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## Norfolk Convention & Reunion

by Ed Burke  
National Secretary

For those of you that couldn't make it to Norfolk for the Convention/Reunion, here is a recap of what occurred. Your officers arrived early to help get everything set up for the many activities planned.

**Day One** — Wednesday dawned to a rainy, dreary day. Spirits were high and the renewal of old acquaintances began. Soon it was time to depart for the first tour — USCG Support Center in Portsmouth, Va. The crew was composed of two bus loads of rubber-neckers. The base provided tour guides and split up the crew into three parties.

One group went aboard the vessels while another had lunch and visited the base exchange, and the third paid a call on the buoy depot. The groups rotated until it was time to return to the hotel and, except for the rain, a good time was had by all. The guides were friendly and knowledgeable, the galley food was delicious, and the base Commanding Officer, CAPT Weaver, was a perfect host.

Upon our return to the hotel, preparations were well underway for the Opening Ceremony. Jane Maxwell and Nancy Burke were busy making up the food that the CGCVA Auxiliary had graciously donated. The Atlantic Fleet band arrived, set up and began playing some up tempo music.

Ceremonies began as everyone was called to order. Al Grantham and the 5th Coast Guard District Commander, RADM William Ecker,

were escorted to the platform with the band extending honors. The USCG Training Center Yorktown Color Guard, clad in Revolutionary War-period uniforms, presented the colors.

The band played the National Anthem and Ed Burke made a toast to the flag, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Edith Courter.



Coast Guard Commandant ADM Robert E. Kramek with new CGCVA president Al Grantham and new Vice President Joe Kleinpeter.

Association President Dick Stent welcomed everyone to the 5th Biennial CGCVA Convention. Al Grantham introduced the CGCVA Officers, Past Presidents, dignitaries from the VFW and DAV, the Mayor of Norfolk's representative (who read a proclamation), and a new member, Howard E. Copeland, who is a member of the Virginia House of Delegates.

RADM Ecker gave a run-down about the area and operations of the 5th District, and welcomed the Association. It was a moving and enjoyable 45-minute ceremony.

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## **From the President**

As I assume the presidency of the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association I would be remiss if I did not commend Dick Stent's leadership this past four years. Dick has helped our association turn the corner. Under his leadership we've grown, established a sound financial base, and obtained a high degree of credibility with the active duty Coast Guard. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to both Dick and his lovely wife, Evelyn, for the way in which they have represented the Association.



**A. D. "AL" GRANTHAM**

Our Norfolk meeting was very successful and perhaps the largest to date. Bob Maxwell said we had 350 people at the Saturday night banquet. In addition to having the Coast Guard Commandant, Admiral Robert E. Kramek, address us, a highlight of the evening was when he and the 5th District Commander, Rear Admiral William J. Ecker, pinned awards on a group of our shipmates. We were unable to present our award for Coast Guard Person of the Year because the winner, Senior Chief Boatswain's Mate F. Scott Clendenin, was on patrol during the Cuban & Haitian rescue operations.

I look forward to the next two years which will culminate with our 1996 Convention/Reunion in San Diego. You should begin to make your plans now to attend.

My primary goal is to increase growth of the association through more membership. To do this only requires that each member reach out and contact one shipmate and get them to join. That simple action on the part of every member would swell our ranks to almost 4,000. So, every member get busy and bring in a new member.

We hope that you all had a prosperous and happy 1994 and that the new year is even better! Semper Paratus!

**Al Grantham**

## From the Vice President

It was a pleasure meeting many of our members at the Norfolk Reunion and an honor to be elected National vice-president. In this capacity I am committed to promoting our association, researching our history, and doing my part to pass it on to future generations.

On the weekend following our convention, I traveled to New London, Ct. to visit the Coast Guard Academy Museum. It is rich in history and I highly recommend you visit also. On display are Greenland Patrol, Atlantic and Pacific Invasion, and Vietnam artifacts. The museum adjoins the Academy library. I walked down the rows of bookshelves and was pleased to see our history well preserved. For museum hours, call (203) 444-8511.

I recently visited the Intrepid Air-Sea Museum in Manhattan and was disappointed with the almost nonexistence of the Coast Guard in the World War II exhibits. The museum is quite large, consisting of several ships, including the aircraft carrier Intrepid and the CGC Tamaroa. There's several aircraft on the carrier's flight deck, including Coast Guard "Albatross" fixed-wing and "Sea Guard" rotary-wing aircraft. On the hangar deck are numerous display cases containing artifacts from the Atlantic & Pacific theaters and a full scale mock-up of the Normandy Invasion, complete with landing craft, but alas, no Coast

Guard! I contacted John Stamford, our Northeast Membership Rep. and proposed a meeting with the Intrepid Museum director. John has several friends there and a meeting is in the works to propose a Coast Guard display that we would maintain. The museum is open year-round and takes several hours to tour.

In the Dec. '94 issue of the Naval Institute magazine, *Naval History*, there appeared an article about the Nantucket Life Saving Museum. Coast Guardsman Bob Caldwell, WWII CGC *Spencer* crewman and native Islander, donated the land for the museum and his large collection of artifacts to get it started. I spoke with Bob and will send him a membership application, along with a copy of *The Quarterdeck Log*. The museum is open from June 15 through Sept. The phone there is (508) 228-1885.

Before closing, I would like to mention your local newspaper and veterans affairs. If your newspaper contains a veterans affairs page, section or column, tear it out and send it to Al Courter, our National Membership Chairman. Al will use these addresses for appropriate CGCVA news releases.

Thanks again for allowing me to serve as your association vice-president. Looking forward to a great year in '95! Smooth sailing!

**Joe Kleinpeter**

## From the Editor

Hi again. It sure was fun meeting everyone at the Convention and serving as one of Frenchy's bartenders, along with my Persian Gulf buddy, Mike Housefield, who was part of Port Security Unit 302 from Cleveland.

Thanks for all the kind words regarding *The Quarterdeck Log* and the plaque I was presented at the Banquet. It was quite an honor and I appreciate it.

By the way, I hope you enjoy this special '96 Reunion/Convention issue. I'm sorry I



**LT ED SWIFT**

couldn't include as much of the usual stuff, personality or unit features and the like but the Treasurer said keep it short to keep mailing costs down. It's still more pages than usual so sorry 'bout that Baker...hope you'll find the bucks!

Anyway, this issue recaps many of the activities at the Reunion, so if you were there maybe you'll see yourself in one of the many photos. If you weren't

there, you missed a great time and all I can say is I hope to see you in San Diego in '96! And keep sending in articles!

**Swift**

# V.I.P. TRAVEL

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Ms. Jane Lang, President

Dear Ms. Lang:

I want to join with Baker Herbert to thank you for your support and assistance over the years, especially in connection with our biennial Convention/Reunions. Your extra service interests of travel arrangements has greatly benefitted many of our members and allowed others who otherwise could not have attended to be at these functions. We appreciate your kindness and will be pleased to continue publishing ads for V.I.P. Travel in future issues of *The Quarterdeck Log*.

Ed Burke

*(Note: This is part of a letter I sent soon after the Norfolk Reunion. V.I.P. Travel has provided free air fare to the CGCVA based upon a certain number of confirmed reservations made through them.)*

## Secretary's Notes

First I want to say that I am very proud to be your National Secretary for the next two years. I will try to continue doing the job to your satisfaction, however, there is one official task I have that will probably get about 275 of you mad at me — that of providing support documentation to substantiate that you are a Coast Guard combat veteran.

As I keep saying, this is a requirement of our By-Laws and the IRS could revoke our tax exempt status if we are not in compliance with the rules they set down when they granted us that status. Simply writing a detailed accounting

of your service on the reverse of the application form does not qualify as support documents.

I have accepted everything from a copy of your discharge (DD-214), medal awards letters, pages from a ship's log where the member had signed as OOD, even a statement from a member in good standing that he served with the applicant. There are a number of ways to satisfy this requirement but arguing with me about it isn't one of them. So please, protect our tax exempt status by providing something for our files if you haven't already done so.



ED BURKE

## Anchor-Clankers & Cannon-Cockers Unite

I had a great time in Norfolk at the Reunion and met some of you that I'd been corresponding with, so now I have a face to put with the name. I got involved with the Gunner's Mate/Boatswain's Mate fund-raising event at the bar and am proud to say this spur of the moment promotion raised \$140 for the Association. Not only that, Mike Housefield then sold the empty bottle to a GM for another \$5, kept the bottle and sold it again the next day. I'll let Baker Herbert take care of the official accounting but one bottle of tequila brought in \$145 plus for the CGCVA. I think a big "thank you" is due this group of fine, upstanding gentlemen (and the Gunners Mates too!) Not to be left out, Nancy Burke and Jane Maxwell (BM and GM spouses respectively) donated their money and participated in this fund-raiser too. It never ceases to amaze me the way the old right arm rate people continue to perform.

## Many More Reunion Thanks

While there are so many to acknowledge for their help in Norfolk, the following come quickly to mind. For those who I've overlooked I

**From the Secretary (cont.)**

apologize and say "Thank you!"

- Al Courter for his hefty donation from the raffle tickets he sold.
- Walt Gorr for his special fund-raising talents.
- Joe Kleinpeter for his many contributions and help.
- Edith Courter and the CGCV Auxiliary.
- Those special tenders of the "adult refreshments" led by the Frenchman (Gil Benoit), Swifty, Mike Housefield, Bill Figone, Chuck Huyler, and others who filled in.
- Nick and Carol Ferro for the beautiful patriotic centerpieces.
- Baker Herbert for trying to set up the store and more importantly, taking care of the money and paying the bills.
- Herb Weinstein for finally getting the store open for business.
- Dick and Evelyn Stent who provided and sold some real nifty tee-shirts.
- For all those unknown volunteers who helped set-up and tear-down.
- Jane and nancy for their untiring efforts throughout the Reunion.
- Ray Hertica and Dick Ahrens again at the registration desk (and this time they had some help!)
- Bob Maxwell for his superb negotiations and fund-raising ideas.
- The BM/GM fund-raising committee.

I must say these biennial "gatherings" are getting bigger and bigger each time and accordingly we need more and more help at each reunion to cover the many things that take place. It is too much for two people and that's why we appreciate scheduled/organized help — even just a few hours. Think about it for the next 20-plus months before San Diego, then be prepared to help out in an area you enjoy and are familiar with. Everyone will benefit as will the association.

### CGCVA History Book Complaints

After receiving comments of dissatisfaction with our CGCVA History Book, Baker and I thought it would be a good idea to see if there is enough interest to pursue a Volume II. We are

aware that some members were omitted for no apparent reason and we would like to get our history complete with an additional volume. To do this, we would require all materials (bio's, articles and photographs) be sent to the CGCVA for logging-in and then to be forwarded to the publisher. This way, we would control the materials.

In a letter to Dick Stent in early December, Dave Turner of Turner Publishing wrote:

"I understand some people's dismay at not having their stories used in the book. It is a possibility that the stories were lost. It is also possible that the stories were simply not selected for publication in the book. Space is generally limited in such a publication and we use as many stories as possible. All of the material we (the publisher) had has been returned. In fact the stories you mentioned were lost, naturally they would not have been returned. If the stories do turn up we will certainly return them to you."

In order for us to determine whether or not we should pursue the idea of a second volume, we need the advice of the membership. **Please help us by completing the form below and returning it to Baker Herbert, National Treasurer, Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association, P.O. Box 544, Westfield Center, Ohio 44251.**

Your input is appreciated. By the way, we would need at least 300 members agreeing to purchase a book in order to obtain a publisher.

Ed Burke

**CGCVA History Book Volume II**  
**Questionnaire**

Are you interested in seeing  
Volume II of the CGCVA  
History Book published?      YES ☐  
NO ☐

If yes, would you be willing to pay \$60 to \$80 for the book?

YES ☐

NO ☐

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



## From the Treasurer

### Treasurer's Report

Our total balance on hand as of 11-21-94 is as follows:

C/D, Life Membership Fund	\$12,000.00
Savings Acct, Life Membership Fund	3,475.00
General Fund	7,401.17
<b>Total of all CGCVA Funds</b>	<b>\$22,876.17</b>

### Donations at or since Norfolk:

CGCVA Auxiliary	\$500.00
Dick Stent	1,220.00
Al Courter's Raffles	491.00
Other (includes bar donations)	1,850.75

The balance on hand reported at Norfolk as of 10-8-94 was \$15,119.77 (all funds).

### Dues Changes

Dues were increased to \$25 every two years and those sending in their dues from the expiration date on their *Quarterdeck Log* are really helping out, saving dues letters, postage and time. Thanks!

### Life Memberships

The new Life Membership rates, as proposed and published in the Fall '94 issue of *The Quarterdeck Log*, have been approved. Members desiring Life Memberships should forward their check to the Administrative Office in Ashton, Md., for verification.

### Support Papers

And speaking of verification...to follow up on the Secretary's message, when the CGCVA started out in 1986-87-88, we didn't have an IRS tax-exempt status. That didn't happen until late 1990 and all members who joined the CGCVA prior to that time were not asked to send in support documentation when they joined. Well now we need some, so if you haven't already done so, sent them now and protect our organization's tax-exempt status.

### Small Stores

The only items that I have on hand at this time are the CGCVA ballcaps. These may be

ordered by sending a check payable to CGCVA to Baker Herbert, P.O. Box 544, Westfield Center, OH 44251-0544.

If you haven't seen these caps, they are blue with "Coast Guard Combat Veterans Assoc." in gold lettering sewn right on the cap, vs. a patch, and one size fits all. Cost

of the cap (with regular visor) is \$10 or you can get one with senior eggs for \$11 or flag eggs for \$12. All cap orders are sent to you by first class mail. Our last batch of caps cost about 7.25 per cap and, with \$1 in mailing per cap, you can see we weren't getting rich. We do appreciate our members wearing the CGCVA cap and it has resulted in attracting new members.

We have a few small and medium T-shirts with the CGCVA logo for \$5 and a few sweat shirts, same sizes, for \$10. These are close out items and won't be reordered.

If interested I can get you a 7-inch flag set consisting of the American flag, USCG flag and your state flag with a holder. Don't send money just let me know if you'd like one. I can get them and them for \$10 but I'd need to have several orders to make the 50 mile drive worth it.

### In Closing...

Thanks for your support in electing me Treasurer. My last audit was in 1993 and I have asked the President to have my records audited again. This is your money and every member should know how it's being spent.

If any member would like a detailed report of our finances as of 8 October 1994 for the two-year period between the Reno and Norfolk Reunions, please send me a self-addressed, stamped envelope, and I'll send you the two-page detailed financial report. Semper Paratus!

**Baker Herbert**



**BAKER HERBERT**

## Membership

Congratulations to each and every member of the CGCVA — you truly getting the word out about our fine organization. The blank stares and sounds of disbelief are gradually fading into the background. People are starting to listen when you mention the words, "Coast Guard" and "combat" in the same sentence.

After World War II, whenever I said that I served on all fronts during the war, I was generally greeted with a laugh and words like, "Oh! I thought that you guarded New York Harbor or broke ice in the Hudson River."

The same thing happened years later. Just two weeks after the *New York Times* and several other major newspapers ran photographs and a comprehensive account on the Coast Guard's vital role and purpose in Vietnam, the public seemed to forget all about it. Our folks were met with, "The Coast Guard in Vietnam? Are you kidding!" Although I never served there, I strongly resented the implications and seemingly total lack of awareness about our Service in Vietnam.

Well, we (the Coast Guard and our fine organization) have come a long way toward getting the word out about Coast Guard combat veterans. But we still have a lot more to do and, by the time you read this, our membership drive will be in high gear. We plan on a nationwide drive to reach all the Coast Guard combat veterans out there just waiting to be found so that they can get together with another fellow Coast Guardsman.

### **Award May Qualify Many For CGCVA Membership**

At a White House awards ceremony Dec. 22nd, President Clinton presented the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM) to one member of each branch of the Armed Forces, they representing those members

of their respective services who served in or directly supported Operation Uphold Democracy. The established opening date is Sept. 16, 1994 with no closing date set.

The AFEM was established in 1958 and has been awarded for 22 different operations, the last being Operation Restore Hope in Somalia. Criteria for the award requires that U.S. Armed Forces must have participated in a military operation in significant numbers and that those forces either encountered foreign armed opposition or otherwise were placed in such a position that hostile action by foreign armed forces could have been imminent, even though it did not occur.

There were numerous Coast Guard units involved directly and indirectly with Operation Uphold Democracy and, if these units are approved for the AFEM, it could mean that all personnel receiving the award would be eligible to join the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association. The VFW has already confirmed that personnel awarded the AFEM for Operation Uphold Democracy would be eligible to join that organization. This could certainly result in many new members and perhaps even entire units joining the CGCVA.

### **New Membership & Information Forms**

An updated Membership Application Form and General Information Sheet for the CGCVA are included in this issue of *The Quarterdeck Log*. Please clip them out, make additional copies as needed, and use them to sign-up new members. Also, discard any previous versions of these forms. And don't forget to stress to potential new members the importance of providing verifying documentation along with their application for membership — without that their application can't even be processed.

### **Posting New Members**

Many of you have indicated that you miss the listing of new members with information on their units. Hopefully, this will soon be again included in *The Quarterdeck Log*.



**The Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal**

## Membership (cont.)

We now have in place six new area membership chairmen, so if you would rather not get directly involved with the paperwork or logistics involved with recruiting, refer the applicant to the appropriate chairman or myself. During WWII we used to say that if we carried an oar on our shoulder and started walking inland, that we would settle down as soon as the first person said, "What's that thing?" Well, maybe you'll find a potential member in that location. At any rate, let's go find that lost shipmate and get him signed up today!

To help you out, here's some examples of the official standard forms of documentation that may accompany an application for membership:

- USCG Honorable Discharge (copy of both sides).
- NAVPERS 1650/65 showing awards and decorations that you are entitled to.
- NAVCG-533 Notice of Separation from the U.S. Naval Service - Coast Guard.
- DD-214 Report of Separation from the Armed Forces of the U.S. (Be sure it indicates your awards earned).
- An official document, letterhead or page from Service Record with signature.

**Al Courter**



CGCVA Chaplain, VADM Thomas R. Sargent, III, opens the Convention business meeting with a prayer.

Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association nationwide membership chairmen and how to contact them:

### National Membership Chairman

**CWO4 ALBERT F. COURTER, USCG (Ret.)**

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Zapata, TX 61007  
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(509) 235-5354

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**PAUL E. WHEELER**

508 15th Street  
Santa Monica, CA 90402  
(310) 394-1014



## Auxiliary Notes

### To all Auxiliary members:

We your officers, would like to say thank you for voting the same slate into office again. We worked hard the past two years to make the CGCVA Auxiliary one we can be proud of. We have space (at least one page) in each issue of *The Quarterdeck Log* and we have a beautiful new logo from which we made pins and hats. And at our recent Convention, we approved the revised By-Laws.

I'd like to introduce our three area chairpersons: Marge McLendon from Zapata, Texas; Evelyn Bunting from Crestwood, Mo.; and Cathryn Dephent from Newport, Va.

Our raffle tickets went like wild fire, being sold by Evelyn and Cathryn — two real good workers. Thanks ladies! Half of the money went to the men for the good and welfare of the association.

We must continue to lay the ground work to firmly establish our position as a supporting organization to the CGCVA, and to leave a legacy for all present members and those of the future. To create a solid base for this, we need ideas and inputs from the wives of the younger

CGCVA members. Those ideas and inputs can become reality simply with a vote so please get more involved! The future is for those who prepare for it. Remember — tomorrow comes and today is lost to yesterday.

Our work is the respect we show our men, they stood on the line with their lives. We kept the home fires burning, so we too are veterans, some for more than 54 years. Let us not forget World War II — there are still many of our men living in Veterans' hospitals, homes for the elderly, or with loved ones.

While at the Norfolk Convention in October, I was told some of you wrote me letters and I didn't respond to them. I regret this as I have asked for help so many times and cannot answer a letter I never received. Please try again. I will answer all the letters or phone messages that I get as soon as possible.

Lastly, we continue to look for more members so use the below form if you know of an eligible applicant. We did get some new members in Norfolk and I send my thanks to all the ladies who helped out throughout the Convention.

**Edith M. Courter, President**

### 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)

### USS Sheboygan (PF-57)

Our 50th Anniversary Reunion will be held in Orlando, Fla., January 26-28, 1995. For more information, contact **Robert L. Renner**, 32 S.E. Chinica Drive, Summerfield, FL 34491 or call (904) 288-3333.

### AP Transport Association

Our annual Reunion is scheduled for June 1-4, 1995, in Cincinnati, Ohio. *USS Generals'* Wm. Mitchell (AP-114); Geo. M. Randall (AP-115); W.H. Gordon (AP-117); W.P. Richardson (AP-118); William Weigel (AP-119); J.C. Breckinridge (AP-176); and Admirals' W.L. Capps (AP-121); E.W. Eberle (AP-123); C.F. Hughes (AP-124); and H.T. Mayo (AP-125). Contact is **Chuck Ulrich**, 35 Oak Lane, New Hyde Park, NY 11040, at (516) 747-7426.

### USS Ramsden (DE-382)

Our Reunion will be held in Myrtle Beach, S.C., Sept. 7-11, 1995 at the Holiday Inn at Surfside. Submitted by Ed "Toz" Toczylousk

### USCGC Modoc (W-46)

The 8th Reunion of shipmates of the *Modoc* will be held May 18-22, 1995, in Virginia Beach, Va. Contacts are **Bob Woodbury**, 18 Ninth Avenue, Halifax, MA 02338, at (617) 293-7992 or **Moe Stienberg**, 1 Clearland Avenue, Carle Place, NY 11514, at (516) 334-5309.

### USCGC Campbell (W-32)

The 10th Annual Reunion of the *USCGC Campbell* will be held May 21-24, 1995, at the Guest Quarters Suite Hotel in Tampa, Fla. All hands who served in old *Campbell* during the 45 years she served her country from 1936 to 1982, as well as all current active duty and former crewmembers of the new *Campbell* (WMEC-909) are welcome to attend. For more details, contact **David A. Blum**, President - USCGC Campbell Association, 8341 Sands Point Blvd., Tamarac, FL 33321, or call (305) 722-8161.

### USS Serpens (AK-97)

A Memorial and Wreath-laying Ceremony honoring those killed aboard the *USS Serpens* will be held January 29, 1995 at 2 p.m. at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va. This service has been organized by the USCG Capital Chiefs of USCG Headquarters. Contact is MCPO **Tim Lackey** at (202) 267-6287. (Note: All CGCVA members are heartily encouraged to attend this ceremony which memorializes the 250 American servicemen, mostly Coast Guardsmen, who were killed January 29, 1945 when the *Serpens* exploded and sank. There were only 10 survivors, two of them Coast Guardsmen.)

### Coast Guard Squadron One T-Shirts

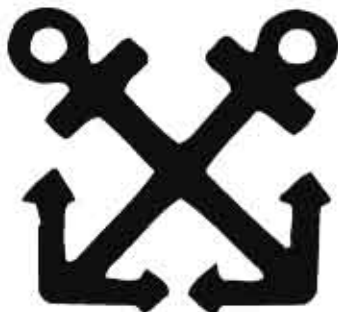
Five-color Squadron One T-shirts are now available for \$24.95 (includes postage and small donation to CGCVA). Each shirt features an 82-footer with **your** hull number on the front and the Squadron One logo on the back. Your name is included on the front. There is also a Coastal Zone Map highlighting the three Divisions' patrol zones on the back. Make checks payable to **Baker Herbert**, Head Clerk — Ship's Store, P.O. Box 544, Westfield Center, OH 44251. Allow three weeks for delivery.

### Looking For A Shipmate

I'm trying to find Seaman 1/C Harris A. Hudson who was at the Okinawa Invasion in 1945 on the A.O.G. 29. If you can help me, please write **Ralph Porter Hudlow** at 5521 Miller Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37411 or call me at (615) 899-5521.

### CGCVA History Book

Believe it or not, there's still some left. If you weren't in on the ground floor of this project, order yours now or buy one for a buddy. Simply fill out the order form on the inside back cover of this issue.



## Reunions — Notices — Unit Ads

### Did You Know?

On Nov. 12, all Massachusetts Coast Guard combat veterans were invited to the Charleston Navy Yard in Boston by the U.S. Dept. of the Interior. They hosted a ceremony honoring all Coast Guard WWII veterans, complete with reception, refreshments, films of the USCG during the war, and a guided tour of the WWII Fletcher-class destroyer, *Cassin Young*.

About 50 members attended and it was a nice opportunity to trade some war stories.

**Hubert Ambrosio**

### Request From The USCG Historian's Office

Scott Price, historian, is looking for personal experiences of WWII Coast Guardsmen for the CG Archives. These can be experiences ashore or afloat, in the U.S. or overseas. The statute of limitations has long expired so you can say anything you like, but mind the salty language. Material can be printed or typed but should be double-spaced, and can be sent to Scott through: Commandant (G-CP-4), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001.

By the way, Scott Price was the author of the "Coast Guard & The North Atlantic Campaign" insert to the *Commandant's Bulletin*, Nov. '94 issue. Nice work!

**John Stamford**

### Shore Village Museum

Honored member Ken Black is Director of the Shore Village Museum, 331 Commercial St., Rockport, ME 04856. Known as Maine's Lighthouse Museum, it houses a considerable collection of Coast guard memorabilia. It is certainly worth stopping by if you're traveling in the Northeast. To get specific information on the Shore Village Museum, call Ken at (207) 594-0311 or fax (207) 594-9481.

### Looking For...

I'd like to contact former shipmates from *LST-22* with the idea of having a reunion at some mutually agreeable location. Will anyone who

served on *LST-22* during WWII, please contact: **Jack A. Pfeifer**, 11325 SW Timberline Drive, Beaverton, OR 97008.

### USCGC Duane

The next reunion for the *USCGC Duane* will be held at the Heritage House Hotel, 259 Main Street, Hyannis, Mass., Oct. 20-22, 1995. For more information, write or call **R.C. Golec**, Tory Hill Road, Alstead, NH 03602 at (603) 835-6009.

### USS Cambria

St. Augustine, Fla. will be the site for the next reunion of the *USS Cambria* on April 17-20, 1995. Contact: **Sam Belfiore**, 2668 Alum Creek Drive, Columbus, OH 48207 at (614) 443-9051.

### Four Chaplains Monument Project

This monument project in Zapata, Texas, needs your help. Funds for the actual monument have already been raised, however more money is needed to purchase and install a push-button audio system at the site that will describe the bravery and unselfishness of the four chaplains, the Coast Guardsmen and crew of the *Dorchester*.

Zapata is located on Hwy 83 leading to the Rio Grande Valley where about 3-million Texans spend the winter season, so many will stop at the site to learn about the sinking of the *Dorchester*.

If you can help out, please send a contribution to: Zapata Four Chaplains Memorial Fund, c/o **F.D. "Chips" McLendon**, P.O. Box 1007, Zapata, TX 78076.

### OVER THE BAR

The following CGCVA shipmates have recently departed our mortal company:

**CAPT DONALD G. KNEIP, USCG RET.**  
**EARL F. BEEZER**  
**VERNON A. CLARKSON**

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## Norfolk Convention & Reunion (cont.)

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We then adjourned to the French Quarters for the social hour, delicious food and the Reunion was officially underway.

### Day Two —

Thursday was a much nicer day with a tour to Colonial Williamsburg and the USCG Reserve Training Center at Yorktown, Va.

Upon arrival at Yorktown, there were again tour guides ready to take the various groups around to show them the full operation as time allowed. Here again, the unit CO, CAPT McGee, met everyone and provided an initial briefing.

Back at the hotel, the Greenland Patrol had their annual luncheon/meeting from 10:30 until about 4 p.m. Of course the bar was open and the registration desk was never empty. This was basically a day for everyone to get settled in and enjoy themselves.

Day Three — Friday began with CGCVA President Dick Stent calling the biennial meeting to order, then presenting VADM Tom Sargent, RADM Arnie Sobel, and our Treasurer, Baker Herbert with certificates making them Kentucky Colonels.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting in Reno, Nevada, then Dick Stent gave his report. This was followed by the Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report, then to Bob Maxwell who gave a report regarding the possible sites for the 1996 Convention. A variety of concerns regarding various sites were voiced by the membership and there was a

great deal of healthy discussion, all which resulted in San Diego being chosen as the site.

On another topic, it was decided that Paul Flanagan, who was killed in an auto accident on his way to the Reunion, would be provided membership in the CGCVA posthumously.

The By-Laws were approved as written. Elections were held with the following members elected as association officers for the 1995-96 term:

National President — A.D. "Al" Grantham; National Vice President — Joseph L. Kleinpeter; National Secretary — E.P. "Ed" Burke; National Treasurer — Baker Herbert; Four-Year Directors — Robert J. Maxwell and William

Figone; Two-Year Directors — Richard E. Ahrens and Gil Benoit; with Richard E. Stent filling the fifth seat as the Immediate Past President.

Appointees included: Editor of *The Quarterdeck Log* — LT Ed Swift, USCG;

Parliamentarian — Charles Parker; Photographer — Art Green; Historian — Paul Scotti; and National Membership Chairman — Al Courter.

The Business Meeting was adjourned with all necessary business having been attended to.

(continued)



One of Training Center Yorktown's Bicentennial Coast Guard Color Guard members at the Opening Ceremony.



Dick Stent leads everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of the Convention Business Meeting.



## Norfolk Convention & Reunion (cont.)

Everyone relaxed and prepared for the big evening ahead. At 5 p.m., buses were loaded and a large group went to the waterside for some shopping and a dinner cruise on the M/V Spirit of Norfolk. A good time was had by all and we enjoyed great food and an enjoyable show. We returned to the hotel about 10:30 tired but happy.

**Day Four** — Saturday was another nice day to relax and enjoy ourselves. At 9:30 a.m., the Tour to Nauticus and the MacArthur Memorial left the hotel. Some headed out to shop while others continued the Reunion in the Hospitality Room where our bartenders were friendly and generous.

At 6 p.m., Coast Guard Commandant ADM Robert E. Kramek arrived with Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Erick Trent and his wife. Next, RADM Ecker and his wife arrived. In an informal atmosphere, many of our members and spouses got to meet and chat with our special guests and it was quite enjoyable.

Eventually we went into the Ballroom for dinner and the program. Bob Maxwell got the show on the road with introductions. Then, long overdue awards and medals were presented to members by ADM Kramek and RADM Ecker, including the Silver Lifesaving Medal to John Mathis.

CGCVA awards were presented to several members in keeping with the newly amended By-Laws; MCPO-CG Trent was presented an Honorary Membership; and Edith Courter presented Certificates for Honorary Membership in the CGCVA Auxiliary to Patricia Kramek (accepted

by the admiral) and Mrs. Trent.

ADM Kramek was our keynote speaker and he eloquently explained the changing missions of the Coast Guard and the considerable Coast Guard involvement in Caribbean operations during the summer. He talked about Coast Guard artifacts and ways to make them more visible and accessible to the public (apparently there are many simply locked away and stored). He concluded his remarks by thanking those in attendance for their service of the past and assured everyone that the Coast Guard was in good hands and steering a straight and steady course. The banquet concluded and everyone adjourned to the Hospitality Room for a final round or two. It was a great Reunion and I believe everyone left having truly enjoyed themselves.

**Day Five** — On Sunday, the Officers and Board met again to critique the entire event. We rated it a resounding 3.99 (since nothing is perfect). During our meeting we were fortunate to have several volunteers take down and pack up our gear, including the original Coast Guard combat artwork provided by CG Headquarters.

Al Courter did another fine job with the raffles and spreading them throughout the Reunion resulted in many more winners. Al took in \$491 and we were presented another \$242 from the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary also donated \$500 to help defray costs associated with *The Quarterdeck Log* so we owe many thanks to the lovely ladies.

As I said at the beginning, I hope this report is of interest to those of you who were unable to attend. Your attendance is the only thing that could have made this Reunion better. Final thanks to the fine men and women of the 5th District for making us feel so welcome!



**Mr. Randy Wright, representative of the Mayor of Norfolk, presents Mayoral Proclamation for the CGCVA Convention to Dick Stent.**

# COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION



*Convention & Reunion*  
*October 26-30, 1994 — Norfolk, Va.*  
*(photo album insert to Winter '94*  
*Quarterdeck Log)*

# The Business Meeting



(above) Past President Bob Maxwell makes opening remarks while Vice President Al Grantham and President Dick Stent wait their turn at the podium.



(above) Ray O'Malley, survivor of the CGC Escanaba sinking, provides information to the membership on the Grand Haven Festival.



(left) Membership Chairman Al Courter makes comments regarding the possible sites for the '96 Reunion.

(below) Either several members need to use the restroom or a vote has just been taken. Probably the latter.



(below) Secretary Ed Burke takes a question from the floor.



# A Three-Hour Tour (but not like Gilligan's Island)



(above) Several CGCVA members took up the kind invitation for a harbor cruise aboard the CGC Red Cedar by the cutter's CO and enjoyed a windy but sunny ride.



(left) A CGCVA member provides some vintage seas stories to CGC Red Cedar Commanding Officer, LT Steve Hadley during the three-hour harbor cruise.



(below) Looking no worse for wear, 18 CGCVA members and spouses disembark the CGC Red Cedar.



(above) Just a sunny stroll on the Red Cedar's buoy deck.



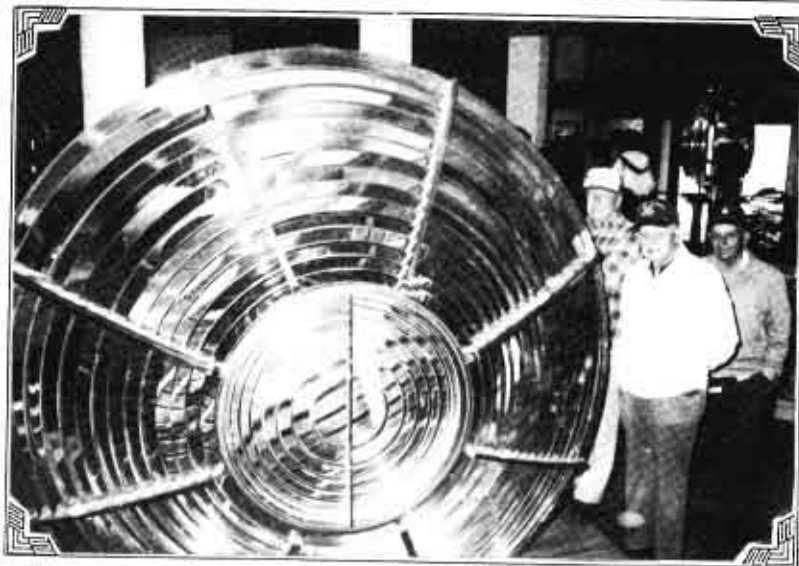
## An historic visit to Colonial Williamsburg

(left) Several CGCVA members had a "revolutionary" idea — share some of their memories with one of the period-dressed Williamsburg officials.

(right) Members were afforded a guided tour of Colonial Williamsburg, one of several activities at the '94 Reunion.



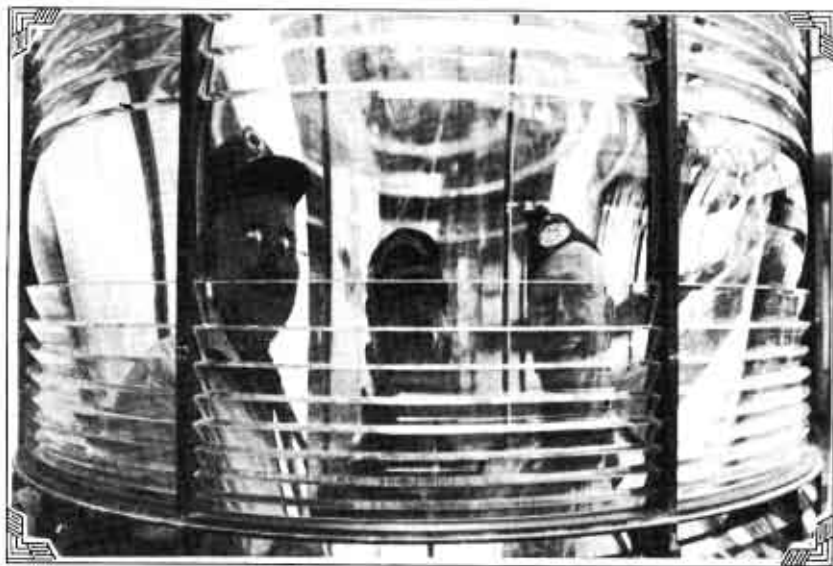
(below) You dropped your contact lens! Well, not quite. Actually the lenses were easier to spot on the floor of USCG Training Center Yorktown's Aids to Navigation School Museum.



...and a  
tour of  
USCG  
Training  
Center  
Yorktown



# The Coast Guard Reserve Training Center at Yorktown



(left) It's not exactly the carnival fun house but these CGCVA members get a chuckle out of their distorted images in a large lens at Aids to Navigation School.



(above) Good weather meant touring inside and out at Yorktown.

(below) Working displays of actual aids to navigation are for both touring and training at the Yorktown AtoN School Museum.



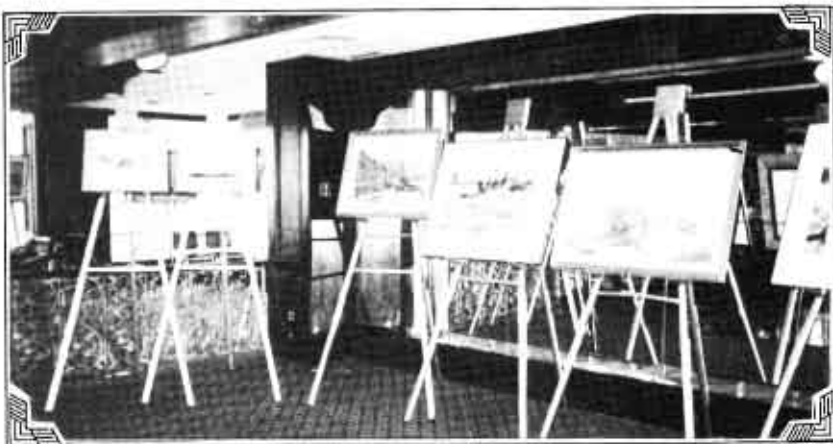
# Exhibits Aplenty at the '94 Reunion/Convention



Throughout the Reunion/Convention, members were able to see memorabilia of the Coast Guard wartime experiences through various medium.

Videocassettes showed World War II footage; there was a collection of Coast Guard Day proclamations from states across the country, obtained through the efforts of CGCVA members; hand-made models of cutters; flags and pennants; newspaper clippings; original sheet music; books; photographs; scrapbooks; a collection of patches and armament from the Association of Gunners mates; materials from the Greenland Patrol; and even a selection of original Coast Guard artwork depicting scenes from World War II, Vietnam and Desert Storm.

Most of these displays and exhibits were kept in the hotel's Hospitality Suite throughout the Reunion.



Of course there  
was lots of  
comradery...



...and  
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lots...



...and  
lots!



Various groups got together, formally and informally.

Good  
times were  
had by all  
and the  
message  
was...



fellowship  
and  
comradery





# A fitting close to a successful Reunion

The '94 CGCVA Convention/Reunion officially concluded with the swearing-in of the association officers at the Banquet. We were honored to have Admiral Robert E. Kramek, Coast Guard Commandant as the keynote speaker. The admiral gave an update of recent Coast Guard activities, specifically those in the Caribbean (Operations Able Manner and Able Vigil). He also lauded our association for its continued concern and support for the Coast Guard.

Following his address, ADM Kramek presented awards to several CGCVA members, most World War II veterans, then joined the members for fellowship in the Hospitality Suite.



(above) ADM Kramek tells of the Coast Guard's successes during Operations Able Manner and Able Vigil.



(left) Outgoing CGCVA President Dick Stent presents ADM Kramek a plaque for his support to the association. (above) ADM Kramek is given his CGCVA membership and ballcap by Dick Stent.



(left) CGCVA members with ADM Kramek after he presented them medals earned for their combat service.



(above) ADM Kramek and CGCVA member Jack Campbell with a photo of the plaque at Poole in Great Britain, home of the WWII "Matchbox Fleet."



(above) Dick and Evelyn Stent are recognized for their exceptional work for the association during 1992-94, by new CGCVA President Al Grantham.



(left) The new slate of officers is sworn by Past President Bob Maxwell to conclude the '94 Reunion.



Photos by:  
Art Green  
LT Ed Swift, USCG  
PAC Tom Gillespie, USCG



## A Final Farewell

The below news story documents two who never arrived at our Norfolk Reunion but had intended to. May they rest in peace!

# Couple's reunion after 50 years ends in death

FROM INQUIRER WIRE SERVICES

QUANTICO, Va. — They met in 1944 and fell in love, but she turned down his proposal and they soon lost track of each other.

This year, they reignited their friendship.

This week, they lost their lives together on a busy highway.

Paul Lester Flanagan and Dorothy Thompson had just finished eating pizza and were walking back to their hotel Wednesday when they were struck while crossing a seven-lane stretch of Route 1.

He was pronounced dead at the scene; she died at a hospital a short time later. Flanagan, 71, was from San Jose, Calif.; Thompson, 69, was from Owensboro, Ky.

The pizza dinner marked the 50-year anniversary of Flanagan's marriage proposal to Thompson, said Lisa Rihn, Thompson's daughter. Thompson had turned him down, saying she was too young and he was going overseas the next day with his Coast Guard unit.

The two had dated for two years after meeting at a USO dance. Flanagan and Thompson had vowed to look each other up after the war, but didn't speak again until they began exchanging letters earlier this year. She was widowed in 1987; he was divorced.

They decided to meet in Pittsburgh earlier this month, visit Civil War sites along the East Coast, then attend the 50-year reunion of Flanagan's Coast Guard class.

Rihn said she spoke to her mother on the telephone Monday, and the



**Paul Flanagan proposed** to Dorothy Thompson in 1944 after dating for two years. She said no, telling him she was too young. They vowed to get in touch after the war, but didn't reunite till this month.

reunited friends were enjoying their trip. "To put it plainly, you couldn't understand a word she was saying because she was giggling so much," Rihn said yesterday. "I talked to Paul, too, and he said he lost his Dottie 50 years ago, and he wasn't going to let her go now."

Rihn said her mother had shown her old photos of Flanagan when she was growing up. "There was just a special bond she had with him," she said.

The couple had traveled to Stafford from Gettysburg, Pa., in a rental car and were going to see Manassas National Battlefield Park, said Michael Thompson, her son. He said his mother planned to introduce him to Flanagan on Thursday.

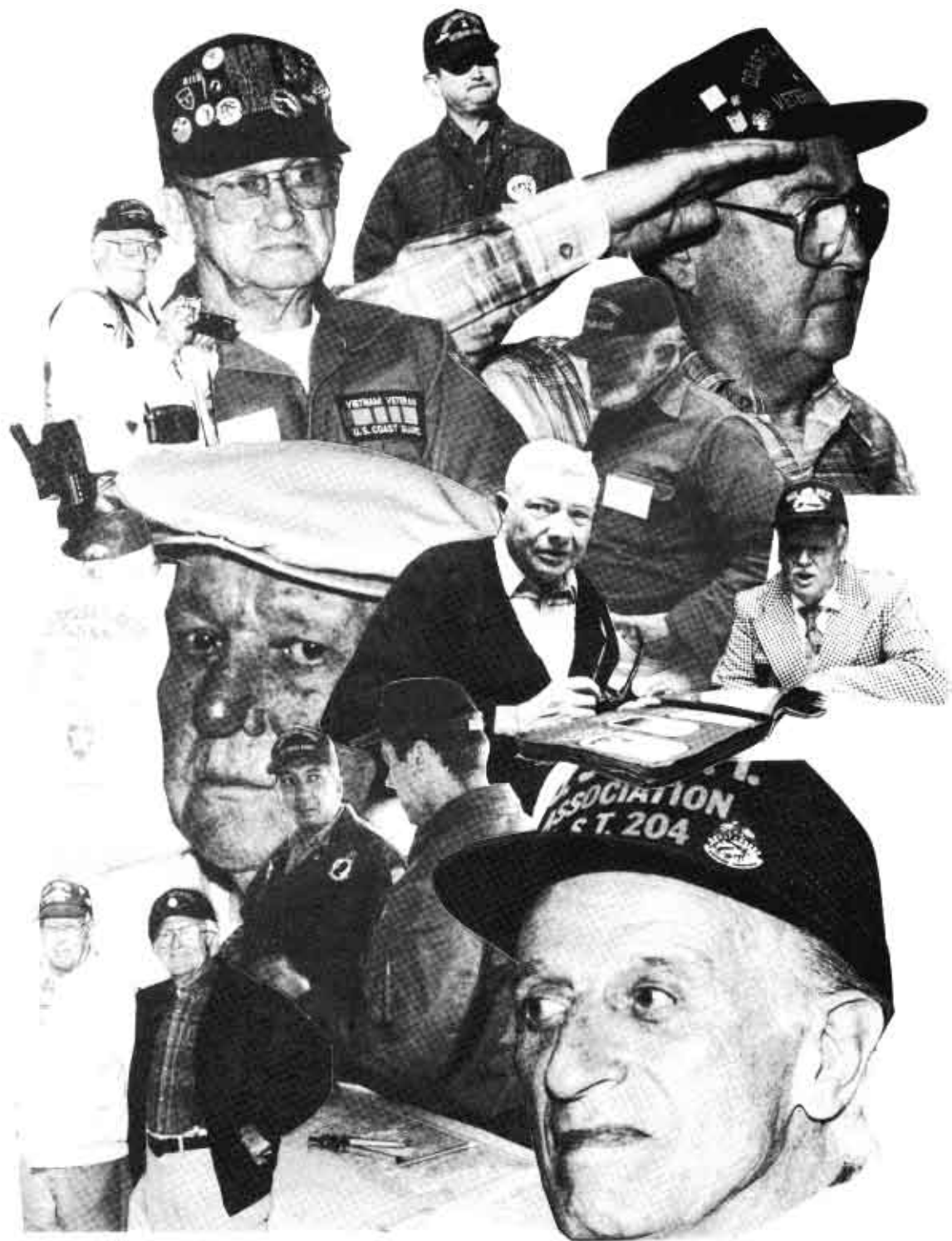
"She called my two sisters and told them she was having a great time, really enjoying herself," Thompson said. "This is just a real tragedy."

Before the accident, the couple checked into the Days Inn Aquia-Quantico and walked across Route 1 to Pizza Hut. They were celebrating Flanagan's birthday.

After dinner, at 8:50 p.m., they tried to make their way across the road to return to the hotel, said David Good, a Virginia trooper.

Troopers said the driver was not speeding and had no warning when the couple stepped into the path of her car. She was not charged.

"This is one of the worst, if not the worst, crashes I've ever investigated," said Good. "They died terrible deaths."









Hey! Ya missed a great Reunion...  
see you in San Diego in 1996!



**Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association**

**BY-LAWS**



Corrected/Amended and Approved  
At Norfolk, Virginia  
28 October 1994

## COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

### 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 ROBERTS Rules Of Order.

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. We further assume the responsibility for maintaining the gravesite of Signalman First Class, Douglas A. Munro, USCG recipient of the Congressional Medal Of Honor, located at Clis Elum, Washington and to accomplish the programs as outlined in the Preamble.

3. **Association Officers:** The Association shall be governed by a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and an elected Board of Directors consisting of five (5) regular members. No elected Officer or Director will be installed in office that does not have a Support Document that shows their combat duty qualification to be a member of the Association.

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

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"

- 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:  
July, 1988 at Reno, NV

Corrected/Amended:  
July, 1990 at Baltimore, MD.

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

Corrected/Amended:  
October, 1992 at Reno, NV

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



show line items for a minimum of: Travel, Supplies, Postage, Equipment, Services i.e., Printing, etc.

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

f. Provide a biennial financial statement to be audited and presented at the membership business meeting by a committee appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

#### 5. Board of Directors:

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 of the board from their elected body for a two year period. There will be no succession rule for the Chairman.

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

d. The Board shall direct the President as to the time and place to convene the Reunion/Convention.

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

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

g. Review and if acceptable Approve the annual Budget of the Association.

### ARTICLE V-Committees

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

2. The Chairperson of all committees shall be designated by the President. The Chairperson shall appoint members to serve on 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-Changes And Corrections

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 Directors 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

"Show of Hand". The newly elected officers and appointees shall be sworn into office at ceremonies during the banquet held on the final evening of the reunion/convention. The offices of the President and Vice President shall not be succeeded by the same person more than one (1) time. The offices of the Secretary and 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 membership 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 Secretary or 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 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 President, with the consent of the Board of Directors, 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 the issuing of a Certificate of Appreciation and Honorary Membership suitable for framing. Any member in good standing may make a recommendation to the President for an Honorary Membership. The recommendation shall be in writing and accompanied with supporting information substantiating the individual's qualifications.



h. 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. Support documents of combat service and relationship must be provided.

### ARTICLE III-Dues

Dues shall be Twelve Dollars, Fifty Cents (\$12.50) per year.

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" in 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:

Under age 30 200.00

within the limitations of these By-Laws.

d. Appoint a committee to Audit the fiscal records of the Association no later than one (1) year after election to office. The committee report to be in writing from the Chairman to the President and shall be read at the next regular meeting for acceptance by the membership.

e. Appoint the Secretary to have prepared and distributed a quarterly newsletter to the membership. The quarterly newsletter to be the official publication of the Association and to be named "The Quarterdeck Log".

### 2. National Vice President:

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

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

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

### 3. National Secretary:

a. Assist the 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. Maintain the Association mailing lists and respond to the membership questions and/or requests within the capabilities of the means available.

c. In cooperation with the Treasurer, maintain Association property records as to the description and location of

items. Maintain all records the Treasurer deems appropriate. All Treasurer designated Fiscal records to be kept in the computer.

d. In cooperation with the Treasurer, establish and distribute bulletins for all the officers of the Association.

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

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

g. Provide guidance and support to the Editor of the quarterly newsletter. In cooperation with the Editor, establish "Deadlines" and publication dates for the newsletter and assure the compliance of same.

h. Record and publish upon approval by the Officers and Board of Directors the minutes of all meetings.

### 4. National Treasurer:

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

b. Maintain accurate fiscal records of the Association. Account for all monies received from whatever source and deposit them into the Association's 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 President and in accordance with these By-Laws.

d. In cooperation with the Secretary, establish annual budgets for the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Board of Directors and the Quarterly Newsletter. The budget to

### Iwo Jima — A Time of Remembrance

A Memorial Service and Banquet commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Marine Corps landing at Iwo Jima, will be held at the South Mesa Staff NCO Club, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif., on February 18, 1995. The men, wives and friends of the Third, Fourth and Fifth Marine Divisions, as well as those Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine personnel involved in the operation, as well as the general public, are invited to participate. For further information contact Jack Claven, 403 Primrose Place, Glendora, CA 91740 or call (818) 335-2483.

### Four Chaplains Services

Remembrance services and ceremonies are held across the country during February to honor and remember the Four Chaplains who lost their lives after giving up their life preservers to four soldiers of the *USAT Dorchester*, which was sunk Feb. 3, 1943 off Greenland.

The *Dorchester* was part of a convoy being escorted by the *USCGC's Comanche, Escanaba* and *Tampa* when it was torpedoed by a German U-boat. The *Tampa* proceeded on to Greenland with the convoy while the *Comanche* and *Escanaba* picked up 93 of the 133 survivors, eight of them Coast Guardsmen, while 26 Coasties were lost.

The Coast Guard is generally recognized at services for the Four Chaplains so it is an

opportunity for CGCVA members to proudly wear their caps and lapel pins.

### Let's Go Shopping

World War II veterans have the authority by the U.S. Army, Air Force and Coast Guard to shop and purchase certain items at those service's Military Clothing Sales Stores. Items include service medals, ribbons and campaign hats. To secure this special privilege, veterans must obtain the approval of the specific base commander in order to shop in the base's store. Veterans should be prepared to provide a copy of their Discharge Certificate (DD Form 214) and a list of specific desired uniform items for purchase.

### USCGC Citrus Decommissioned

After nearly 52 years service, the *USCGC Citrus (WMEC-300)*, was decommissioned at ceremonies at Coos Bay, Oregon.

Built at Marine Iron & Shipbuilding Corp., Duluth, Minn., the 180-foot buoy tender was launched on Aug. 15, 1942 and commissioned May 30, 1943. The *Citrus* was originally used for general aids to navigation and icebreaking duty on the Great Lakes, homeported in Detroit. The cutter served on the Greenland Patrol during WWII but spent most of its service life in Alaskan waters.

After repairs in 1982, the *Citrus* took on patrol, search and rescue, and law enforcement duties, stationed in Coos Bay until its retirement.

## United States/Coast Guard First



At 0800 EDT, 22 August 1994, the Coast Guard cutter *Polar Sea (WAGB-11)* became the first United States surface vessel to reach "0" degrees North latitude — The North Pole. The 399-foot polar breaker was in company with the Canadian icebreaker *Louis S. St. Laurent*. The feat was achieved during a joint U.S.-Canadian multidisciplinary scientific study.

### New York State Veterans' Legislation

Veterans' legislation passed by the 1994 session of the New York State Assembly and signed by the governor included:

- designating Hwy. I-890 through the city of Schenectady as Schenectady County Veterans Memorial Highway.
- designating Tre. 27 in Nassau and Suffolk Counties as POW/MIA Memorial Highway.
- designating June 12th as Women Veterans Recognition Day.
- designating Rte. 503, from the village of Elmsford to the city of Rye, as the Westchester County Veterans Memorial Highway.
- creating the position of Women Veterans Coordinator in the State Div. of Veterans' Affairs.
- directing the Office of General Service to erect a monument in Albany, dedicated to the memory of the Women of the State of New York who served in the Armed Forces of the U.S. during time of war.
- extending the deadline for filing for benefits under the Vietnam Veterans Tuition Assistance program until Sept. 1, 1996.

### Taps to RMs

For all those who served in the rating of Radioman (RM), be advised that as of Oct. 1, 1994, the rating of Radioman became Telecommunications Specialist (TC). How times change! During World War II, the word 'telecommunications' had not even been coined.



### Florida LST Monument Dedicated

On Nov. 11, 1994, following Veterans' Day ceremonies at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, the Florida State LST Chapter dedicated a monument honoring LSTs and Amphibious Forces on the cemetery's Memorial Trail.

The monument honors both Navy & Coast Guard forces. A major contributor to the monument was VFW Post 10209 of Spring Hill, Fla. The CGCVA made a small contribution.



The featured speaker for the monument dedication was CGCVA member CAPT Allen McKenzie, USCG (ret.), a former CO of LST 760 and LCI(L) 349. Member Jim Bunch was the CGCVA representative.

### Planned Giving — Taking Care of Tomorrow Today.

"There comes a time in each of our lives when we sit down and plan our last wishes and how we want them to be carried out. This is a personally meaningful, but delicate time in our lives. It is a time when we want to plan for the well being of our loved ones. Like our loved ones, we also want to plan for our lasting support of those organizations whose cause and purpose we firmly believe in and whose future we want to help secure." Thus reads the introduction to the Navy League's Codicil Club pamphlet, "Members Only."

This pamphlet, along with two others, "Planned Giving: Options and Opportunities" and "Taking Care of Tomorrow Today" are available through the Navy League of the United States, 2300 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22201.

Like the Navy League, the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association relies heavily on the generosity of its membership. Consider a lasting gift to the CGCVA. The referenced pamphlets may provide helpful information.

### WWII 50th Anniversary Observance

In August, 1994, President Bill Clinton signed Public Law 103-292, designating May 29 through June 6, 1995, as a time for National Observance of the 50th Anniversary of World War II.

All CGCVA members are urged to participate in such observances as may be held or conducted in their local communities.

### Looking For A Photo

I am seeking a photograph or negative of the Coast Guard unit marching in the Savannah, Georgia 1943 Armed Forces Day Parade. If you can help, contact Floyd E. Glenn, 1008 E. 108th Street, Stuttgart, AK 72160 or (501) 673-6863.

### Granite Markers Now Available

Veterans and their families now have a choice of either granite or marble when applying for a traditional, upright headstone to mark a veteran's grave. Initially, granite headstone markers will be available only to mark veterans' graves in private or state-run veterans cemeteries. The granite stones will be the same size as the marble headstones and their weights will be comparable. The granite used will be light gray in color, the same as the flat granite markers now available.

### Spousal & Dependent Burial Costs

Many veterans and their families have falsely concluded that interment of veterans' eligible dependents in state veterans cemeteries is free of charge. Be aware that state cemeteries differ from National Cemeteries.

While many state veteran cemeteries are co-developed by cost sharing between individual states and the Dept. of Veteran Affairs, eligibility criteria and the determination of related costs for interment of dependents is the responsibility of each state. There are no nationally set policies or costs for such interments.

Some states do not allow burial of individuals other than veterans in their designated state veteran cemeteries. Other states prohibit the interment of eligible dependents prior to the death of the veteran.

Costs for eligible dependent interment are determined legislatively in each state. Currently, there are 48 state veteran cemeteries located in 24 states. Your local funeral director can advise you on the availability of a state veteran cemetery, its eligibility requirements and related costs for eligible dependents.

## The Men of the Cutter Service

by CGCVA member Robert W. Todd  
*USS Harveson (DE-316)*

The cutter service is a thing to be proud of  
And their deeds can be acclaimed aloud.  
Their work is hard, the men are tough,  
The duty long and the cruise rough.

But for all the men that are sailors true,  
And we are proud they dress in navy blue.  
When the war is over and peace is here,  
There is a group of men that will have to cheer.

These are our men of the Coast Guard Blue,  
That sail the sea with the Cutters crew.

### Upcoming NCOA Job Fairs

Jan. 27 — Charleston Marriott, 4770 Marriott Drive, North Charleston, SC 29418. (803) 747-1900.

Feb. 17 — Norfolk Scope, 201 East Brambleton Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23510. (804) 441-2764.

April 7 — Scottish Rite, 1895 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego, CA 92108. (619) 293-4888.

For more information, contact the NCOA Job Fair Coordinator at 1-800-662-2620.



# Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association Membership Application

(Please Print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Init.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsored By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Summer Address  
On Reverse**



## Military Service

Branch of Service Service Number From: To:

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

## Medals/Campaign Ribbons

Type Date(s)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

(Continue awards on reverse if necessary)

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

(As Required)

Rank/Rate at Present, or at Retirement or Discharge: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Membership Dues enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Dues: \$25.00 Every 2 years**

**Make Checks Payable to: CGCOMVETS**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT: Include a COPY of DD-214; DISCHARGE or other Applicable Document**

To: E. P. "ED" Burke, National Secretary  
Coast Guard Combat Veterans Assoc. Tel: (301) 570-5664  
17728 Striley Drive, Ashton, MD 20861-9763



## **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 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 or United States Coast Guard Reserve.

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" that 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 member's number over 1600 and we continue to grow. The membership consists of veterans from every conflict from W.W.I; W.W.II; Korea; Vietnam; Panama; Desert Storm, and Haiti. 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 data-base. Our records must be able to support the tax-exempt Status that has been given us by the IRS. 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 biennially with the time and place decided by the Officers and Directors. The place is convenient and reasonable for the majority of the members. This is the time that members can voice their opinions and participate in the governing process of the association at the biennial Business Luncheon. The association encourages members to get together with shipmates they are in contact with and hold a reunion within a reunion. At one reunion in Reno, NV the Key West, Northland and a group from the Tampa did exactly that.

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 very reasonable dues at just \$12.50 per year or \$25.00 for two years. Once you are a member in good standing, we have a very attractive "Life Member" rate. Inquire right now about joining this elite veterans organization. Get an application from where you received this information sheet. You can 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. (301)570-5664. If You Are A Coast Guard Combat Veteran, don't let this organization pass you by. "Jump Aboard" Get Re-acquainted, have fun with someone who has been there the "Same as You Were" and KNOWS what a Coastie is.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR A LOT OF GOOD COAST GUARD VETERANS**

**Semper Paratus**

**ATTENTION WWII MEMBERS:** The office of the Historian at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters is requesting your help. Look over the attached questions and respond only to those that relate to your duty assignments. This is your chance to insure the history that you lived will be retained in the archives. Please help if you can.

**Please Send Your Responses To Mr. Scott Price**

(Address and Telephone Number at the end of the article)

## **GENERAL: LIST OF QUESTIONS FOR USCG WWII ESCORT SAILORS**

1. When did you join the Coast Guard/Coast Guard Reserve?
2. If you served prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor, please provide details of your service up until WWII: sea duty (Which Vessels), shore stations, headquarters command, etc.
3. Did you see service during 1941: at sea? Could you surmise that war was coming? How did the Coast Guard prepare (or did it)--was there more emphasis placed on wartime procedures? Any concern about submarine warfare, conveying, etc?
4. Training received prior to Pearl Harbor: combat training--was that relatively new or did you practice it during the years before the war--I know there was an annual gunnery competition--tell me about that. Was there any ASW training, surface combat, etc? Overall, do you believe that national defense was a major Coast Guard mission or concern prior to 1941? Any cross training with the Navy?
5. How did you feel about the Coast Guard being brought under Navy Control--first in neutrality patrols and later as convoy escorts?
6. Tell me about the relations with Navy personnel--Diary of Ingham sailor notes that (George McCabe received a black eye in Iceland defending the Coast Guard's honor--was there any friction between the two services or was it more of a friendly rivalry?
7. Alexander Hamilton sinking in January, 1942--Navy's investigation and judgment was somewhat severe--questioned, or at least identified, differences in damage control drilling between Navy and USCG--did this induce a "readjustment" of attitudes towards ship handling and operations for the Coast Guard?
8. After Pearl Harbor where did you serve? Did you have any service on board a 327? On the Greenland Patrol? If so, please describe:
9. Relate experiences of working with British, Canadians, and others: how did you feel about the international effort, capabilities of our Allies, any opinions? Was there a good working relationship with the Allies overall?
10. Fighting the Germans: did you have much respect for their equipment, tactics, and/or abilities?
11. What about air power, was it important for morale, was it an important adjunct to convoy defense against the U-boats?

12. Equipment on board USCG cutters--when and how were they modified?
13. RADAR: SONAR: HF/DF ASW Weapons: Gunnery:
14. Where and when did you receive training to operate those weapon/defensive systems?
15. Any impressions about service in the North Atlantic, against U-boats, etc. The storms, ice, danger from multiple sources, what was this like?

16. Many military historians have noted that alcohol was present in every army/navy throughout history, even those in which it was prohibited. Was there any efforts to bring any on board or to make it on board? Some DE sailors have noted that torpedo fuel (primarily alcohol) was a frequent favorite.
17. Daily life on board ship: drills, watches, free-time, would you describe it? Liberty in Iceland, Newfoundland, Great Britain, Northern Ireland. What was that like?
18. How would you rate the performance of German submariners during May 1943; any comments?
19. How would you rate the performance of German submariners during your combat actions with them?
20. ASW weapons: Mousetrap or hedgehog vs. depth charges: any opinions on these weapons?
21. Role of HF/DF, radar, aircraft: any one more important than the others or was it their use in concert--
22. Did you have any standing orders to attempt to board a surfaced U-boat--any trained members of the crew prepared for such an opportunity? (Spencer vs. U-175; men trained by LCDR John B. Oren and led by LT Ross Bullard)
23. Did you know about ULTRA? Would you be able to rate its significance?
24. In your opinion, what brought about the defeat of Germany's U-boats?
25. The "retreiver" rescue technique--do you know when the first use of it occurred? When was it developed and by whom, do you know?

## **QUESTIONS CONCERNING 327-FOOT CUTTER SAILORS (where applicable)**

1. Which cutter(s) did you serve on, when did you report on board, and what was your rank/rate/specialty?
2. If your service was prior to WWII, tell me about it. Was there an aircraft on board? What were your duties? Neutrality patrols? Weather Stations? Duty in Greenland? Portugal? Please describe it.
3. What kind of practice was there concerning warfare? When did you begin practicing ASW warfare techniques?

4. Do you remember where, when and how your cutter was modified with additional armament? (including radar, sonar, gunnery, depth charges) How were you trained to use the equipment and by whom?
5. When were you first assigned to convoy duty?
6. One historian has noted that the crews on the 327's throughout the 1941-May 1943 period were the most experienced of the escort sailors on duty in the North Atlantic. Any comments?
7. How did the 327's measure up to other escorts, in your opinion.
8. Would you describe a "typical" day at sea on a 327? Drill, watches, food, free time, sleep, etc.
9. Did you suffer from anything like post-traumatic stress afterward you service?

#### **CUTTER SPECIFIC QUESTIONS:**

1. USCGC Ingham: CDR George McCabe. Type of radar and HF/DF equipment (when added, including sonar). Describe the action against the U-626, December, 1942. CDR McCabe knowingly violated standard USN ASW doctrine, particularly concerning the use of sonar. Any comments about his approach of this attack? Was he relieved of his command because of his "experimentation?" Henry Mallory rescue--did you use the retriever rescue technique? Describe that evening. How did the concern during rescue operations about U-boat attack affect rescues, if at all?
2. USCGC Spencer: CDR Berdine and CAPT Paul Heineman. Opinion s concerning being the flagship of Escort Group A-3. Type of radar and HF/DF equipment (when added, including sonar). Opinions concerning Heineman. Controversy over which U-boat the Spencer sank on 21 Feb 1943: U-225 or U-529 (on 22 Feb according to Rohwer). Describe the action against the U-175, April, 1943. Boarding the U-175-- was each cutter so ordered if the opportunity arose? Campbell attack on the U-606--no such team ready. Some of the U-175 prisoners were shackled. Do you remember the circumstances? Your thoughts about the prisoners. Do you remember filling out a questionnaire after the attack? Who on board, if anyone, spoke German? Did Heineman? Were there any incidents involving the prisoners that you remember? How did the concern during rescue operations about U-boat attack affect rescues, if at all? Describe the rescue of the U-175 crewman.

**FINAL:** Would you be interested in corresponding with surviving U-175 crewmen? If so, please contact me.

3. USCGC Duane: Describe the rescue efforts for Dorchester. Describe the action against the U-175 and the subsequent rescue of U-175 crewmen. How did the concern during rescue operations about U-boat attack affect rescues, if at all?

**FINAL:** Would you be interested in corresponding with surviving U-175 crewmen? If so, please contact me.

4. USCGC Campbell: How was duty while on station in Portugal before the war? Describe your experiences. Type of radar and HF/DF equipment (when added, including sonar). Describe the running battle for convoy ON-166. Action against the U-606. What did you think of the destroyer Burza and its crew? How did the concern during rescue operations about U-boat attack affect rescues, if at all?
5. USCGC Bibb: Type of radar and HF/DF equipment (when added, including sonar). Henry Mallory sinking--what happened? The retriever rescue technique--first use of it? When was it developed and by whom, do you know? How did the concern during rescue operations about U-boat attack affect rescues, if at all?

#### **1943: DESTROYER ESCORT & FRIGATE MANNING PROGRAM (If applicable):**

1. How were you chosen to command/staff a DE/frigate--any idea? Personnel Division memos note a shortage of available, qualified executive officers--true? What about men to command the 30 DE's--
2. Training for anti-submarine warfare. Miami?
3. What was that like--courses--teachers(many Royal Navy?); what subjects were emphasized?
4. Did you have any feelings about the Coast Guard maintaining its own escort divisions rather than being integrated into Navy divisions?

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