guard items available through CGCVA:

Coast Guard Line Art. Line art of several Coast Guard cutters and CG-manned naval vessels are now available through the CGCVA. Prints include:

<i>USS Joseph T. Dickman</i>	<i>USS LST 785</i>
<i>Various Landing Craft</i>	<i>CGC Taney</i>
<i>CGC Eastwind</i>	<i>CGC Duane</i>
<i>Sea Cloud</i>	<i>Cobb</i>

There is a limited number of each, so send for yours today. They're only \$10 each plus mailing costs (and it's tax-deductible). Sale of these prints will provide some needed money in the CGCVA coffers and you'll have a professional, suitable for framing print of a famous Coast Guard cutter or CG-manned vessel. Order through the Secretary.

Baker Herbert

Association News

Arnold Sobel Endowment Fund Scholarship

Administered by the Coast Guard Foundation, the Arnold Sobel Endowment Fund offers up to two scholarships for a school year. This program is open to dependent children of enlisted personnel in the U.S. Coast Guard on active duty, retired or deceased; and dependent children of enlisted personnel in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve currently on extended active duty.

The scholarship committee will consist of the president of the Coast Guard Foundation, superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy and the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard.

The grant will be up to \$5,000 per year to each student and will be renewed each year for four years so long as the student, in the opinion of the committee, continues to qualify.

Applicants must have had an average of "B" or better beginning in their sophomore year in high school. Applications should be sent to Commandant (G-Pd-3) to arrive not later than 1 April 1994. Questions should be directed to Mrs. Jessie Broadway, at (202) 267-6728.

Association News (cont.)

Normandy Plaque Update

Our Normandy Plaque plans are moving ahead and thanks go out to all who have gotten involved in this historic project. A special thanks to those members who have made specific donations toward the Normandy Plaque.

They are: Frank Reinhold, Al Courter, Ralph Chizek, the CGCVA, the CGCVA Auxiliary, Jim Bunch, James Hudlow, VADM K. K. Cowart, Freddy Harris, Richard E. Stent, CDR Ray Evans, George Herbert, Baker Herbert, Kirk Sundberg, Harold McGovern, *USS Key West* Association, Willard DeLue, John Colton, Vince Stauffer, Michael Churley, John Mathis, Henry Keene, CAPT A. Rawson (USN), Russell Brewer, John Price, Sal Arbucci, George Alton, Emmett Knaption, John VCarnila, Pat Panzarino, Art Green, Pat Denney (*Pacific Fisherman*), Al Grantham, and the *USS Spencer* Association.

On the right is a 2" = 1' scale representation of our Normandy Plaque. Outside dimensions are 30" wide by 36" high; lettering is approximate.

The official Coast Guard emblem (CG Seal encircled by rope) will be used at the top. This layout cannot be taken as the final design, however, it should provide the membership an idea as to what the actual plaque will look like.

Quarterdeck Log Deadlines

Our Spring 1994 issue (Vol. 9, No. 2) deadline is 10 March. For Summer 1994, it is 10 June, and for Fall 1994, it is 10 September.

All articles, photographs, letters and other materials received after the deadline dates will be saved for consideration and publication at a later date. With this listing of deadlines, you have nearly a year to plan your submissions. Hope this is helpful. By the way, thanks for all the submissions thusfar. **Ed Swift, editor**



DEDICATED THIS 6TH DAY OF JUNE, 1994 TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE INITIAL INVASION OF NORMANDY ON D-DAY, ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES HERE, AND TO ALL UNITED STATES COAST GUARD FORCES WHO SERVED WORLD WIDE ON LAND, SEA AND AIR DURING WWII.

THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD SHALL LONG REMEMBER NORMANDY; THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES, THEIR ALLIES AND THE COST OF FREEDOM AT THIS PLACE.

THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD MOTTO IS, AS ALWAYS,

"SEMPER PARATUS"
ALWAYS READY



COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1994 CGCVA Reunion/Convention

As you have been previously advised, our next Reunion/Convention will be held October 26-30, 1994, at Norfolk, Virginia. We have contracted with the Howard Johnson Hotel in Norfolk for the cost of \$50 per night (double occupancy) with tax included. The hotel is undergoing renovation at this time and it will be in very good condition when we get there.

We will be provided a large room for registration and displaying memorabilia. The room will also have a double-sided bar to accommodate members. If the anticipated response from the membership is there, we

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will likely be the only guests in the hotel. Anyway, the price is quite fair for the area and Howard Johnson restaurants are noted for good food.

In addition to the wonderful comradery we'll enjoy, the Norfolk area offers a variety of entertainment, including but certainly not limited to:

Waterside Festival Marketplace
U.S. Naval Base
Douglas MacArthur Memorial
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Spirit of Norfolk (harbor cruise)
American Rover (sailing vessel)
Wells Theater/Virginia Stage Company
Carrie B (riverboat)
Chrysler Hall and Museum
Virginia Zoological Park
Norfolk Botanical Garden
Norfolk School of Boatbuilding
Norfolk Trolley Tour
Antique Automobile Club of Tidewater
Friendship Park & Taiwanese Tower
Rowena's Jam & Jelly Factory
Adam Thoroughgood House
Hunter House Victorian Museum
d'Art Center
Moses Myers House
Hermitage Foundation Museum
Busch Gardens
Colonial Williamsburg
Jamestown/Yorktown
Air & Space Center
U.S. Coast Guard Base Portsmouth

These are but a few of the things to get you thinking about the fun times at the 1994 Reunion. Of course there will be other surprises, so stay tuned. If you would like more information on the area, write to:

Norfolk Convention & Visitors Bureau
236 East Plume Street
Norfolk, VA 23510
(804) 441-5266 (804) 622-3663 (fax)

So start making notes! Save your money! Get ready for the "big one!" Get ready for Norfolk! Additional information will be provided through *The Quarterdeck Log* as we get closer to the Reunion date. There will be drawings for "Early Registration" prizes. And remember...the goal of 2500.

CGC Taney Historic Photo Available

Black-and-white picture prints (8" x 22") of *CGC Taney's* officers and crew, dated August 4, 1937 at Pier 5A, Honolulu, Hawaii, are available for \$35 each. This is the pier where the *Taney* was moored on December 7, 1941 and a famous painting in the Coast Guard Art program depicts the cutter's anti-aircraft efforts during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

This is the same print that our Association framed and presented to the Baltimore Maritime Museum during Coast Guard Day festivities onboard the *Taney* this past August 4th.

The prints cost \$29 to produce, so, even with the mailing costs, the association doesn't make much. But every bit counts and it really is a lovely keepsake.

If you're interested, send checks to the administrative office at Ashton, Md. Make checks payable to CGCVA and the photographs will be in your hands within 2-3 weeks.

OVER THE BAR

The following CGCVA shipmates have recently departed our mortal company:

PAUL WULF
COLEMAN D. BAYLAN
LCDR FRANK PRINCE, USCG (Ret.)*

*According to Baker Herbert, LCDR Prince served on the CGC Bear in 1925. He taught Ray Baker and Douglas Munro seamanship and gunnery when they were recruits. Frank was also the oldest attendee at the CGCVA Reunion in Reno, Nevada last year. LCDR Prince was 93 years old.

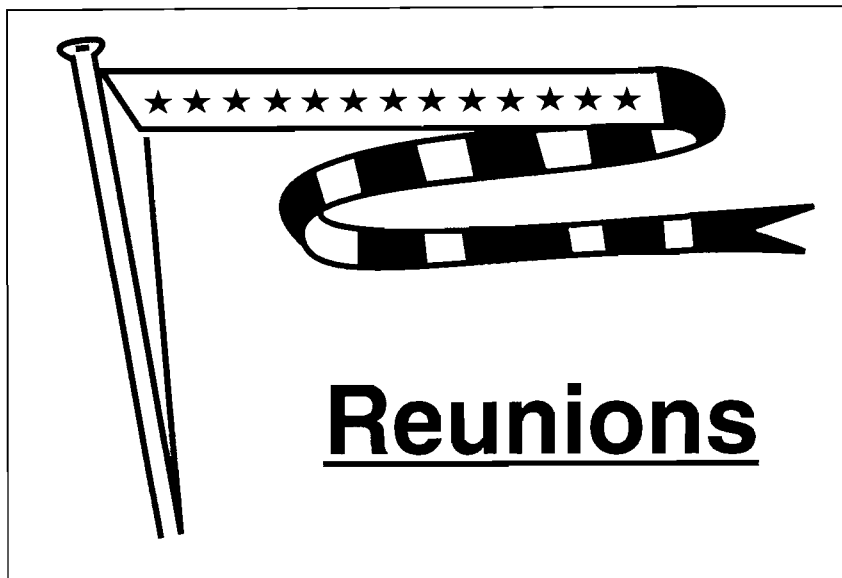
AP Transport Association Annual Reunion, June 12 -16, 1994 in Omaha, Neb. AP Transports *USS Generals William Mitchell (AP-114)*; *George M. Randall (AP-115)*; *W. H. Gordon (AP-117)*; *W. P. Richardson (AP-118)*; *William Weigel (AP-119)*; *J. C. Breckenridge (AP-176)*; and *Admiral W. L. Capps (AP-121)*. **Contact:** Chuck Ulrich, 35 Oak Lane, New Hyde Park, NY 11040-2339. Phone: (516) 747-7426.

U.S. Coast Guard Rescue Flotilla #1 veterans and their traveling companions: Be part of the Normandy 50th anniversary celebration in England, June 1994. Travel packages from stateside to Poole, England in time for the Normandy celebration. **Contact:** Jack Campbell, 6 Poplar Avenue, West Long Branch, NJ 07764. Phone: (908) 229-2413 or fax (908) 988-5436.

CGC Minnetonka (WHEC-67). Summer of 1994. **Contact:** Jon R. Peltier, P.O. Box 7812, Bend, OR 97708-7812.

Looking for CGC Sassafras crewmembers. Would like to hear ideas for a 50th anniversary celebration of cutter's commissioning and reunion in May, 1994. **Contact:** James F. Lucke, 223 West Washington Street, Apt. 10, Medina, OH 44256.

Looking for USS Belle Grove LSD-2 crewmembers for 50th anniversary reunion of all former crewmembers and marines in transit. Would like to hold reunion in July, 1994 in Des Moines, Idaho (flooded out in 1993). **Contact:** Del Catron, 14732 Van Buren Street, Midway City, CA 92655. Phone: (714) 897-1787.



USS General Hugh L. Scott (AP-136) Reunion, May 15 - 18, 1994, at the Sands Regency Hotel, Reno, Nev. **Contact:** Don Larson, 8701 Nantucket Way, Garden Grove, CA 92641. Phone: (714) 539-8874.

The 9th annual reunion of CGC Campbell will be held in May, 1994, in Charleston, S.C. This reunion is for all former and present Coast Guardsmen who served in CGC Campbell (W-32) during the 45 years from commissioning until 1982 plus present active duty crewmembers and former members of new CGC Campbell (WMEC-909). For more details, **contact:** David A. Blum, president, USCGC Campbell Association, 8341 Sands Point Blvd., Tamarac, FL 33321. Phone: (305) 722-8161.

Looking for officers and crewmen who served aboard the CGC Casco (WAVP-370 or WHEC-370) from 1947 to 1969. Please send your name, address and phone number to: Gordon C. Kelley at Box 141, Lyons, WI 53148. Please include your dates of service, time aboard the Casco, rank and rate. A roster is being compiled for our October 1994 Reunion. Your present wife's first name is also requested. An updated roster will be sent to you about every 3 months.

World War II Iwo Jima Survivors 49th anniversary reunion will be held Feb. 21 - 23, 1994 in Wichita Falls, Texas. Highlights will be a 1940's USO Show, a VIP tour of Sheppard AFB, memorabilia exhibits, memorial service, and a flag-raising re-enactment. **Contact:** Cy Young, Iwo Jima Survivors Association of Texas, P.O. Box 1657, Bowie, TX 76230. Phone: (817) 845-3261.

Reunions

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The 50th anniversary of the Liberation of the Philippines and the sea battles which made it possible will be commemorated Oct. 19 - 26, 1994 by the cities of Virginia Beach and Norfolk, Va. Men and women of all Services who are veterans of the campaign to liberate the Philippines are invited, as are persons interested in learning more about this important time in our nation's history.

Many plans are being developed for this week-long commemoration, including a 3-day symposium on strategy and tactics used in the liberation. For more information on this event, **contact:** Military Circle Limited Partnership, 880 N. Military Hwy., Suite 35, Norfolk, VA 23502. Phone: 1-800-231-0715.

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V.I.P. TRAVEL

5041 Victor Drive, Suite C., P.O. Box 1408
Medina, OH 44258-1408 (216) 722-5554
1-800-926-5554 or fax (216) 722-6639

Going to Norfolk in '94?

Are you planning to attend the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Convention/Reunion in Norfolk in October, 1994? Then take advantage of V.I.P. Travel's discounted airfares. Each ticket purchased will help earn a free ticket for someone who otherwise would not be able to attend. Call **Peg Boksner** and make your 1994 CGCVA Convention/Reunion reservation.

In terms of Europe, we have blocked space for the 50th Anniversary Tour of D-Day. A deluxe escorted tour by Collette Tours is scheduled for June 10, 1994. You will see the historic sights of Paris, Normandy, Pointe du Hoc Ranger Memorial, Utah Beach Museum, U.S. Military Cemetery, Reims, Belgium, Luxembourg, Aachen, Huertgen

Forest, Wurzburg, Berlin, Charlottenberg Palace and more during the 11 days of travel. The rate of \$1599 per person, based on double occupancy, includes quality hotel lodging, 9 breakfasts, 8 dinners, taxes and gratuities, and the service of a knowledgeable tour escort. We will arrange the best airfare and schedule from your departing city. Space is limited so call now! We look forward to working with you for all your travel needs!

Miscellaneous

— Coast Guard Clock that runs on one "AA" battery, available through CGCVA member Chester Csontos at 5212 State Rd., Wadsworth, OH 44281.

— Beautiful Miniatures, 5" high that can be painted in CG uniform of your choice. **Contact:** CGCVA member RADM Ken Wiman, USCG (Ret.) at 305 Rexburg Ave., Ft. Washington, MD 20744.

— Belt Buckles. Hopefully, CGCVA member **William Blomstrom** at HCR 77, Box 41312, Pahrump, NV 89041, is still making the beautiful belt buckles with our CGCVA logo.

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1994 Calenders.

Coast Guard in Action calender is our best yet! This year as always, each month features a spectacular photograph of the Coast Guard. Four **FREE** postcards are included. Choose from the following at the low, low price of \$3.95 per calender, plus shipping and handling:

- 1994 Coast Guard in Action
- 1994 Marines in Action
- 1994 Beautiful Light-houses

Available through Horizon Images, Inc., 6841 Pershing Street, Hollywood, FL 33024. Phone: (305) 962-0868 or (800) 658-0001.

USCG Insignia Brass Plaque

In 1978 I owned a bar in Southern California. One day a guy came in and wanted to borrow \$20 to buy some beer. I loaned him the money and he stayed and drank his beer. He noticed my Coast Guard plaque hanging on the wall and offered to make one for me in polished brass. By golly, two days later he was back with

the plaque and the \$20 he had borrowed.

Coast Guard vets who have seen this plaque have all wanted one so I'd have them made, one at a time. Since it seems to be so popular, I wanted to share this story and the opportunity to order one of these gorgeous plaques. Here's what it looks like. Actual size is 10-1/2 inches and they weigh 3 lbs. Cost is \$79.50 each plus \$7 for shipping and handling. Use the form below to order. See you at the 1994 Reunion in Norfolk!



Montano Metal Designs
P. O. Box 15645
Phoenix, AZ 85060-5645

	<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Shipping</u>	<u>Total</u>
U.S. COAST GUARD INSIGNIA BRASS PLAQUE		\$79.50	\$7.00 (ea.)	

Enclosed is my check or money order. Allow 3-4 weeks for delivery. Make checks payable to Raul M. Ochoa.

SHIP TO: _____

office use only

ADDRESS: _____

DR _____ | BP _____ | _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

MR _____ | _____ | DS _____

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Vietnam Squadron 1 and 3 T-Shirts


Below is an order form for T-Shirts designed exclusively for Vietnam Veterans of Coast Guard Squadron 1 and 3. To help defray costs of The Quarterdeck Log, I send \$1 back to CGCVA for each shirt sold. Every bit helps!

'BRAND NEW TO MARKET'

U.S. COAST GUARD VIETNAM SQUADRON 1 AND 3 T-SHIRTS \$12.00 EA+\$2.50 S+H*
 50/50 PREMIUM / HEAVYWEIGHT-TOP QUALITY
 * ORDERS OF 2 OR MORE WILL BE SHIPPED FREE
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U.S. COAST GUARD
OPERATION MARKET TIME



24 APR 1967 - 31 JAN 1973
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<input type="checkbox"/> LG	<input type="checkbox"/> XLG	<input type="checkbox"/>	U.S. COAST GUARD SQUADRON 1 VIETNAM, COLOR-BLACK ON ASH
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ADD \$ 2.50 S+H IF TOTAL IS 1 \$ _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED

PLEASE CHECK OTHER ITEMS YOU WOULD PURCHASE IF AVAILABLE

<input type="checkbox"/> SWEATSHIRT	<input type="checkbox"/> BASEBALL CAP - SQUADRON 1 OR 3 EMBLEM ONLY
<input type="checkbox"/> CANVAS TOTE BAG	<input type="checkbox"/> SQUADRON 1 OR 3 POSTER
<input type="checkbox"/> COFFEE/BEER MUGS	<input type="checkbox"/> DESCRIBE: _____

* PLEASE ALLOW UP TO 6 WEEKS DELIVERY *
 MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CHRISTOPHER F. WOOD

Veterans Memorials Need Help

There are a number of national veterans memorials currently in progress and each could use your help through donations. These include:

— Vietnam Women's Memorial Project

Dedicated Nov. 10, 1994 in Washington, D.C. All donations may be sent to 2001 S. St. NW, Suite 302, Washington, D.C. 20009. Phone: (202) 328-7253.

— National Prisoner of War Memorial
 Needs \$2.5 million. To be constructed at Andersonville National Historic Site in southwest Georgia. Donations may be sent to: William Fornes, coordinator at 606 West Park Ave., Valdosta, GA 31602. Phone: (912) 247-4274.

— U.S. Navy Memorial
 Needs funds to complete construction costs and maintain memorial log. Donations may be sent to P.O. Box 96570, Washington, D.C. 20090-6570. Phone: (202) 737-2300.

— Korean War Veterans Memorial
 Needs funds for perpetual care. Memorial to be dedicated July 27, 1995 in Washington, D.C. Donations may be sent to 18th and C Streets, NW, Room 7023, Washington, D.C. 20240. Phone: (202) 208-3561.

— Women in Military Service for America
 Design is approved. A computerized listing of women who served will be part of memorial, to be erected at the Hemicycle entrance to Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. Donations may be sent to: Memorial Foundation, Inc., 5510 Columbia Pike, Suite 302, Arlington, VA 22204. Phone: (800) 222-2294.

— World War II Memorial
 Approved by Congress. Awaiting selection of site before the design and fundraising can begin.

Mail Buoy

The following section is for letters, notes, photographs and other materials submitted by you, our readership. Here's your chance to "Sound Off." We would appreciate if your items be typed or printed legibly. No guarantees that it will be printed but give it a shot anyway.

The Quarterdeck Log doesn't have a staff of writers, that is unless you count the entire membership of the CGCVA. In that case, we have plenty. How about trying your hand at a story. I'm sure the readership would enjoy it!

Mail Buoy

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USCG Greenland Patrol Reunion

To all who attended the 50th Year Commemoration of the "Greenland Patrol" on Oct. 14th — thanks for the support — and for those who didn't make it, here's a recap of what you missed:

A Coast Guard color guard presented the colors to open our banquet. Judge Curt E. Steib led the Pledge of Allegiance. A Coast Guard prayer was given in memory of our lost shipmates from the ships, *Escanaba*, *Hamilton*, *Natsek*, *Leopold*, *Northland*, *Dorchester* and *Muskeget*.

Our group was officially recognized as a World War II Commemorative Community, receiving a flag and certificate from LCDR Jim Brewster, USCGR. LCDR Chris Calvin, executive officer of the *CGC Mohawk*, made a presentation on the modern-day Coast Guard.

MCPO James Bunch introduced our Gold Star Mothers representative Marion Gilley. Dick Stent of the CGCVA presented a certificate of honor to our "Coast Guard Lady," Lois Bouton. Several SPARS in attendance were recognized. CAPT Robert Barber, USCG (Ret.), spoke on travel and transfers the way it was 50 years ago.

We were honored by the attendance of three *USAT Dorchester* survivors — Benjamin Epstein, USAF; Edward Dionne, USA; and George Keenan, USAF, and our own Ray O'Malley, survivor of the *CGC Escanaba*.

As you can see there were a lot of things happening at our 50th. Still, none of this would have been possible without the understanding and support of our wives Mildred and Edith. Our sincere thanks and love to both of them!

John Stamford & Al Courter

USCGC Modoc Reunion

The 7th Reunion of crew members of the *CGC Modoc (W-46)*, will be held in Duluth, Minn., Aug. 6 - 10, 1994. Contact: Bob Woodbury, 18 Ninth Ave., Halifax, MA 02338. Ph: (617) 293-7992 or Gil Porter, 1739 Dunedin Ave., Duluth, MN 55803. Ph: (218) 724-0020.

Reunion Coordinator Wanted

A CGCVA member who served on USA-type ships (freight and supply, F.S., F., and tanker types) wanted to serve as a reunion coordinator. John Pease (*CGC Tampa*) and Al Courter (*CGC Northland* and *Greenland Patrol*) stand ready to assist.

To our knowledge, a reunion for this type of ship has never been held. (perhaps F.S. stands for "forgotten shipmates). Anyway, the contemplated reunion would be held in conjunction with the CGCVA Convention/Reunion in Norfolk, Oct. 26 - 30, 1994.

There are more than 100 rooms available for such a group at Norfolk. If interested, call Al Courter at (813) 856-7387, or John Pease at (417) 546-4499. With over 200 ships to draw from, this could be quite a successful reunion. There's only about 10 months to get these shipmates together and someone needs to take the reins. If not you, who will? Please try to help! Thanks!

Al Courter

USS Cavalier (APA-37) Reunion

The 5th Annual *Cavalier* World War II Association Reunion was held Sept. 26 - 28, 1993 at Harrah's Hotel Casino in Las Vegas, Nev. We held a business meeting, a slot tournament, reunion banquet and awards ceremony during the 3-day period.

CAPT Ross and CDR Foster of the 11th CG District Office provided a slide show on the Coast Guard, past and present and our association was named a 50th Anniversary World War II Commemorative Community, receiving a flag and certificate.

Elections for the upcoming year were held and our new slate of officers is: Herb Cohen (president); Cesar Romero (vice president); Ulysses DePompei (secretary/treasurer). The 1994 Reunion plans are still being made but we're thinking of a Caribbean cruise from Florida. More information will be provided.

Herb Cohen & Ulysses DePompei

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Flat Hats Update

In the last Quarterdeck Log, it was mentioned that the Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard was looking for the old "Donald Duck" hats for special World War II and Korean War color guard squads.

I'm pleased to report that CGCVA member Joseph Kleinpeter donated a few and is willing to more made up. Joe has also donated more than \$200 in new toys (in our association's name) to a local charity in his hometown. Nice going Joe!

If anyone else out there has some of the old flat hats they don't need, send them to me and I'll see they get to the CG Ceremonial Honor Guard. Thanks!

Ed Burke, Secretary

CGC Laurel Shipmates Gather

During the Greenland Patrol Reunion in Daytona Beach, Fla., Oct. 10 - 14, 1993, five World War II *CGC Laurel* shipmates were in attendance.

The Laurel (WLB-291) hosted a picnic lunch and tour of the cutter for Reunion attendees and over 40 participated. After meeting the ship's crew, our visit left no doubt that today's Coast Guard is in good hands! Thanks for the tour!

Al Courter

(Above Right) Cake provided by *CGC Laurel* crew to attendees of Greenland Patrol 50th Anniversary Reunion who toured cutter during their reunion.

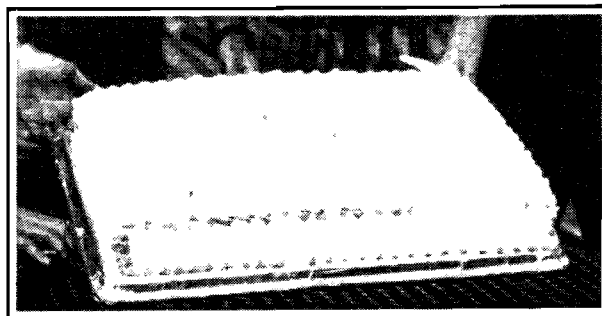
(Right) Among visitors to the *CGC Laurel (WLB-271)* during the Greenland Patrol 50th Anniversary Reunion were four World War II *Laurel* crewmen. Pictured with present *Laurel* commanding officer LCDR Lee Romasco are (l to r) Jack Shepherd, Fred Linke, Lloyd Painter and George Locke. Not pictured but also at the Reunion was *Laurel* World War II *Laurel* crewman George Gilbert.

Chapel of Four Chaplains

Crew members who served aboard the Coast Guard cutters *Comanche*, *Escanaba* or *Tampa* on Feb. 3, 1943 and assisted in the rescue operations of the sinking of the troopship *USAT Dorchester* are invited to contact the Chapel of Four Chaplains.

We would like to maintain contact with you as we do with *Dorchester* survivors and their families, the families of those 672 who perished aboard the *Dorchester* that night, and others who come together in mutual support of one another and to be a part of what the four chaplains represented.

We would be honored to hear from you. Please contact: The Chapel of Four Chaplains, attn: Ch(COL) Archie T. Roberts, USA (Acting Senior Chaplain, P.O. Box 1943, Valley Forge, PA 19482-1943. Phone: (215) 933-3596.



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Why I was First Aboard the *Laurel*

It all started on Jan. 3, 1945. I came home from work to find my husband Fred off duty from the *Laurel*. He was very proud of his ship and wanted me to come aboard that night at the East Boston ship yard. I wanted to look nice for his friends so I changed clothes, put on my new fur coat and even changed my purse.

Off we went. We stopped at the *Laurel's* gangplank and my husband went aboard to get me a permission slip. When he returned the slip was given to the guard and he asked for my identification. What a shock! It was in my other purse. Some of the crew vouched for me but the guard refused to let me go aboard. My husband was disappointed and I was devastated. It was a sad evening and I never did get aboard then.

It did teach me a valuable lesson though, and I never again went out without my ID card.

By the way, I also kept that permission slip in my wallet for 48 years and finally got to use it. Early in the summer of 1993, Fred learned of the Greenland Patrol Reunion and that his old ship would be offering a tour to the attendees. He was very excited about meeting some of his old ship-mates and we decided to attend.

Needless to say, in thinking about photos and memorabilia to bring to the reunion, he mentioned my permission slip to Al Courter and they decided to have some fun.

I was most surprised when I was asked to lead our procession aboard the *Laurel*. I stopped at the top of the gangplank and gave my permission slip to the OOD. He read it and called the captain to the quarterdeck. I said, "I ask for permission to board. I have been waiting 48 years, 9 months and 10 days for this. I also ask permission to board for the former men of the *Laurel*, the Coast Guard Lady, one of the first SPARS, and all the other former Coast Guardsmen and their ladies." Well, permission was granted and I was the first aboard. What a great time — finally!

Jeanne (Mrs. Fred J.) Linke

From the CGCVA Historian

To the General membership: You are the Coast Guard's repository of our Service's unpublished history so, to me, your memory is priceless. From time to time I ask for information through *the Quarterdeck Log* or when I see you face-to-face. Here's a few things I'm looking for right now:

— testimony on the rugged seaworthiness of the 82-foot "Point" class cutters.

— Homeport of *CGC Point Cypress (WPB-82326)* before departing for Vietnam. Boston, Mass. or Newport, R.I.?

— Dates *CGC Point Young (WPB-82303)* and *CGC Point Jefferson (WPB-82306)* were commissioned and their four-letter international call signs. Also, commissioning dates for *CGC's Campbell (WPG-32)*; *Taney (WPB-37)*; *Ingham (WPG-35)*; *Barataria (WAVP-381)*; *Yakutat (WAVP-380)*; and *Gresham (WAVP-387)*. Please cite source.

— Description of the sick bay/surgery space aboard Squadron Three cutters in Vietnam and accounts of surgery the Vietnam coast.

— Did *CGC Gresham* take American advisors to Saigon in 1963?

— Details of 81mm mortar explosion on *CGC Point Arden (WPB-82309)* on Aug. 8, 1969.

— Anecdotal material on AtoN Detail, buoy tender ops., Loran-C in Southeast Asia during Vietnam war.

— Description of village of Song Ong Doc and the special relationship between Coast Guardsmen and the people of that Viet Cong-surrounded community.

— Personal experiences during the Vietnamization phase of turning over our cutters and missions to the South Vietnamese.

This information is need to fill in some holes for the first draft of my book on the Coast Guard in Vietnam. Contact me at 101 Rainbow Drive #1868, Livingston, TX 77351-9300. Thanks and see you at the Reunion in Norfolk!

Paul C. Scotti

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Uniforms Wanted

The last issue of *Quarterdeck Log* indicated a need for old Coast Guard uniforms by the Coast Guard Academy. One of our CGCVA members, William G. Dages, recently donated his "tailor-made" crackerjacks, circa 1945, complete with RM2 crow, white hat, neckerchief and ribbons. He sent his duds to CAPT Tethal there. Thanks a lot Bill.

Dedication of Vietnam Women's Memorial

On Nov. 11, 1993, Veteran's Day, I attended the dedication of the Vietnam Women's Memorial in Wash, D.C. as the CGCVA representative. I placed a plaque from our association at the memorial which thanked the many women who served in Vietnam and to honor the eight who lost their lives there. A duplicate plaque was sent to the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project Office for their wall.

I arrived in Washington Nov. 11th with my friend Lew Garreffa. The next day we headed to the memorial area, arriving about 9 a.m. We were told the dedication ceremony would take place at 4 p.m. so we toured the area. I walked the Vietnam Wall, touching the names of each woman and each fallen Coast Guardsman. I also bought T-shirts and momentos of the event and took some pictures.

I saw a parade coming down Constitution Ave., and was in time to applaud the women marching with their respective groups. As the dedication began, the Air Force Band played the various service anthems, including *Semper Paratus*.

There were several speakers, including Jan Scruggs, founder of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund; RN Diane Carlson Evans, founder of the

Vietnam Women's Memorial Project; the statue sculptor Glenna Goodacre; ADM William Crowe; Vietnam veteran A. Jane Carson; GEN George Price; Vietnam veteran Harry Robinson III; and Vice President (and Vietnam veteran) Al Gore.

The unveiling came next and was led by Vietnam veteran Francis Whitebird of the Lacoda Indian Tribe and a song by Crystal Gayle. It concluded with the laying of wreaths. (cont.)

COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION



We the members of the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association on this the 11th day of November 1993 wish to express our sincere gratitude and admiration to each and every one of the women of the Vietnam War both Military and Civilian for the sacrifice you made to aid and comfort the soldiers, sailors and airmen of the Vietnam War. Because of your dedication, professionalism and courage many lives were saved. In addition we wish to recognize and honor the eight women who paid the supreme sacrifice in service to their country.

Date of loss	Rank	Name	Location on the Wall
02-18-66	2nd Lieutenant	Carol Ann Drazba	Panel 5E Line 46
02-18-66	2nd Lieutenant	Elizabeth Ann Jones	Panel 5E Line 47
11-30-67	Captain	Eleanor Grace Alexander	Panel 31E Line 8
11-30-67	1st Lieutenant	Hedwig Diane Orłowski	Panel 31E Line 15
07-08-68	2nd Lieutenant	Pamela Dorothy Donovan	Panel 53W Line 43
06-08-69	1st Lieutenant	Sharon Ann Lane	Panel 23W Line 112
08-14-69	Chief Nurse	Annie Ruth Graham	Panel 48W Line 12
04-09-75	Captain	Mary Theresa Klinker	Panel 1W Line 122

Sample of the CGCVA plaque presented at the dedication of the Vietnam Women's Memorial by association member Christopher Wood. (Editor's Note: Chris developed the idea of the plaque, got approval to present it, and paid all costs associated with its production. Your efforts are most appreciated Chris!) A CGCVA pin is included with the plaque.

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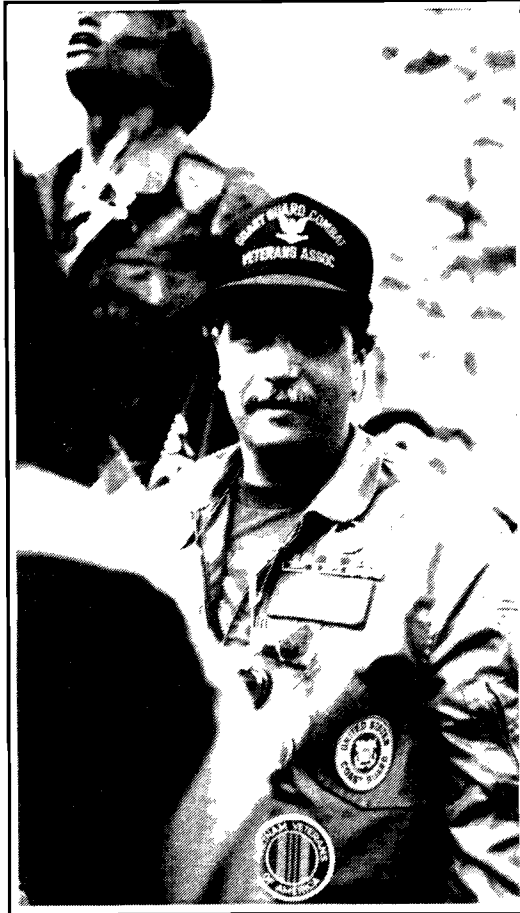
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Vietnam Women's Memorial Dedication (cont.)

As the Park Rangers opened the ropes near the statue, the crowd moved forward. I was lucky to be at the front and was able to place the plaque on the base of the statue. My mission was now complete but I wanted to get a picture or two at the site. I decided to wait until the next day when the crowds would be gone.

(Right) CGCVA member Christopher Wood at the Vietnam Women's Memorial Dedication ceremony. Chris made a plaque and presented it from our association at the Memorial Day 1993 event in Washington, D.C.

(Below) The Vietnam Women's Memorial, a bronze statue of three women, one of which is holding a wounded soldier.



The next day there was a smaller crowd but everywhere I looked, people were hugging and crying. The women veterans were wearing red, white and blue armbands and were easy to find and say thanks to.

Our plaque was one of hundreds of momentos also laid at the statue's base so I had to dig it out for a photo.

I ended my visit with another walk of the Wall, then a tour of Arlington National Cemetery. To sum things up, I was proud to have been a part of a great event honoring the brave women of the Vietnam war and to represent our association at the dedication ceremony.

Christopher Wood

Persian Gulf War Registry

The Department of Veterans Affairs is establishing a registry of those individuals who served in the Persian Gulf War, and:

— apply for health care services from the DVA based on disabilities associated with service in the Persian Gulf,

— die and are survived by a spouse, child or parent who files a claim for dependency and indemnity compensation, or

— request a DVA or DOD health examination and inclusion in the registry.

The registry will provide the DVA with baseline health data on those veterans with health concerns related to the Persian Gulf War and allow the DVA to respond to those concerns.

Persian Gulf veterans who wish to receive a health examination are urged to visit their local DVA facility to become registered.

Department of Veterans Affairs

Coast Guard Combat Veterans

Auxiliary

To all Auxiliary members:

As you may already know, I took a bad fall a year ago and am still recuperating. Things are going better now and I'm more able to concentrate on our Auxiliary matters. Some proposals have already been discussed with the members of the Board and will be presented to you at the 1994 Reunion in Norfolk. There are many things planned for your approval and I know you will be pleased and surprised.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Liz Scotti for taking the reins and getting us off to a great start. Also, thanks to our other Board members — Matylou Herbert, Ellen Clawson and Jane Maxwell — for their continuing efforts and support. Thanks to Jackie Whitaker for coming aboard pro-tem (Board member). To all of you, your assistance has been greatly appreciated.

In anticipation of our October 1994 Reunion meeting, I would like to leave you with some food for thought. We are a fast growing organization

and in need of further assistance. We are looking to you, our members, to fulfill the needs of our Auxiliary. Many of you have the time and talent to offer us. So, for those of you who said, "Just ask", well we're asking! Please take this under consideration and we will discuss it in more detail at our meeting. Some of this assistance would only take a few moments of your time each month, so please give it some thought.

By the way, is there any interest in doing a 3-hour harbor cruise on the *Spirit Of Norfolk* during the Reunion? It costs \$18.25 per person and includes lunch. Let the Secretary or myself know since we'd have to make reservations if there is enough interest.

Happy holidays to all! Semper Paratus!

Edith M. Courter, President
14334 Thornwood Tr.
Hudson, FL 34669

Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association

Membership Application Coast Guard Combat Veterans Auxiliary

Name: _____ Spouse: _____
Last First Init. First

Address: _____
Street or Box Number City State Zipcode

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

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

**Make Checks Payable To: CGCVA AUX
Jane Maxwell, Secretary/Treasurer
PO Drawer 2790
Burney, CA 96013**

CGCVA Form#3A(Rev 7/93)

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

Special Birthday Celebration

On July 17, 1993, Dick Titus of Nutley, N.J. celebrated his 105th birthday. Mr. Titus is the sole surviving boatman of the Morris Canal which ran from Phillipsburg on the Delaware River to Jersey City on the Hudson. He started on the Canal at age nine as a mule hand and by age 14 was the captain of his own boat. He left the Canal at 17.

Mr. Titus held many jobs but the bulk of his working life was spent at the Federal Shipbuilders in Kearney, N.J., where he helped construct many of the "General" class troop transports used in World War II.

On his birthday, he was honored by The Five Generals Reunion (now called the A.P. Transport Association), a group of CG veterans who sailed the General-class troop transports.

EM1c Joe Hannan of the *USS General Gordon (AP-117)* presented a plaque to Mr. Titus from the association. The plaque listed the Five Generals — *Mitchell (AP-114)*; *Randall (AP-115)*; *Gordon*; *Richardson (AP-118)*; and *Wiegel (AP-119)*, and included the message, "You built them, we sailed them."



EM1c Joe Hannon presents plaque from the A.P. Transport Association to Mr. Dick Titus on his 105th birthday. Mr. Titus was a builer of the five "General" class troop transports.

A CHRISTMAS STORY

'ROUND a far-off isle, the williwa blows,
And Deer Mountain sleeps 'neath wintery
snows,

While the noisy creek plunges, wild and free,
On its swift and reckless race to the sea.

On this far-off isle my beloved sits
By the window's light, and forever knits,
And waits, and then waits, as the window-pane
Glistens with sunlight, or darkens with rain.

Just twenty-one Christmas seasons ago
I waited her advent, mid winter's snow,
And stretched forth my hands to the endless night
To welcome her tiny ones from their flight.

And so, link by link the chain is made tight,
And the Christmas season brings babes of light,
And the beautiful earth, and the beautiful sky
Assert that no link in the chain shall die.

Each winter the snow will caress the mount,
And its melting streams will become the fount
For the boisterous, plunging, carefree creek
Which must always and ever the ocean seek.

So must winter's cold and dreary travail
Still precede the joy of lifting the veil
On the wond'rous, gladsome and star-marked birth
Of a child of light descending to earth.

The Last Word On The Subject...

One night at sea, the ship's captain saw what looked like the lights of another ship heading toward him. He had his signalman blink to the other ship, "Change your course 10 degrees south." The reply came back, "Change your course 10 degrees north."

The ship's captain answered, "I am a Navy captain. Change your course south." To which the reply was, "Well I am a Coast Guard Seaman first class. Change your course north."

This infuriated the captain, so he signaled back, "Dammit, I say change your course south. I'm on a battleship!" To which the reply came back, "And I say change your course north. I'm in a lighthouse!"

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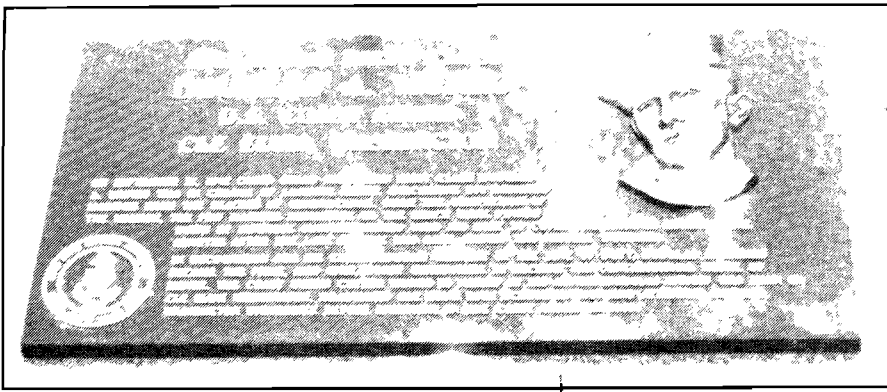
Welcome New CGCVA Members and congratulations to their sponsors:

Luther G. Armstrong — (Al Courter/Holoubek)
Sam J. Belfiore — (Dick Stent, Jr.)
Henry D. Beman, Jr. — (David C. Hughes)
Alfred B. Berger — (Al Courter)
Kenneth N. Black — (Bernard Webber)
Horace (Slim) R. Blood — (David C. Hughes)
John J. Brady — (Chuck Ulrich)
Steven F. Brinsko — (John Stamford)
RADM Peter A. Bunch — (Ed Burke)
Robert O. Burton
Edward J. Carley — (John Stamford)
Benjamin M. Chiswell — (Vince Stauffer)
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Joseph F. Hannan — (Chuck Ulrich)
Muriel H. Hansen — (Al Courter)
William L. Hapke — (Dick Stent, Jr.)
Edward F. Hughes — (Robert J. Carey)
Richard T. Irussi — (Philip D. Baer)
John J. Jaskot — (Dick Stent/Josh Sparrow)
Francis E. Karls — (Carl L. Tomasek)
Lester A. Levine — (Lewis Lovell)
Frederick J. Linke — (Al Courter)
Donald C. Livermore — (Peter J. Mattoigno)
Martin Lurie — (Dick Stent, Jr.)
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Raymond G. McAllister — (Dick Stent)
Michael C. McCole — (Joseph Rondeau)
Frederick D. Mientka — (Al Courter)
Ralph E. Moore — (Dick Stent, Jr.)
Wallace M. Nopson — (Ralph Gilbert)
James D. Olson — (Chris Wood)
Edmund J. Peshin — (John S. Stamford)
Andrew J. Ramsdell, Jr. — (Maurice Steinberg)
Roy M. Reed

Gerald M. Sampont — (RADM J. W. Lockwood)
Stephen C. Sapp — (Edward Swift)
Charles V. Sarpalis — (Charles L. Rummel)
Russell L. Schooler — (Herb Reith)
James F. Sheeran — (Logan B. Cannon)
Clarence L. Stephan — (Al Courter)
Robert D. Stephens — (Al Grantham)
Howard F. Strauss — (John Stamford)
Richard N. Swanson — (John S. Stamford)
USCGC TANEY — 1st Honorary Ship
Carl F. Telecsan — Chuck Ulrich)
Roger C. Tyler, Jr.
James V. Van Lieshout — (Anthony Lava)
Rudolph F. Wahlen — (Ralph Widman)
Chris H. Wille — (Art Green)
L. G. Wilson, Jr.



The above mascot was named Spar, and served aboard a Coast Guard vessel in Greenland waters. If anyone can provide the name of the cutter/ship, please notify CGCVA member Jim Bunch at P.O. Box 871, Floral City, FL 34436.



(Above) The marker for Douglas A. Munro's grave at the cemetery in Cle Elum, Wash.

(Right) CGCVA member MCPO Jesse B. Brown of Bothell, Wash., views the memorial stone. The stone upon which the memorial is placed is engraved, "Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association September 27, 1992."



Remembering the 83-Footer Fleet

(The following newspaper clipping from the Feb. 21, 1965 San Francisco Sunday Chronicle was sent in from CGCVA member R.H. Workman of Greenbrae, Calif., regarding the explosion of an 83-foot pleasure boat, killing its owner/operator. The pleasure boat, at one time, had been CG 83300. Also provided here is a condensed version of a lengthy letter he sent with the clipping).

Sausalito Rocked by Explosions

Picture on Page 1B

Shattering blasts wrecked an 83-foot vessel — a former Coast Guard cutter — in Sausalito Yacht Harbor yesterday, killing the owner of the boat.

The victim was Charles W. Sellick, 60, of 623 Parkway street, South

San Francisco, a teacher and assistant to the superintendent of that community's school district.

The first blast, presumably caused by spilled gasoline, rocked the area about 2:40 p.m.

It blew out a section of the deck above and shot fragments skyward 100 feet.

TANKS

Two other blasts occurred within minutes, one after the other. They apparently were exploding gasoline tanks.

The superstructure as a
See Page 12, Col. 2

CG 83300 was originally assigned at the San Diego Air Station (1947-48) and remained there until brought to Alameda in 1960. I had heard that the boat was in such bad shape, they didn't want it outside the Gate. The last time I saw

the 83300, it was moored at Red Weiss' boat yard in Sausalito.

In terms of the other 83-footers, several had been mustered at Repair Base, San Pedro, preparing for the Japanese invasion. When I got to the Repair Base in early 1947, BM1 "Buckets" Thomas was yard bos'n and caretaker of the fleet. Rube Austir was there as BM1 and OinC of the *Yankton* and *Accushnett* (being remodeled from an ARS called *Shackle*).

I was reverted to permanent BM1 and we all went to work converting a fleet of 110-foot sub chasers — but they didn't work out. Next we broke out five of the best 83-footers and cranked them up again. The 83300 went to San Diego; the 83320 stayed in San Pedro; the 83337 with Bill Gaither as OinC and me as XPO was assigned to Santa Monica; the 83366 went to Santa Barbara; and the 83400 eventually wound up in Newport Beach.

The last time I saw the 83666 was in Santa Barbara, just before the arrival of the Point Judith. Maggie and I were down that way and decided to go by the harbor and see the Coast Guard. The 83666 was just coming in to dock. We watched Chief Andersen reach for the Panish (throttle) but on he came — right through the harbor master's boat! Red Weiss always told us those things were only good for 40,000 shifts.

R. H. Workman

Potpourri (continued)

Unexpected Reunion

During the summer of 1943, while attending Signal School on Ellis Island, our class had their picture taken. Standing next to me, also from the 5th Naval District, was Orville Williams. At the completion of our schooling we both returned to Norfolk and Orville went to duty in the South Pacific on the *CGC Tupelo (WAGL-303)*, while I was assigned convoy duty aboard the *CGC Carrabasset (W-55)*.

At the Coast Guard birthday on Aug. 4, 1993, I attended the celebration in Baltimore aboard the *CGC Taney*. While on the signal wing of the ship I began a conversation with the gentleman standing next to me. Lo and behold that gentleman was Orville — and we were reunited after 50 years. We've decided not to lose touch again.

I hope our Convention/Reunion next year in

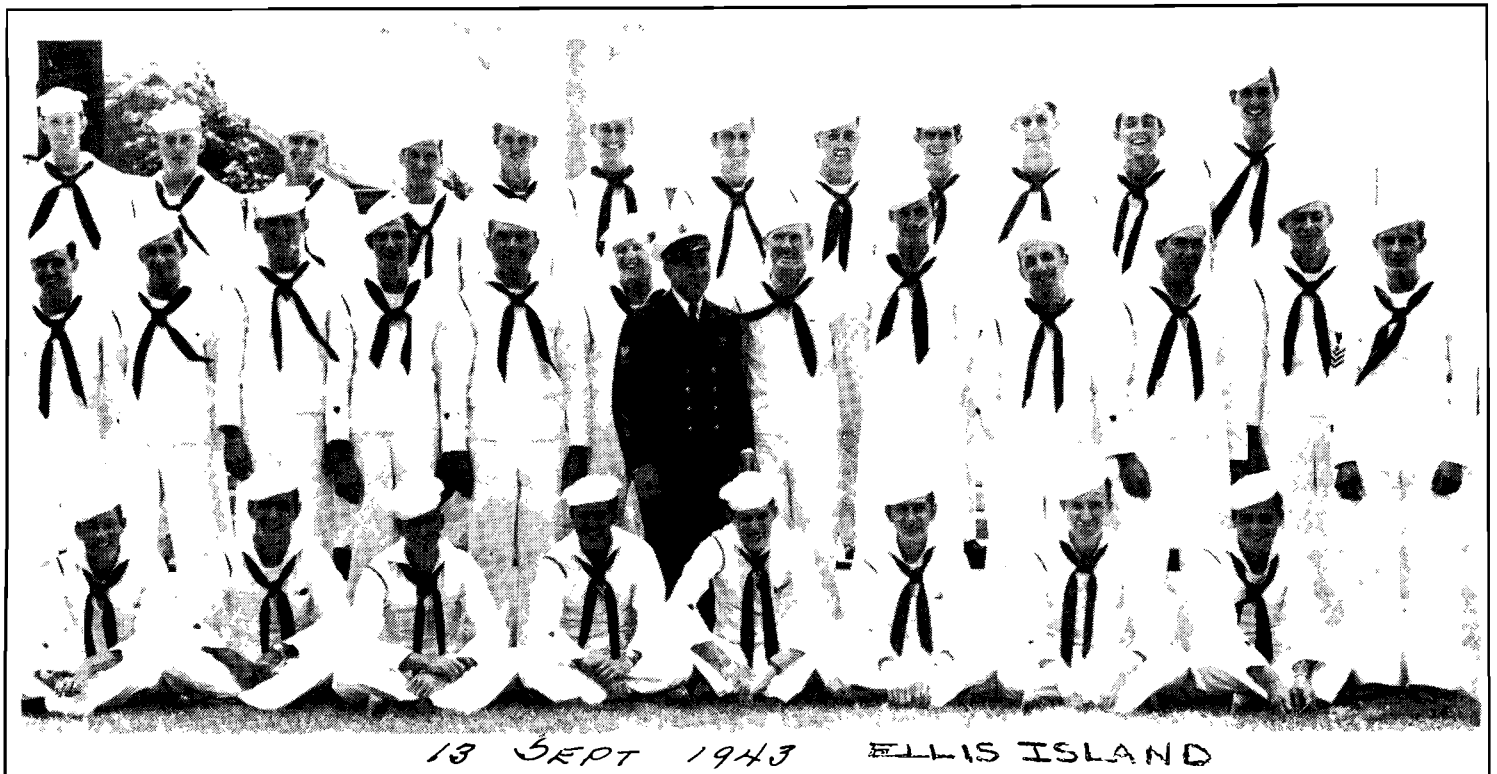
Norfolk will serve to produce more scenarios like mine and I'm really looking forward to that occasion.

In a recent *Quarterdeck Log* there was an article by Joseph F. Brand about the torpedo school and his recalling the violent explosion at the Naval Air Station brought back memories. I was in the bridge of the *Carrabasset* and we were tied up at the NOB finger piers when the explosion took place. At that time, and to this day, I don't recall any factual account of what caused it or the status of probable casualties.

I also served aboard the USAT FP (later FS) -139, the *CGC Juniper* and the old *CGC Tulip*. Prior to Signal School I was in the horse patrol at Wash Woods LBS on the North Carolina outer banks.

So much for memories now — we'll have lots of time for "sea stories" at the Reunion. See you there I hope!

Bob Iles, QM2/c, 1942 - 1946



QM2 Bob Iles' Signal School Class at Ellis Island, N.Y. in 1943. (Bottom row l to r): Tom Strange, Bob Chapman, Bert Davis, Len Baden, Charlie Bishop, Chuck Storthers, D. Higgins, not known. (Middle row l to r): L. Bernhard, Hal Maloney, R. K. Healey, Dave Sample, U. Truog, E. C. Fagan, Chief Instructor Crockett, Jay Culburton, W. Scott, Ed Weeks, Chips Carpenter, William Gaslin, Instructor Matt Storey. (Top Row l to r): Red Todd, not known, J. Guimond, Levinson, Orville Williams, Bob Iles, Joe Ambrovich, E. Benz, Gearon, Greg Siragusa, Artie Smeraldo, and Bob Greason. Other members not pictured included: Bill Teasdale, Jack McCann, and Instructor C. E. Hebbel, Jr. Perhaps some CGCVA members sailed with some of these men as Signalmen or Quartermasters.

Potpourri (continued)

Long-overdue Promotion Received

Ervin J. Mouritsen, was at boot camp near Kalamazoo, Mich. in late 1942 when he took the exam for port security specialist. He earned the second highest score on the test, but, because he came down with pneumonia before graduating basic training, he didn't receive orders when the rest of his company graduated. Instead, he was sent to Milwaukee until the school again convened in Baltimore.

He again fell behind schedule after contracting a case of scarlet fever from another Coast Guardsman. Throughout it all though, Ervin continued to ask about his promotion and each time was told it was coming soon.

His assignments continued — to the Chicago district office to security work at Milwaukee's Fremming Bros. shipyard — to an Army K-9 school — and finally to the Navy's night fighter base in Vero Beach, Fla. It was there that he was discharged in 1945 and was told there was nothing in his record regarding the promotion.

Mouritsen had run into so many obstacles in the 1940's, he simply let it go and focused on a new career — law enforcement in the civilian sector. But, after nearly 50 years, he wanted to set the record straight.

He wrote to the Coast Guard Commandant and this time got results. It wasn't long before he received his Coast Guard promotion certificate for Port Security First Class, effective Dec. 16, 1945. Then he received a personal letter from ADM Kime. It read in part, "On behalf of a grateful service, please accept my apology for the length of time it has taken to correct the error. Your service as a Coast Guardsman during World War II was both invaluable and very much appreciated. You have brought further credit to the Coast Guard through your subsequent highly successful law enforcement career."

Mouritsen eventually returned to his hometown of Menominee, Mich. and joined the police department there, eventually achieving the department's highest position — that of chief.

One thing that he never did consider was



Finally promoted — Ex-Coast Guardsman Ervin Mouritsen proudly displays his PS1/c "crow" he earned in 1943 but didn't receive until 50 years later. (photo by Bill Parnel -Marinette Eagle Star)

the amount of pay that may have been due because of the delay in promotion. "That didn't matter," he said, "I only wanted to get the matter cleared up."

Bill Parnel - Eagle Star Staff

1994 The World Almanac

Attention CGCVA members: Like Secretary Ed Burke has said, "Every little bit helps." Well guess what? The Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association is listed under "Associations and Societies" in the 1994 The World Almanac.

We also have a few other things cooking in order to gain more recognition. One is getting into the Encyclopedia of Associations but we got stone-walled attempting to get listed in the Information Please Almanac. Still working on it!

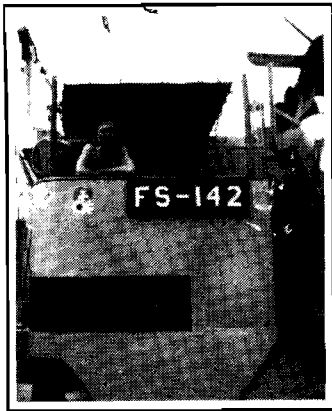
Jim Bunch

Potpourri (continued)

Army Manning Detachment

During World War II, several thousand Coast Guardsmen were assigned to what was known as the Army Manning Detachment. This group was shipped to the South Pacific area to crew numerous types of "army ships" from 1944 until the end of the war.

The detachment's purpose was to support American forces under the command of GEN Douglas McArthur during the New Guinea and Philippine campaigns, including the islands of Morotai, Halmahara and Biak.



RM1/c Douglas C. Dobbin
on the wing of the bridge.

Army ships were designed to carry supplies of all types, but especially ammunition and fuel. In most cases, the ships had only 20- or 40-mm anti-aircraft guns and none had radar. They generally

traveled outside of convoys, often putting them in "harms way."

During the Philippine invasion of Leyte, these ships were repeatedly bombed by enemy aircraft. My ship, *FS-142*, was hit in a strafing attack but fortunately suffered only minor damage to the flying bridge and there were no injuries. The very next day, during a surprise air attack, our ship shot down a Japanese plane.

After the Japanese surrendered, our ship along with many like it, went to Manila Bay where they were turned over to the Philippine government. Most of the crews returned to the U. S. from there and I was home by Thanksgiving.

Douglas C. Dobbin (Ex RM1/c, USCG)

(Editors Note: Mr. Dobbin originally sent this article and photo for publishing in the *Quarterdeck Log* in Dec. 1992. It never ran and could not be found when he inquired about it. His patience is appreciated as is his cooperation in providing the article and photo again.)

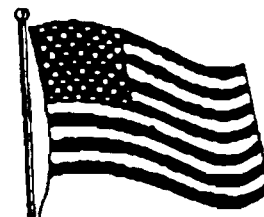
USS Squalus Rescue and Recovery

The *Squalus* story has been told many times but the Coast Guard's participation has always been downplayed. We were however, included in the commemorative cachet of the May 23, 1939 incident. CGC's *Harriet Lane* and *Thetis* are shown along with the six U.S. Navy ships and a drawing of the McCann Submarine Rescue Chamber.

Still, in my opinion, one Coast Guard unit was left out, a newly commissioned 80-footer enroute to its new homeport in Maine from Mayport, Fla. It was diverted to assist with the *Squalus* rescue operation but wasn't included on the cachet. The 80-footer transported VIPs and the press to and from the Portsmouth Navy Yard and the rescue site. Its mission continued for several months, until the submarine was raised and the bodies of the 26 crewmen removed.

The real workhorse of the rescue and salvage was the *USS Falcon*, primarily because it was the ship carrying the McCann Submarine Rescue Chamber. The chamber was a diving bell and this would be its first real-life usage.

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EULOGY FOR A VETERAN

DO NOT STAND AT MY GRAVE AND WEEP:
I AM NOT THERE. I DO NOT SLEEP.
I AM A THOUSAND WINDS THAT BLOW.
I AM THE DIAMOND GLINTS UN SNOW.
I AM THE SUNLIGHT ON RIPENED GRAIN.
I AM THE GENTLE AUTUMN RAIN.
WHEN YOU AWAKEN IN THE MORNINGS HUSH,
I AM THE SWIFT UPLIFTING RUSH
OF QUIET BIRDS IN CIRCLED FLIGHT.
I AM THE SOFT STARS THAT SHINE AT NIGHT.
DO NOT STAND AT MY GRAVE AND CRY,
I AM NOT THERE. I DID NOT DIE.

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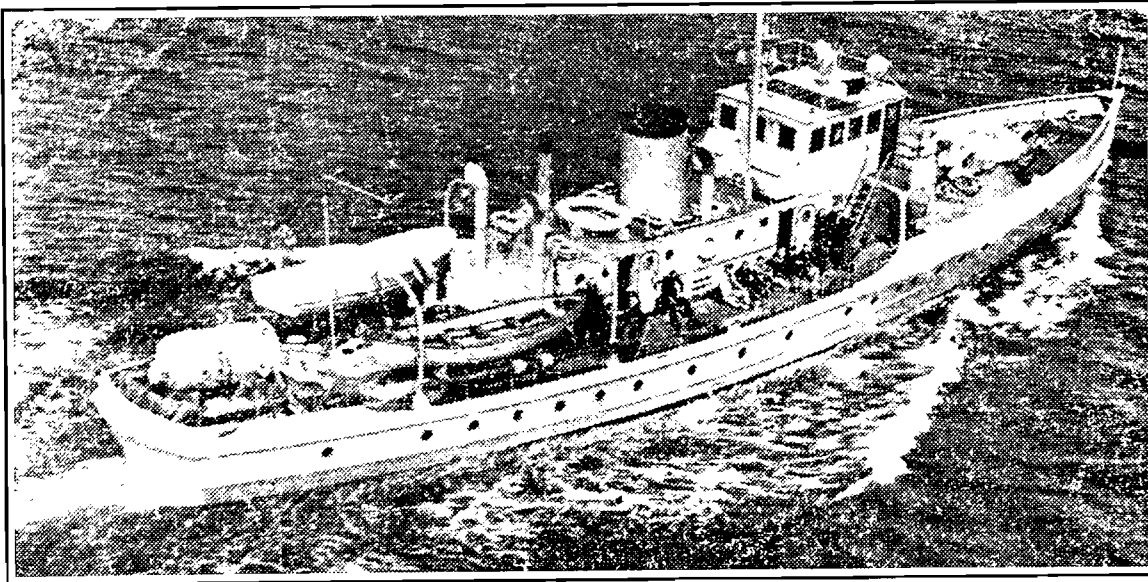
USS Squalus Rescue and Recovery (cont.)

That first test must have been a real strain for the survivors in the *Squalus*, sitting on the bottom 240 feet down. With the diving bell in place over the sub's escape hatch, crewmembers had to break the seal in order to reach the safety of the diving bell. Imagine their surprise when, upon opening the hatch, a great surge of cold seawater gushed onto them. "I thought we were goners when we opened the hatch," said one survivor later. This temporary scare was due to the encapsulated water trapped between the

Although I was a YN2 aboard the *Harriet Lane*, I had several other duties, including ship's photographer. I recorded much of the rescue ops, including shots of survivors huddled on deck and arrival at Portsmouth where the pier was crowded with the apprehensive faces of wives, sweethearts, parents, friends and workers at the yard. I turned in two rolls of film but unfortunately never got any pictures back or learned of their disposition. What a shame.

This was a most dramatic and memorable part of my career. As a CGCVA member I know that membership is contingent upon service in a theater of war or against an enemy. Guess I can't help but think that those who are going, or have been to sea, always consider the sea as a potential enemy. Underway one must be "semper paratus" and I'll always consider the *USS Squalus* incident one of combat.

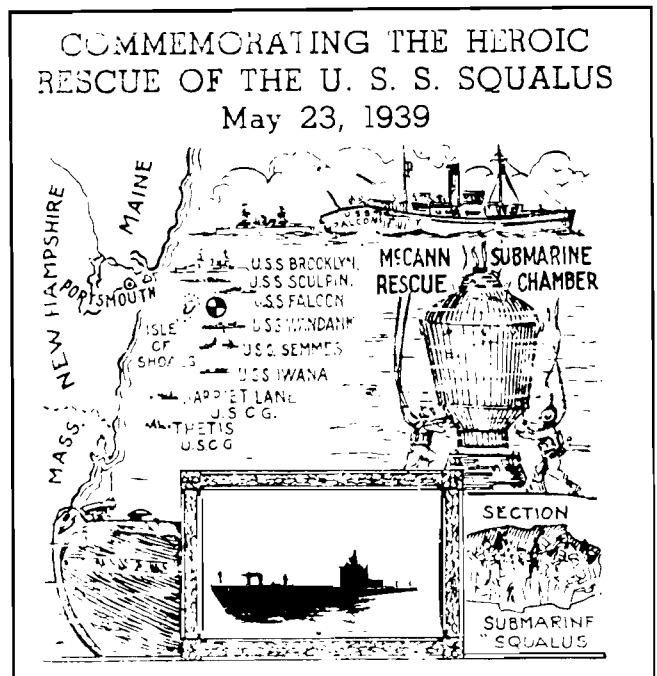
**Jack Kerwin, YNCM,
USCG (Ret.)**



(Above) The *CGC Harriet Lane* steams to Portsmouth with survivors of the submarine *USS Squalus*. Photo from NEWS plane by Costa.
(Right) Portion of the commemorative cachet regarding the May 23, 1939 rescue using the McCann Submarine Rescue Chamber.

rescue chamber hatch and submarine hatch.

During the rescue and recovery period my ship, *CGC Harriet Lane*, was assigned to carry survivors — after they were removed from the decompression chamber in the *Falcon* — to the Portsmouth Navy Yard. Because this was the *Squalus*' first trial run, there were several civilian engineers onboard. These survivors indicated that without the diving bell, the incident would have been a total disaster. Apparently the depth of 240 feet was too deep to attempt using the Momsen Lung to escape. The fate of the survivors rested in the performance of the McCann Submarine Rescue Chamber.



Potpourri (continued)

Let's Recognize The F.S. Veterans

Recently, I attended a veterans meeting at a local senior citizens center and the speaker was Mr. Richard Stent. He and I were the only Coasties and I was pleasantly surprised to learn of the CGCVA. He gave me a copy of The Quarterdeck Log which I thoroughly enjoyed. After reading it I wondered if there were other Coast Guard veterans who had similar exploits as I during World War II — on freight and supply ships.

I finished boot camp at Manhattan Beach in Brooklyn, then went to the Coast Guard Yard at Fort Trumbull, Conn. From there it was on the Gunners Mate School in Curtis Bay, Md. in Dec. 1942, then to duty at a beach patrol station on Long Island. A flu epidemic kept me from assignment on *CGC Spencer* and later from duty on a DE in 1943.

Finally, as a GM2/c in 1944, I was assigned to the *FS-262*. While in New Guinea, I was reassigned to the *FS-182* and was discharged from the *APA-12 (Leonard Wood)* when the war ended as a GM1/c.

My intent here is to promote the recognition of all those Coast Guard veterans who, through no choice of their own, were assigned to shore stations or "working" ships. There was a very large FS fleet carrying cargo for various branches of the service during World War II. The *FS-262* was owned by the Army and carried supplies only for the Army. The *FS-182* was owned by the Navy and likewise, carried supplies only for them.

While serving onboard these vessels, we traveled to the Ellice Islands, New Caledonia, New

Guinea, the Admiralties, the Solomons and the Philippines. Of course nearly every trip was in a convoy of one — and our heaviest ordnance was a 20- or 40-mm, maybe a few .50 calibers.

Raymond G. "Mac" McAlister

(Editors Note: "Mac" should be happy — there's a solicitation for a FS Reunion coordinator in the Mail Buoy section and an article by Douglas Dobbin on the Army Manning Detachment — both in this issue.)

SICILY INVASION 50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATED AT NAVY MEMORIAL

Sicily Invasion Veterans Participate

U.S. Army and Navy veterans commemorated "Operation Husky," at the U.S. Navy Memorial, Saturday noon, July 10, the 50th anniversary of the invasion of the Axis-held island of Sicily in World War II. Held in the Memorial's Visitors Center, the half-hour ceremony included reminiscences of the invasion and a ceremony in which veterans in turn placed flowers on a commemorative wreath in honor of those who fell in battle.

Representatives of several veterans organizations, including veterans who fought at Sicily, attended the ceremony. Rear Admiral James E. Miller, newly elected president of the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation, was the principal speaker.

The invasion of Sicily is regarded as the largest amphibious assault in history, in terms of both the number of troops put ashore at one time and the extent of

coastline covered, according to *American Naval History* by Jack Sweetman (U.S. Naval Institute, 1984). Eight American and British divisions, commanded by Generals George S. Patton and Bernard L. Montgomery, were landed on a 100-mile front on the island's eastern and southern coasts. More than 1,400 ships and landing craft took part.

"Operation Husky" is one in a series of commemorations observed at the Navy Memorial during the 50th anniversary years of World War II, and it is the first to focus primarily on U.S. Army action. The attack on Pearl Harbor and the battles of the Coral Sea, Midway and Guadalcanal have been observed at the Navy Memorial, recently designated by the Department of Defense as a World War II Commemorative Community.

(Above) The Coast Guard was in the forefront of "Operation Husky," the invasion of Sicily. The attack transports (APAs) *Samuel Chase*, *Leonard Wood* and *Joseph T. Dickman* were all CG-manned. In addition, PC-545 and 556, plus numerous LSTs and LCI(L)s. Many Coast Guardsmen were also in Navy crews aboard other transports. On July 19, 1943, PC-556 was particularly effective in repulsing an attack by German U-boats on a convoy off Syracuse, Sicily.



Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association General Information



The Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association is a Non-Profit Corporation of 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.

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 the 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.

Upon acceptance into the association, you are furnished a Membership Card, a logo pin and a copy of the current newsletter "The Quarterdeck Log" which you will receive quarterly for the duration of your membership. The newsletter contains articles, pictures and ads of reunions to bring you back into the flow of the Coast Guard picture and a lot more. There are caps available for a minimum charge with "Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association" in gold lettering.

Our members number over 1400 and we are growing rapidly. They consist of veterans from every conflict from W.W.I, W.W.II, Korea, Vietnam, Panama, Desert Storm, and others. You may have a long lost shipmate that is a member. There is a very good chance that we have your ship and shipmate listed in our computer database. We have set a goal for our next reunion in Norfolk, VA of 2500 members. Our records must be able to support the Tax-Exempt Status that has been given us by the IRS, so we insist that copies of supporting documents accompany applications for membership i.e. Discharge, DD-214, Letter of Medal(s) awarded etc.

There is a reunion/convention every two years with the time and place decided by the Officers and Directors, at a place that is convenient and reasonable for the majority of the members. The association encourages members to get together with shipmates they are in contact with and hold a reunion within a reunion. At the last reunion in Reno, NV the Key West, Northland and a group from the Tampa did exactly that. The next reunion is at Norfolk, VA., October 26 to 30 1994.

There is an Auxiliary membership available to your spouse, we try to cover everything to make it a most rewarding membership for the qualified Coast Guard Combat Veteran.

The CGCVA has a very attractive "Life Member" rate, or just \$20.00 every two years, why not inquire right now about joining this elite veterans organization. Get an application from where you got this information sheet or call the CGCVA Administrative Office and speak with the Secretary or leave your name and number and he will return your call and provide you with the answers to your questions and/or concerns. (301)570-5664. If You Are A Coast Guard Combat Veteran, don't let this organization pass you by, Jump Aboard and Get Re-acquainted, have fun with someone who has been there the "Same as You Were" and KNOWS what a Coast Guardsman is.

Semper Paratus



Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association Membership Application

(Please Print)

Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First Middle Init.

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

(As Required)

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

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

Make Checks Payable to: CGCOMVETS

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