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## CG's 209th Anniversary Feted

### *Dedications and Celebrations Take Place Across the Nation*

August 4th is a date well known by anyone who has worn the Coast Guard uniform. It is the date we officially celebrate as "Coast Guard Day" and relates to the date in 1790 that Congress authorized the construction of "ten boats for a collection of revenue." Hence the birth of the Revenue Cutter Service, forerunner to our present-day Coast Guard.

To some extent, whether large-scale or quiet celebration, the Coast Guard is saluted on or around that day and 1999 was no exception.

No doubt there were celebrations and picnics at Coast Guard units and facilities across the nation and abroad. Perhaps many of our CGCVA members participated in such events.

**Battle Streamer Ceremony** On August 2nd, a Battle Streamer ceremony was held in Washington, DC with CGCVA Nat'l President Joe Kleinpeter and Nat'l Sec'y-Treas Ed Burke among the honored guests.

**Coast Guard Festival** The annual Coast Guard Festival was held during the first week of August in Grand Haven, MI, now officially known as "Coast Guard City, USA." Our Nat'l VP Jack Campbell participated in festivities there, including a ceremony unveiling a CGCVA monument.

This was a project that Jack had announced when he was installed as our vice president and the unveiling couldn't have come at a more

opportune time — during the 75th anniversary of the Coast Guard festival in Grand Haven and the city's official proclamation as Coast Guard City, USA.

#### **VFW Post 1503**

QD Log editor Ed Swift coordinated a "Salute to the Coast Guard" on August 6th at his



Top of the CGCVA marker now at Grand Haven, Michigan's Memorial Park. The memorial was dedicated during the 1999 CG Day Festival.

local VFW, then set up a CGCVA booth the following day at the annual Coast Guard HQ Picnic, along with Nat'l Sec'y-Treas Ed Burke. Ed Burke also served as a guest speaker at the VFW event, providing information on the Coast Guard's participation during the Korean War.

Hope you had a great Coast Guard Day too. Details on these events inside.



CGCVA VP Jack Campbell (l) and member Bill Herbst admire the new monument.



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**From the President**

Dear Shipmates:

Susan and I have been walking on waves since the arrival of our first grandchild, Nathaniel Joseph, who reported aboard April 9th. It's strange being called Grandma and Grandpa but we love it of course. And I can proudly brag that Nathaniel had a boatswain's pipe in his hands before a rattle!



**JOE KLEINPETER**

Onto Association news, Nat'l Sec'y/Treasurer Ed Burke and I attended a battle streamer ceremony in Washington, DC on August 2nd. We met the Secretary of Transportation, Commandant, Master Chief of the Coast Guard, and a host of other dignitaries at the event. A battle streamer was added to the Coast Guard flag commemorating maritime protection of the new republic from 1790 to 1797, fighting French privateers who were seizing ships in American waters. The action, one of the earliest undertaken by the Revenue Cutter Service, forerunner of the Coast Guard, was recently discovered. The Coast Guard now has 34 battle streamers for combat action. The complete list is included in this issue.

Well, Nat'l VP Jack Campbell has done it again. Through his tireless efforts, we now have a CGCVA monument in Grand Haven, Michigan — now officially known as "Coast Guard City, USA." Special recognition and salute also goes out to CGCVA Life Member and present day "Grandfather of Grand Haven," Bill Herbst, for spearheading the project. Jack, as you well know, has done much to establish our presence at home and abroad with monuments commemorating our combat involvement and those Coasties who made the supreme sacrifice.

Did you know there are 242 Coast Guard veterans interred in seven cemeteries in Europe? They now rest with thousands of other American servicemen and I will soon be contacting

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## From the Vice President

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**ED SWIFT**

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## From the Secretary-Treasurer

### CGCVA Secretary/Treasurer Needed

Well my friends... the time has come for me to retire from the National Secretary/Treasurer position. As I stated at our last convention when I accepted the additional position of Treasurer, I would serve for two years and then, being just shy of the tender age of 70, would retire. Still, I would like to continue to serve our Association in the capacity of assisting Bob Maxwell with the selection of our reunion/convention sites and, if possible, as a CGCVA Trustee. Also, due to my location in Maryland, just outside Washington, DC, I will continue to serve as CGCVA Liaison with Coast Guard Headquarters.

I will do as much as I can to assist the new Secretary/Treasurer in get settled in. To help with the process, a "want ad" will run in this and subsequent issues of the *QD Log* until we receive a response. The ad will describe the position and provide other details.

I have served as your Secretary since being appointed same at the Reno, NV convention in 1992 and have served as Treasurer since October 1998. It is a most rewarding position and I hope that I have served you in a way that reflects well on the Association. I simply do not feel that I can continue to perform as well as the fresh mind of a younger person.

Just in case you don't read my column (as the editor often tells me), a want ad for the CGCVA National Secretary-Treasurer position is included in this issue and will continue to run until the position is filled.

### Change of Address Guidance

Apparently there are some of you out there that did not get the word regarding who to notify when you change your address. No longer should notification be made to Baker Herbert; all change of address notifications should be sent to me at my Maryland address listed on the inside front cover. Sending them to the wrong address not only is an inconvenience to Baker, since he has to forward them, but it also costs the Association additional postage. If you move, please remember to send

your change of address (and dues payments too) to the Administrative Office listed in the *QD Log* masthead. Thanks for your consideration.

### Scholarship

As voted by you at our last convention, the CGCVA now sponsors a scholarship. Specifics regarding the CGCVA Scholarship are contained in the Scholarship Application Form near the back of this issue and will be included in future issues of the *QD Log*. Completed applications and questions regarding this scholarship should be directed to Bob Maxwell at P.O. Box 2790, Burney, CA 96013.

Ed Burke



**ED BURKE**

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.

A handy telephone tip: Keep a small chalkboard near the phone. That way, when a salesman calls, you can hold the receiver up to it and run your fingernails across it until he hangs up.

When I'm feeling down, I like to whistle. It makes the neighbor's dog run to the end of his chain and gag himself.

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### Statement of Purpose

This publication is designed to be an instrument of information and inspiration for all who hold allegiance to the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association. Please be aware that any mistakes in this publication are there on purpose and for a purpose; we publish something for everyone and some people are looking for errors!

## Reunions — Notices

### CGCVA Convention/Reunion 2000

The CGCVA is interested in entering the new millennium with as many Active Duty, Retired, and former Coast Guard people from every nook and cranny to attend our Reunion/Convention in Covington, KY in October 2000. All Coast Guard groups, vessels, and all others are encouraged to schedule their reunions with ours. We have contracted an excellent room rate and the Drawbridge is easily accessible by air or road. Anyone interested in obtaining information in regard to this idea can contact **Bob Maxwell** at P.O. Box 2790, Burney, CA 96013-2790. Call him at (530) 335-3876, or fax him at (530) 335-3304. Arrangements will be made for meeting rooms for the groups that want to hold a separate meeting. There will be a large final night banquet for all to attend. If we get a good crowd together, we will have a better chance of getting the Commandant, Admiral Loy to be our guest speaker. The price is right and there will be plenty of rooms if we act early. Please pass this on to the meeting or reunion representative of other special Coast Guard groups.

### LST-16

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

### USCGC Point Grey

**Robert MacLeod** of 8268 Ferrel Pl., Harrisburg, NC 28075 is looking for crew members who served on *CGC Point Grey* during 1967-69 in Vietnam for a possible reunion. Ph: (704) 455-6868. FAX: (704) 455-6858. E-mail: RGBYSHEAST@aol.com.

### USS/USCGC Lansing

Crew members from the *USS/USCGC Lansing (DE/DER-388, WDE-488)* will hold their reunion October 21-24, 1999 in New Orleans, LA. Contact: **Terry A. Moberg** at 902 Cindy St., Brainerd, MN 56401. Ph: (218) 829-3288.

### USS Spokane

Plans are underway for the 3rd reunion of the *USS Spokane (CLAA-120)* in May or June, 2000 in the mother city of Spokane, WA. Contact: **Reunion Committee** at 4979 Grimsby Dr., San Jose, CA 95130. Ph: (408) 866-4392.

### USS LST-787

The *USS LST-787* Association will hold its 13th reunion 7-10 Oct 1999 at the Radisson Historic Hotel, 301 West Franklin Street, Richmond, VA 23220. Make reservations by calling (804) 644-9871 or (800) 333-3333. Contact: **Paul Bailey** at P.O. Box 117, Brems Bluff, VA 23022. Ph: (804) 842-2541.

### USS Falgout

The *USS Falgout (DE-324)* will hold a reunion 13-16 October 1999 at the Regal Waterfront Hotel in downtown St. Louis, MO. Contact: **Bill O'Keefe** at 192 Indian Mountain Lakes, Albrightsville, PA 18210-3012. Ph: (570) 722-0054.

### USS Joseph T. Dickman

The 40th annual ship reunion for the *USS Joseph T. Dickman (APA-13)* will be held 13-17 October 1999 at the Radisson Hotel in Branson, MO. Contact: **John Spor** at 10602 Lexington Avenue, Sugar Creek, MO 64054. Ph: (816) 254-8354.

If you try to fail and succeed, which have you done?



## Reunions — Notices

### Looking For Shipmates

I would like to hear from any crewman who served on the tanker USA-Y21 in New Guinea and the Philippines in 1944-45. Please write to **Millard Murray** at 2319 Pennsylvania, Joplin, MO 64804.

### Mounted Patrol

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

### New CG Flag Selections

The following Coast Guard captains have been selected for flag rank:

- CAPT Ralph Utley, CG Headquarters USIC.
- CAPT James Olsen, D13 Chief of Staff.
- CAPT James Underwood at LANTAREA Ao.
- CAPT Vivien Crea at CG Headquarters G-CPA.
- CAPT Ken Venuto at CG Headquarters, G-C.

### Recent WEB Postings

For CGCVA members who surf the web, you likely have popped up the Coast Guard's official site at [www.uscg.mil](http://www.uscg.mil). If you haven't, give it a try. Here's some recent postings on that site you might enjoy. Be sure to use [www.uscg.mil](http://www.uscg.mil) first:

The U.S. Coast Guard Annual Report for 1998: [/news/ar.pdf](#).

The U.S. Coast Guard Fiscal Year 2000 Budget in Brief: [/news/bib1.pdf](#).

ADM Loy's recent State of the Coast Guard speech: [Commandant/Speeches/SOCG.html](#).

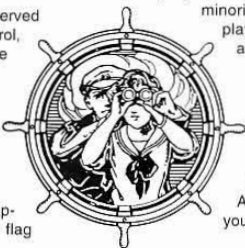
### Carrying the Message

CGCVA Life Member **Dave E. Williams** reports he represented the Coast Guard at two patriotic programs in Atlanta during the July 4th weekend;

one at Roswell United Methodist Church that had over 5,000 attendees, the other at Chamblee United Methodist Church with a crowd of 300.

At both sites, annual programs salute the men and women of the armed services and active, reserve and former members of each service are encouraged to stand when their service's song is played. Needless to say, Dave is in the minority when "Semper Paratus" is played but he reports there are always a few beside him.

Following the Roswell event, Dave met a woman who said her father served in the Coast Guard during WWII. Of course, Dave took down her name and address and mailed her a *QD Log* to be forwarded to her father. As Dave says, "Who knows where you might find members!"



### WWII Oral History Project

I am a Reserve Coast Guard LT doing a research project on the Coast Guard in WWII. Specifically, I am trying to capture an oral history of our sailors who served in the various theaters of operations and what they did. I wish to create much more than a traditional history book, but rather a collection of experiences of the men and women who served as Coasties during WWII.

I am trying to locate CG members who served in the Pacific during Guadalcanal and other island landings & invasions, on the Beach Patrol, and on convoy duty in the North Atlantic. Anyone interested in assisting me by sharing their personal WWII experiences are invited to reach me at 3700 Bray Court, Columbia, MO 65203. Ph: (573) 445-2526 at home or (573) 446-6644 at home. My e-mail is [khines@bcfdmo.com](mailto:khines@bcfdmo.com).

**Ken Hines**

If a man is standing in the middle of a forest speaking and there is no woman around to hear him... is he still wrong?

If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?

**New CG Battle Steamer**

On August 2, 1999, the Coast Guard Commandant, ADM James M. Loy, and MCPD-CG Vince Patton added the 34th battle steamer to the Coast Guard flag, during ceremonies at the Department of Transportation in Washington, DC.

The battle steamer commemorates maritime protection of the New Republic from 1790 - 1797 by the Revenue Cutter Service — forerunner of the Coast Guard — which served as the sole maritime defense force protecting our young nation during that period. Most notably, the Revenue Cutter Service fought against French privateers who were seizing British and Spanish ships in American waters. The Revenue Cutter Service undertook actions of great value to the States — including the service's efforts to prevent maritime smuggling — thus securing a reputation for excellence that continues to embody the Coast Guard today.

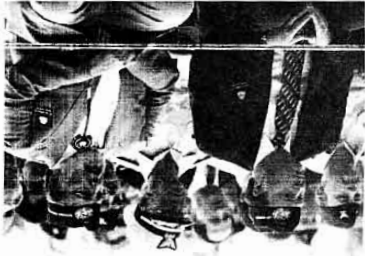
Secretary of Transportation, the Honorable Rodney E. Slater, was the keynote speaker. Additional remarks were offered from ADM Loy and Dr. John Hamre, Deputy Secretary of Defense. Even President Clinton provided a letter for the occasion, which was read by Secretary Slater. The president's remarks read:

"Warm greetings to everyone gathered at the Department of Transportation for the Coast Guard Battle Steamer Ceremony."  
 "The presentation of this battle steamer — the only one unique to the United States Coast Guard — is a powerful tribute to the contributions



Coast Guard Commandant ADM James Loy attaches the Battle Steamer commemorating Maritime Protection of the New Republic to the Coast Guard flag. Secretary of Transportation Rodney E. Slater holds the steamer while Dr. John Hamre, Deputy Secretary of Defense looks on.

of the Coast Guard's predecessor, the Revenue Cutter Service, in protecting the maritime borders of our young nation during the earliest days of our republic. Though small in size and number, the cutters enforced revenue laws, prevented smuggling, and defended American waters from foreign privateers. In doing so, the Revenue Cutter Service set a standard of courage, skill, and devotion to duty that is still maintained by the men and women of today's Coast Guard."



CGVA National President Joe Klempeter (left) and Secretary of Transportation Rodney E. Slater (right) hold the Coast Guard Battle Steamer Ceremony on August 2, 1999.

"Now, two centuries later, the United States Coast Guard continues to build on the traditions ensuring the security of American ports and the safety of our waterways, protecting our shores in

is it true that cannibals don't eat clowns because they taste funny?



peacetime, and defending our nation in times of war. Its crucial role in the recent search efforts for John F. Kennedy, Jr.'s, missing aircraft underscored for all Americans the dedication and skill that Coast Guard personnel bring to all their varied and demanding operations. I am confident that this commitment to excellence will continue to define the Coast Guard in the 21st century."

"On behalf of a grateful nation, I salute the men and women of the United States Coast Guard on the occasion of your 209th anniversary, and I congratulate you as you receive this historic battle streamer in recognition of your proud past and in anticipation of an even prouder future. Best wishes for a memorable ceremony."

For those who want to test their Coast Guard knowledge, here's the complete list of battle streamers that adorn the Coast Guard flag:

- French Naval War Light
- War of 1812
- African Slave Trade Patrol
- Operations Against West Indies Pirates
- Indian War
- Mexican War
- Civil War
- Spanish Campaign
- World War I Victory
- China Service
- Yangtze Service
- American Defense Service
- American Campaign Blue
- Asiatic-Pacific Campaign
- European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign
- Croix De Guerre (French, World War II)
- Philippine Defense
- Philippine Liberation
- Presidential Unit Citation
- Philippine Independence
- Philippine Presidential Unit Citation
- World War II Victory
- Navy Occupation Service
- Korean Service

- Navy Unit Commendation
- National Defense Service
- Armed Forces Expeditionary
- Vietnam Service
- Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army, Saigon)
- Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation
- Southwest Asian Campaign

- RVN Armed Forces Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross with Palm)
- RVN Meritorious Unit Citation (Civil Actions Medal First Class Color, with Palm);

So how many did you get correct?

## Foundation for CG History Formed

A new organization has been formed to record and preserve the Coast Guard's history.

On August 4th (a CG historical date itself), the Foundation for Coast Guard History officially came into being. Formed by a group of concerned individuals, the foundation will assist the Coast Guard Historian's office with records management. It will also sponsor grants to individuals engaged in historical research and assist the Coast Guard's museum program.

The Foundation's staff is composed of active duty, retired and Reserve Coast Guard members, Auxiliarists and friends of the Service. Professional qualifications on the staff include historians, museologists, archaeologists, and educators.

The Foundation For Coast Guard History is seeking non-professional volunteers to assist in the Coast Guard's history program in the following fields: Grant writing, computer technology, speakers for a Speakers Bureau, interviews and



**TRUE LOVE** — If you love something, set it free. If it comes back, it will always be yours. If it doesn't come back, it was never yours to begin with. But if it just sits in your living room, messes up your stuff, eats your food, uses your telephone, takes your money, and doesn't appear to realize that you have set it free... you either married it or gave birth to it.

## Notices — Association News

transcribers, researchers to locate historic Coast Guard materials, and assistance to the Coast Guard Historian organizing manuscripts and photographs in Washington, DC. A membership drive is currently underway. Direct membership and volunteer queries to: CAPT Fred Herzberg, USCG (Ret.) at Coast Guard Museum Northwest, 1519 Alaska Way South, Seattle, WA 98134.

Recently, the Chairman of the Foundation, VADM Howard B. Thorsen, USCG (Ret.), announced awards recognizing those who have written books on the history of the U.S. Coast Guard and the Coast Guard unit that has done the most to further the Service's history. Thorsen said, "It is our hope that these first tangible awards will encourage others to add their efforts in both recording and telling the Coast Guard's story, past and present, for the enlightenment

and education of the public. Our proud Service's past accomplishments have been too long inadequately chronicled, and the events of today very quickly become part of that history, perhaps lost forever if not recorded."

The Foundation awarded plaques for the best books in two categories: Coast Guard History and Lighthouses & Aids to Navigation. These awards will be given every two years with a selection committee consisting of three maritime historians from the academic and government sectors.

Winner of the Coast Guard History category for 1996-1997 is: **Ralph Shanks, Wick York and Lisa Woo's** book, "*The U.S. Life-Saving Service: Heroes, Rescues, and Architecture*" on the U.S. Life-Saving Service. Also in this category it should be noted that CGCVA member **Alex Larzelere's** book, "*The Coast Guard at War:*

## Let Your Name Live On

For years, the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association has been operating from day-to-day through the collection of dues and the contributions of our members. The time has come for us to be more concerned about the future. Will you consider naming the CGCVA in your will? Any help in the form of cash, stocks, or life insurance policies will help assure the future of the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association. It can be as easy as using one of these sample forms of bequest:

— (Whatever is left after other bequests have been granted.) "All the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, including real and personal property, I give, devise and bequeath to the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association, a Corporation created under the laws of the State of Ohio, located at (give the current designated Administrative Office or Headquarters address)."

— "I give, devise, and bequeath to the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association, a Corporation created under the laws of the State of Ohio, located at (give the current designated Administrative Office or Headquarters address), \_\_\_\_\_ % of my estate."

— "I give, devise, and bequeath to the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association, a Corporation created under the laws of the State of Ohio, located at (give the current designated Administrative Office or Headquarters address), the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the (Name a specific fund), the principle of which shall remain in perpetuity."

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

Vietnam, 1965-1975" contributed greatly to Coast Guard history and he will receive a scroll in recognition from the Foundation.

For additional information on the Foundation for Coast Guard History, contact **Dr. Dennis L. Noble** at Ph: (360) 683-7188 or at his e-mail address: [dln@olympen.com](mailto:dln@olympen.com).

### The Patrol Frigate Story

CGCVA member **Dave Hendrickson** has written "The Patrol Frigate Story," about the 75 Coast Guard-manned Tacoma-class frigates during WWII and Korea during the period 1943-1953. The 53-pages of text and 100-pages of maps, photos and documents tell the Patrol Frigate story from the frozen Arctic of the North Atlantic to the steamy tropics of New Guinea and on to Leyte. The book is available for \$22 and checks should be sent to Dave at 5561 North Del Mar Avenue, Fresno, CA 93704.



(Above) ADM James Loy and CGCVA VP Jack Campbell hold a sketch of the APA Dickman in the Mayors Office in Poole, England.



(Left) Presiding at a wreath-laying ceremony at the Coast Guard monument in Poole, England are (l to r) Jack Campbell, ADM James Loy and Mayor of Poole, Mr. Bill Wretham.

(Below) The Coast Guard monument in Poole, England, commemorating the role of Rescue Flotilla 1 during WWII.

### Rescue Flotilla 1

Since the last issue of the *QD Log*, CGCVA Nat'l Vice President Jack Campbell, was invited to fly with the ADM James Loy to England, as part of the commandant's visit to several European nations to discuss coast guards in those countries.

Jack was instrumental in arranging for a Coast Guard plaque being created and proudly displayed in the English port town of Poole back in 1994, part of the Normandy Invasion's 50th anniversary commemorations. Poole was the site of Coast Guard Rescue Flotilla 1's staging area.

During the Commandant's trip, he and Jack met with the Mayor Poole (who had a drawing of the *USS Dickman*, a Coast Guard-manned APA that delivered troops for the Normandy landings).



They also participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the site of the Coast Guard monument.

Never underestimate the power of stupid people in large groups.

**E-Mail Addresses**

To assist Association members in contacting each other, member names and their e-mail addresses will be published as they are received. Previously listed e-mail addresses will be listed regularly, new ones will be added in bold-

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**CG-83527 Now Sea Scout Ship**

The American Patrol Boats Museum, 70 miles east of San Francisco on the Sacramento River, includes the CG-83527 in its Sea Scout youth craft used in Vietnam. A Girl Scout troop active-ly operates and trains on the veteran Coast Guard WWII patrol boat.



The 83527 is all original except for the engines which were replaced by Detroit 8-V71 diesels.

When CGVA Member Robert M. Crowe heard about the Indiana, he and his wife drove all the way from Indiana to see it. Note: Bob was featured in *OD Log* Volume 13, Number 3, for his beautifully detailed model of CG-83437 that has been displayed at numerous events. Bob served in the Philippines on that vessel and I served at Normandy on 83503 and 83512.

William D. Lewis

**Cold War Certificate**

The Senate has approved a Victory in the Cold War Medal as part of the FY2000 Defense Authorization Bill (S. 1059). The medal would be awarded to those who served honorably between 14 August 1945 and 9 November 1989. The bill also calls for a November celebration to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the end of the Cold War.

In addition, a Cold War Service Certificate is already available to members of the armed

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forces or civilian employees of the War, Navy or Defense departments who served between 2 September 1945 and 26 December 1991. To obtain a certificate, send proof of service and a letter requesting the certificate to: Cold War Recognition, 4035 Ridge Top Road, Suite 400, Fairfax, VA 22030. A Certificate of Release/Discharge (DD-214), War Department Separation Document (WD AGO Form 53-55), an Oath of Office, or Letter of Appointment will be accepted as proof of service, but do not send originals. For further information about the Cold War Service Certificate, visit [coldwar.army.mil](http://coldwar.army.mil).

### Welcome New Members

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

#### JUNE 1999:

**Philip Vale** (Baker Herbert); **Edward Allatt, Jr.** (Joe Kleinpeter); **George W. Varner**; **Roy W. Spencer** (Chuck Ulrich); **Leland A. Page**; **Stephen V. Swiatek** (Jack Pfeifer); **Leo M. Vissers** (Bill Wells); **John H. Regn** (Joe Kleinpeter); **Joseph Teller** (John Stamford); **William H. Gluth** (Paul Larkin); **Charles V. Atlas** (Paul E. Wheeler); and **Ulysses De Pompei** (USS Cavalier Assn.).

#### JULY 1999:

**Louis E. Schindel** (Bill Wells); **Victor S. Lingoni**; **Henry A. Harvey** (E. Webster); **Alan J. Hassig** (Joseph Simonelli); **Tanney E. Oberg** (Bill Wells); **Theodore Karlone**; **Adolph E. Galonski** (Bill Wells); **Simon J. Angelo** (Herb Weinstein); **Harry S. Parker** (Ed Flynn); **George H. Needham** (John H. Barker); **Jackson N. Radabaugh** (Joe Kleinpeter); and **Philip R. Schneiderman** (William Broderick).

#### AUGUST 1999:

**Norman C. Philibotte** (Bill Wells); **Michael A. Edgerton** (Bill Wells); **Robert E. Olmstead** (William E. Murphy); **Thomas P. Orr** (Bill Wells); **Lawrence R. Dinerman** (Vic Lingoni); **Vernon E. Robinson** (Chuck Ulrich); **John A. Cassotta** (J.A. Tuzio); **George R. Moore** (Joe Kleinpeter); **John Gonsalves** (Russell Clark); **Nathan Solomon** (Victor Lingoni); and **Robert K. Hughey** (Milton H. Wooster).

### USCGC Alex Haley Commissioned

On 10 July 1999, a special commissioning ceremony was held at the Coast Guard Yard for the *USCGC Alex Haley (WMEC-39)*. The CGCVA was represented by Nat'l Sec'y-Treasurer Ed Burke and several other Association members.



*The USCGC Alex Haley (WMEC-39), formerly the USS Edenton (ATS-1)*

Previously the salvage ship *USS Edenton*, the ship arrived at the Coast Guard Yard in November 1997 to begin a \$20-million conversion project. It took 1-1/2 years to convert the 28-year-old ex-Navy ship into the Coast Guard's newest medium endurance cutter. Among changes were the removal of diving and salvage equipment, upgrading navigation, command and control, improving habitability, and the installation of a flight deck. Future plans include the instal-

lation of a retractable hangar to facilitate aircraft deployment.

The cutter, named for the Coast Guard's first Chief Journalist, Alex Palmer Haley, will be homeported in Kodiak, AK. It is 282 feet long with a beam of 50 feet, and displaces 3000 tons. Its maximum speed is 16 knots and the cutter has a range of 10,000 miles. Its primary missions will be search and rescue, law enforcement and defense operations.

### **"Men of the Menkar"**

For Coast Guard WWII veterans, especially those who may have been involved with the development of LORAN, a new book may be just for you. Written by **CAPT Niels P. Thomsen, USCG (Ret.)**, it tells of the Coast Guard's secret LORAN program during WWII. Some U.S. WWII historians have stated that LORAN made possible the B-29 high level bombing of the Japanese mainland and that may have contributed to the early defeat of the Japanese Empire.

CAPT Thomsen begins with his tour as CO on the USN Patrol Vessel *YP-251*, then moves to his assignment as navigator on the *USS Hunter Liggett* before describing the LORAN program through the men of the *Menkar (AK-123)*.

CAPT Thomsen previously published "Voyage of the Forest Dream and Other Sea Adventures," the story of his 14-month long ill-fated voyage in a five-masted barkentine from Puget Sound to the Island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean in 1925.

Both books are now available, "Forest Dream" for \$25 and "Men of the Menkar" for \$30 (or both for \$50) by writing to 19222 Olympic View Drive, Edmonds, WA 98020. Ph: (425) 771-7137. E-mail: grenadines@earthlink.net. Fax: (425) 712-1880.

### **From the President** (cont. from page 2)

cemetery officials to inquire about displaying a plaque at notable locations in each cemetery. The plaque would recognize our service and its participation in World War II.

On a sad note, CGCVA Life Member Louis Geyer crossed the bar. CGCVA member Roger Grinnell attended the service and informed me Louis' CGCVA pin was proudly displayed on his lapel. Thank you Roger for paying our respects.

Upcoming CGCVA events for the remainder of the year include the Greenland Patrol monument dedication at New London, CT; commemoration of Douglas Munro at Cle Elum, WA; *CGC Taney* plaque presentation in Baltimore, MD; and award of the Purple Heart to the

crew of the *CGC Tampa* at Arlington, VA. I will try to make most of these events and I hope to see you there. *Semper Paratus!*

**Joe Kleinpeter**

### **APA Memorial Update**

In the last issue of the *QD Log*, I indicated that "a couple hundred" attendees witnessed the dedication and unveiling ceremonies for the APA Monument at the Coast Guard Academy on 23 April 1999. Since I did not attend, I based this SWAG on the number of persons in the photos sent to me for the article. Unfortunately, the photo showed only the seating area for the ceremony but also showed several people also standing in the photo. Anyway, I heard from several of the attendees that the crowd was more like 850. Wow! That's certainly more than "a couple hundred." Congrats to all who were involved in this most successful endeavor!

For those members who were not able to attend the APA—Douglas Munro Memorial Dedication, keepsakes of the event are available. Two specially designed envelopes, both post-



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*Sample of the special keepsake envelope from the 23 April 1999 APA & Douglas Munro Monument Dedication at the Coast Guard Academy. Another envelope from the ceremony has all elements except likeness of Douglas Munro.*

marked and cancelled on 23 April 1999, are available for \$10. Each contains a WWII 3-cent Coast Guard postage stamp. A video of the entire ceremony is also available for \$20. Contact **Bruno (Bernie) Muraca** at 105 Vance Drive, Bristol, CT 06010, PH: (860) 582-9190, for more information or to place an order.

## Ellis Island Story Follow-Ups

The last *QD Log* included a first hand account of life at Coast Guard boot camp at Ellis Island during WWII by CGCVA member **Joe Hannan**. Well Joe certainly wasn't the only Coastie to train there and he has heard from several shipmates lately.

First, he received a letter from CGCVA member, **Jack Read**, who was stationed at Ellis Island during the same period. In fact, Jack and Joe's Coast Guard experiences both there and afterwards were quite similar. Both recall the bunks on Ellis Island being four high so no wonder Joe got nose bleeds.

In early September, Joe got another surprise, a phone call from another CGCVA member, **Harold Rogers** of Hemphill, Texas. Harold also went to Ellis Island for boot camp in 1940. He reported that the Coasties ate with the immigrants and aliens since there was no galley. Harold was on the island for a year, became a baker and eventually transferred to the *CGC Spencer*. He remembered the huge compass rose on the wall vividly.

Yet another Ellis Island Coastie, **Steve Goldrick**, wrote to say he truly enjoyed Joe's account of boot camp. Steve preceded Joe, reporting there in January 1942. By the time Joe arrived, Steve had been transferred to MOMAC school, held at Brooklyn High School of Automotive Trades. He was subsequently sent back to Ellis Island and assigned to the Small Boat Pool which consisted of 38-foot and 56-foot picket boats used for harbor patrol and to transport Customs officials. Steve left Ellis Island in September 1943 to serve as a MM2/c on the 83481.

## Omaha Beach Photos Wanted

I have been trying to put a book together for years about the "first wave" of troops that went ashore on Omaha Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944. I was one of them. My problem has been finding photos of what the six units faced between 0625 and 0800. I spent weeks looking through photos at the National Archives but most of their collection are scenes taken after 0800.

When I visited Omaha Beach earlier this year, the Superintendent of the American Cemetery above Omaha Beach told me that in January of this year, a Coast Guard coxswain walked into his office, said he had been in charge of an LCI early that morning, and that he had taken two rolls of film between 0630 and 0800. He promised to provide a set to the superintendent but so far nothing.

The LCPV that I was in was manned by a Coast Guard coxswain so if any of the *QD Log* readers can assist me, I would greatly appreciate it. Please write to me at 6161 Bandera Avenue, Dallas, TX 75225.

Ralph W. Widener, Jr.

The older you get, the better you realize you were.

Age is a very high price to pay for maturity.

Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adulthood?

## Saluting Top Recruits

Any CGCVA member who happens to be at Cape May Training Center for the weekly Friday graduations is welcome to present the CGCVA-sponsored Physical Fitness Award to the winning recruit... a certificate and CGCVA watch. This is a great way to get new Coasties familiar with the Coast Guard's distinguished combat history and also with our Association.

Recently, CGCVA member Edmond Wolff and Nat'l VP Jack Campbell made the presentation to SN John M. Wandzilak, while CGCVA member John Palmer made the presentation to SA Jeremiah Engelbright. Since the last QD Log issue, the following recruits have received the CGCVA-sponsored Physical Fitness Award:

**SA William K. Tims** (Bravo 155) of Riverside, CA, will report to *CGC Alex Haley*, Kodiak, AK

**SN Marcus Gherardi** (Charlie 155) of Boston, MA, will report to CG Station Point Allerton, MA.

**SA Jason Castro** (Delta 155) of Honolulu, HI.

**SN Gregory T. Gobert** (Echo 155) of Raleigh, NC, will report to CG Station Pascagoula, MS.

**SA John M. Wandzilak** (Foxtrot 155) of San Leandro, CA, will report to CG Reserve program.

**SA Frank W. White** (Hotel 155) of Charlotte, NC.

**SA Jeremiah Engelbright** (India 155) will

report to CG Training Center Cape May, NJ.

**SA David R. Straky** (Juliet 155) of Oxnard, CA, will report to CG Station South Portland, ME.

**SA Brian S. Pinger** (Kilo 155) of Seattle, WA, will report to the Reserve Program.

**SA Daniel W. Davis** (Lima 155) of Riverside, CA, will report to PSU 311, San Pedro, CA.

**SA Matthew J. Keiper** (Mike 155) of Harrisburg, PA, will report to *CGC Munro*, Alameda, CA.

**FA Christopher L. Zielinski** (November 155) of Pittsburgh, PA, will report to *CGC Pamlico*, New Orleans, LA.

**SA Dustin L. Skinner** (Oscar 155) of Mobile, AL, will report to *CGC Padre*, Key West, FL.

**SN Alex J. Acevedo** (Papa 155) of San Juan, PR, will report to YN "A" School, Petaluma, CA.

**SA Chad O. Vangundy** (Quebec 155) of Omaha, NE, will report to CG Station Chatham, MA.

**SA Marcus P. Puglielli** (Romeo 155) of Miami, FL, will report to *CGC Hamilton*, San Diego, CA.



(l to r) CGCVA member Edmond Wolff, SN John M. Wandzilak, and Nat'l VP Jack Campbell.

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## Flags For Retirees

The FY99 National Defense Authorization Act directs the Secretary of Transportation to present a U.S. flag to each regular or Reserve Coast Guard member, or CG civilian employee upon retirement. Entitlement to a U.S. flag for these individuals is

retroactive to 1 October 1998. COs at an individual's last duty station should present the flags.



# Greenland Air Bases During WWII

*Editor's Note: This article, written by CGCVA member Bruno A. Yoka, also appeared in Vol. 20, No. 3 (Fall 1997) issue of "The Friends Journal," a quarterly publication produced by the Air Force Museum Foundation, Inc.*

When World War II began, the air bases at Narsarsuak and Sondrestrom were already under construction. The pressure was on to complete these bases in order to ferry the planes needed in Great Britain. The areas of Greenland and Iceland were under operational command of the U.S. Coast Guard. Being wartime, the Coast Guard was under the command of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet (Greenland Patrol's Task Group Twenty Four).

During early operations in southern Greenland, the icebreaker *Comanche* carried two Army Air Corps liaison officers on board, CPT Alan Innes-Taylor and MAJ Norman D. Vaughan. It wasn't until these two officers signed our Arctic Circle certificates, did we realize that they were also with the Byrd Antarctic expeditions. CPT Taylor was also a former member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

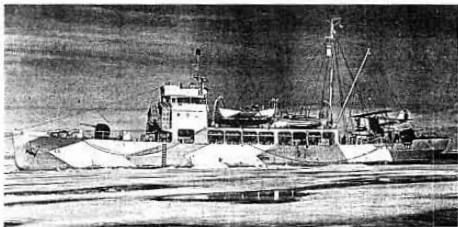
So many of these ship operations happened that it became necessary to request copies of the ship's deck logs from the National Archives in Washington, DC just to keep the dates and events in order.

Not until I received the deck logs of the ships *Comanche* and *Northland*, and a declassified publication from Scott AFB, did I realize that we were involved at the beginning of the "BOLERO" operations.

The story begins when the first four B-17 "Flying Fortresses" tried to fly the northern Bluie West Eight/Sondrestrom Air Base route, while

the other B-17s used the southern Bluie West One at Narsarsuak Air Base on June 26, 1942. It was necessary to go back a month in order to talk about the icebreaker *Northland* before these operations began.

The *Northland*, leaving her J2F-5 amphibian plane at Narsarsuak in early May, spent about five weeks in an attempt to break ice in Sondrestrom Fjord for an early entry. Being on radio silence, and unknown to us, she sustained damage. She departed for the Davis Straits for a position midway between Goose Bay Labrador and the Sondrestrom Fjord entrance in the proposed location of an ocean station and plane guard station. This then became station TWO and then BRAVO. She made an underwater contact, discovering a submarine shadowing her.



*The USCGC Northland in wartime camouflage patrolling off the coast of Greenland*

Running the contact down, *Northland* dropped five 300-pound depth charges, bringing air bubbles and oil to the surface, indicating a possible hit. *Northland* never did receive credit for the submarine's sinking however.

The *Northland* then set sail for Iceland for repairs. It is not known at this time whether she notified the Ferry Command that she was leaving the area, or if there was a communications snafu. So, when the first flight of four B-17s

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made their flight on June 26, 1942, there was no icebreaker at the entrance of Sondrestrom Fjord. Because enemy subs were known to be operating in the area, it was prearranged for arriving planes to use blinker lights for recognition signals in order for the ship to point its bow to the proper fjord entrance. All cutters and icebreakers operating in the Greenland area were operating on radio silence. Thus, the stage was set for the first ferry flight through Bluie West Eight, and the pilots were on their own to locate the proper fjord entrance. The B-17s were identified as: *My Gal Sal*, *Alabama Exterminator II*, and *Sooner*. The fourth unknown B-17 landed at the Bluie West Eight air base.

The first group of B-17s bound for Bluie West One at Narsarsuak were very fortunate on June 26, 1942 in locating the proper fjord entrance. The *Comanche's* deck logs are reprinted as follows:

"0000 to 0400: Narsarsuak Reach. 0030 — delivered officer messenger mail to Cutter Mojave. Drifting in fjord, using engines as necessary. 0240 — Army B-17 bound in fjord. 0305 — second B-17 bound in. 0317 — third B-17 bound in. 0320 — fourth B-17 bound in. 0343, — fifth B-17 bound in.

"0400 to 0800: omitted log entries dealing in fjord surface observations.

"0800 to Meridian: Underway, various courses and speeds. 0935 — commenced backing out starboard anchor in 30 fathoms water with 60 fathoms chain starboard anchor bearing 285 degrees pgc radio station tower Simiutak Island. Varde 167 pgc. Radio room began transmitting low frequency radio beacon signals. 0930 — log entries of number four boat taking CPT Aro (USA) and men with radio beacon equipment departed for beach. 1055 — boat returned. 1105 — boat number 4 departed for beach with remainder of Army equipment. 1305 — boat number 4 returned.

"Meridian to 1600: Anchored as before. 1300 — omitted quarters. 1315 — boat departed Gamatron with CDR Boucheron (USN) and Rise,

S.E., RM3c(USN). Note: Gamatron was the code name for the outer marker radio adjacent to the Coast Guard's Simiutak ship's radio beacon.

"1600 to 2000: Anchored as before. 1630 — Army B-117 headed in. 1705 — motor launch returned. 1915 — launch returned from Gamatron alongside with movie party. 1955 — Army B-17 headed in.

"2000 to Midnight: Anchored as before. 2005 — plane sighted (B-17). Planes passing overhead, heading in at frequent intervals. 2116 — Last plane (Army B-17) sighted after a total of 19 B-17s having passed overhead. 2220 — Gamatron boat departed with movie party. Issued 27 night rations." (signed) R.S. Serenberg, Jr. Ensign (R).

In the days following, while anchored behind an island at the entrance of the fjord, ferry operations began in earnest. With a B-17 leading four P-38s, crew members would lose count after reaching over fifty planes. Army Air Corps officials predicted a 10% loss rate in ferry operations but it turned out to be only 5.2%.

The story does not end there. The following month, both the *Comanche* and *Northland* again became involved jointly.

The *Comanche* was moored just a few hours from the newly constructed dock at Narsarsuak Air Base, when dog teams, motor sleds, and extra lumber began to arrive and were loaded on the ship.

With urgency, we departed BW1 for the east coast of Greenland. And instead of taking the usual route around Cape Farewell, we took an inside passage known only to the experienced Danish navigators. With sheer cliffs on both sides rising to almost a thousand feet and tides making steering difficult, the ship had to increase her headway to full speed.

Exiting Prince Christain Sound on the east coast, the *Comanche* began traveling northward. Armed landing parties were sent ashore frequently to investigate survivor huts along its many inlets and fjords for intruders. These huts were emergency shelters built and placed strate-

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gically along the coast for stranded sailors or people requiring shelter from the elements.

When entering the many fjords along the east coast and not knowing what the ship would encounter, the crew was at general quarters. The forward 3-inch .50 cal gun was manned and ready as well as the .50 cal machine guns on the bridge wings.

It wasn't until we approached Angmagssik that the navigator noticed the coast line begin to differ from our navigation charts. Where our charts indicated glacier ice flowing down to the sea, we were looking at an open body of water. With the ship's lifeboat preceding the ship, we sounded out its depth. We had the pleasant surprise to discover this unknown bay also provided an exceptional anchorage.

I was assigned to the optical range finder atop the pilot house. The quartermaster began asking for distance and bearings to the shoreline, which became simple with this instrument. It took several days for the lifeboat crew to sound out the depth of the entire bay. After charting the area

and naming "Comanche Bay" after our ship, maps were drawn with the new name and sent to the Navy Hydrographic Office. We also distributed them among the ships of the Greenland Patrol. Many of our navigation charts were dated 1892.

With the ship at anchor in Comanche Bay, the dog teams and motor sleds were the first to be unloaded. The two Air Corps liaison officers with us, CPT Innes-Taylor and MAJ Norman, each took a salvage team on a trek to a plane crash site not identified at that time.

Lumber was then put ashore and the ship's carpenter began building an emergency hut on the rocky beach, earning the nickname of "Beach Head Station." This hut would later be manned by meteorologists.

Radio units, a bombsight stabilizer, machine guns, and wheels still intact with tires attached were brought back to the ship. The IFF equipment caused us some concern since they were known to carry self-destruct charges. And, most importantly, the Norden bombsight was brought



*The Coast Guard cutter Northland in Greenland waters. Guarding convoy routes became a primary Coast Guard mission soon after the sinking of the German battleship Bismark in May 1941 and the Greenland Patrol was established that summer.*

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Log entry in the ship's deck log: "*18 July 1942. Comanche established Ice Cap Station, Comanche Bay.*" The ship's captain, LCDR Ralph R. Curry, USCG, then received the nickname of "Ice Cap Curry."

Rumors aboard the ship were that the *Comanche* was salvaging the equipment from a couple of planes that crashed on the icecap. Many years later, this crash site was identified as the location of the "Lost Squadron" of two B-17s and six P-38s on a secret flight from Bluie West Eight (Sondrestrom) bound for Rykjavik, Iceland.

The war diaries of the *Northland* on July 18, 1942 read as follows: "*In position 59.51N 42.12W skirting Storis Ice Belt and bound for Angmagssiiik.*"

On Monday, July 20th, the *Northland* passed through ice fields into Angmagssiiik, and anchored in King Oscar's Harbor at noon. The following day stores were transferred to the Kaloni Bestyrer base, according to the existing Greenland operation plan.

The *Northland* being the commanding ship of the Northeast Greenland Patrol, was also under a new set of orders for Task Group Twenty Four under the command of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Greenland Patrol operations plan 1-42. This plan briefly stated: "Reconnoiter east coast of Greenland and destrol enemy posts: Assist Greenlanders wherever practicable."

"*Wednesday, 22 July. Northland departed from Dannebrog Island to effect rescue of officers and crew members of two B-17s and six P-38s which made forced landings on the ice cap. Unable to effect entrance into Dannebrog Island due to heavy fog, pack ice, and closely packed icebergs ranging in height to 300 feet, in an area of approximately 25,000 square yards.*"

"*Thursday, 23 July 1942. Noon position drifting in ice. 1900 — underway forcing way through-pack ice to Dannebrog Island.*"

It was soon after rescue operations were concluded that the following log entry was made: "12

*officers and 13 crewmwn of the Army Air Corps came aboard. Standing through pack ice and icebergs of Dannebrog Island at conclusion of day.*"

"*Friday, 24 July 1942. Noon position, vicinity Dannebrog Island, maneuvering through pack ice and icebergs to open water.*"

"*Saturday, 25 July 1942. Noon position anchored Prince Oscar's Harbor, Angmagssiiik, Greenland.*"

It was later learned that a Navy PBY-5A flew the survivors to BW1 at Narsarsuak Air Base.

"*Sunday, 26 July 1942. Various courses through ice Ikateq Fjord. Made survey of site for emergency air strip and returned to King Oscar's Harbor, Angmagssuak, Greenland.*"

While there, the *Northland* surveyed a site at Ikateq Mountain.

It was only a few days later that the *Comanche* met a convoy of ships and led them up Ikateq Fjord to the base of the mountain. After anchoring, construction workers began unloading heavy construction equipment. A crane was assembled at the waters edge to assist in the unloading. Surveyors immediately began their work, as small flags began appearing, laying out an emergency landing strip.

The following day, I was asked to assist in the installation of communication equipment. Upon arriving, I discovered only a peg in the ground, marking the location of the operations building. Looking at their proposed location of the new building, I suggested they move it away from the end of the airstrip.

Returning the following morning, I discovered a new building was built, and it was located well away from the end of the runway. Radio equipment was already unpacked and sitting on a makeshift table. Communications were established with Bluie West One while bulldozers made their long cuts into the slope for a landing strip.

With the construction of the emergency landing strip well under way, the *Comanche* returned to Narsarsuak with the equipment salvaged at Comanche Bay.

### WANTED

#### National Secretary/Treasurer

The Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association is seeking a person to run for the elected office of National Secretary and Treasurer to replace the retiring incumbent who has been in the position since October 1992. The position requires some typing skills, office and administrative knowledge along with some basic computer experience. Most everything is in the computer and it is just necessary to access the information and print it out. Some storage space is required to keep records and paraphernalia that has been collected over the years and eventually can and will be presented to a history museum that are being formalized. A description of the duties for this position is under Art. IV-Officers 3. And 4. In the Constitution and By-Laws approved November 6, 1998, pages 5 and 6. Or, you may call (301) 570-5664 to contact Ed for any additional questions that you may have. A Hewlett Packard Pentium Computer w/HP 17" color monitor, HP Deskjet 1120C printer for printing letters and other items. The equipment is top-of-the-line- to make the job as easy as possible. The position requires considerable attention to keep the mailing list current as well as accurate. Please remember that this is a non-paying, elected position.

#### From The CGCVA Service Officer

Greetings shipmates. For those who were not at the last CGCVA Convention, I was selected as your Association Service Officer and, as such, can provide information on a myriad of veterans affairs concerns. I serve as the Service Officer for my VFW post and the area around Dallas and Plano, TX. I have attended several veterans benefits seminars and should be able to get you an answer to any veterans-related question if I can't answer it myself right away. Anyway, I believe I can be of great service to the CGCVA membership and I look forward to helping you. I can be reached by writing **Gil L. (Frenchy) Benoit** at 4002 Mountain Pass, Plano, TX 75023-4812. Ph: (214) 422-3324.

For this issue, I'd like to put to rest a rumor that has circulated for years... that being that many Coast Guard records were destroyed in a fire at

the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, MO, years ago. True, there was a fire there on 12 July 1973, but no Coast Guard records were affected. About 80% of the records for Army personnel discharged between 1 November 1912 and 1 January 1960, and about 75% of the records for Air Force personnel with surnames from Hubbard thru "Z", discharged between 25 September 1947 and 1 January 1964. Needless to say, it is doubtful if any of our members' records were affected by the fire.

Still, if you contact the National Records Center and are told that your record was probably lost in the fire, there are still avenues available to you to rebuild it. Of course, if you have documents to help recreate a record or to be added to your record there, send photocopies to the Center and they will be added to the computerized index and filed for permanent retention.

In the event you have no records in your pos-

session, military service data is still available from a number of alternate sources. The Veterans Administration, for example, maintains records on veterans whose military records were affected by the fire (if the veteran or his/her family filed a claim prior to July 1973). Other sources of service information include various kinds of "organizational" records such as morning reports, payrolls, and military orders. State veterans service offices and Adjutants General offices can be helpful.

To reconstruct a member's record, some basic information is needed, including: the member's full name used during their service time; branch of service; approximate dates of service; service number; place of discharge; last unit of assignment; and place of entry into the service. With this information, the National Records Center can often rebuild a record and issue NA Form 13038 (Certification of Military Service) which is considered to be the equivalent of a DD Form 214 (Report of Separation from Active Duty) for the purpose of establishing eligibility for veteran's benefits.

Frenchy

### Attn: Korean War Vets

From 25 June 2000 through Veterans' Day, 2003, the Nation will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Korean War. The focus is to thank and honor veterans of the Korean War, their families, especially those who lost loved ones. The Committee also will recognize and remember Korean War POWs and MIAs and plans to educate a new generation on the legacy and lessons of the war.

A 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee has been formed



(left) Suggested design for commemorative Korean War Veteran lapel pin.

and the Coast Guard's liaison is **LT Tom Farrell**. He is eager to speak with Coast Guard Korean War Veterans, obtain Coast Guard memorabilia from that period, obtain photos and factual information regarding Coast Guard activities and learn about the experiences of Coast Guard personnel. If you can assist LT Farrell in any of the above areas, he can be reached by writing the

Committee, Attn: Operations Officer, 1213 Jefferson Davis Hwy, CG 4, Suite 702, Arlington, VA 22202-4304. Ph: (703) 602-2281, e-mail: [thomas.farrell@hqda.army.mil](mailto:thomas.farrell@hqda.army.mil), or fax (703) 604-0833. The Committee's web site, [korea50.army.mil](http://korea50.army.mil) lists a wealth of information including a list of commemorative events, chronology of the war, fact sheets, maps, biographies and the Commemorative Community program.

For those CGCVA members who recall or were part of the World War II 50th Anniversary commemoration events, you know this is a most opportune time to educate others of the Coast Guard's wartime contributions. Get involved and tell your story... give LT Farrell a call and help him get the word out on the Coast Guard during the Korean War.

### Veterans' Funeral Benefits

Congressional proposals to provide a uniformed presence at military funerals have drawn fire from retirees' and veterans' advocates.



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All eligible veterans would be guaranteed a funeral honor guard of at least two uniformed service members under the House and Senate versions of the 2000 defense authorization bill. Also, DoD would be required to provide financial support, equipment and training to veterans' organizations whose members assist in honor-guard duties. Legislation passed in 1998 required three-person honor guard contingents at funerals and allowed members of veterans' service organizations to serve as funeral honor guards.

While this year's House and Senate proposals reduce the minimum size of the funeral detail from three to two, it would require that at least one honor-guard member be provided from the deceased member's branch of the armed forces.

### New Port Security Unit Insignia

Commandant Notice 1410 and ALCOAST 221/99 establishes qualification standards and procedures for awarding a new Port Security Unit (PSU) insignia. This was created to recognize the accomplishments of becoming qualified in the area of port security unit operations. The PSU insignia will be awarded to those who have qualified in the areas of PQS/Basic skills courses for PSUs, served as a member of a PSU for a given time, and demonstrated a practical application of those skills in a PSU setting.

The PSU insignia qualification will be divided into three areas... (1) those who served prior to 1



*The proposed Port Security Unit Insignia*

May 1995 and participated in an operation; (2) those who served prior to 1 May 1995 and participated in an exercise; and (3) those who served as part of a commissioned PSU after 1 May 1995. The date of 1 May 1995 was the formal commissioning of the first PSU.

For complete details on this new insignia, refer to COMDTNOTE 1410 or ALCOAST 221/99. CGCVA members who feel they may be eligible for the PSU insignia should contact Commandant (G-WTR-1), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593, Attn: LT Kevin Brown. Ph: (202) 267-0564.

### U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation



For CGCVA members planning a visit to Washington, DC, consider paying a visit to the U.S. Navy Memorial at 701 Pennsylvania Ave., while there. The Memorial is a national tribute to everyone — officer or enlisted, men or women — who has served in the Navy or with the Navy's sister sea services.

Authorized by an Act of Congress, the \$20-million memorial was erected entirely by private support.

There are several informative and interesting things to see at the Memorial's Naval Heritage Center.

The U.S. Navy Memorial Log allows all sea services veterans to enroll in a unique, electronic database, providing a permanent, safe, and publicly-accessible means of securing your place in history. A donation of \$25 is requested for each Log enrollment, with an additional \$25 to include a photograph. The photograph may be added to the Log at any time, and can be either black & white or color, no larger than 8" x 10". Photographs cannot be returned.

Voices of the Navy is a collection of oral and video histories that helps veterans share their personal triumphs and losses with the American

public.

The Manuscript Collection has diaries, letters, photographs, logs, ships' newsletters, reports and citations. There is also a Research Library, Photographic Collection, and Material History



*(left) Sample Navy Log entry that is electronically displayed at the Navy Memorial's Naval Heritage Center. CGCVA members can be part of this permanent, public-accessible documentation system.*

Collection at the Memorial. For more information about the U.S. Navy Memorial Log and Heritage Center, write or call: U.S. Navy Memorial Log, P.O. Box 96570, Washington, DC 20077-7685. Ph: (202) 737-2300, ext. 730. E-mail the Navy Memorial at: [www.lonesailor.org](http://www.lonesailor.org).

## More On Greenland Air Bases

As a sidebar story to Bruno Yoda's feature story in this issue, it should be noted that special events will be held 22-23 October 1999 in honor of the late **LtCol. Bernt Balchen, USA**, who was an integral part of the Greenland Air Base project during WWII. Commemorative events will be held in Washington, DC during that period (the 100th anniversary of his birth).

LtCol Balchen was one of a handfull of survivors from an air crash on the ice caps of Greenland and his survival story interlaced with a doomed rescue attempt by the Coast Guard. A follow-up story of the crash and the rescue attempt by LT John A. Prichard, Jr., (USCG) of the *USCGC Northland* will be included in a future issue of the *QD Log*.

## The Journey Of One Coastie

T. Marvin Duncan was born in Baltimore, MD on 7 February 1916. His father died in 1934, leaving a mother and six children to support. Marvin was the oldest at 17 and a senior at Annapolis High School when he joined the Coast

Guard. This was during the worst depression in the country's history and, as an Apprentice Seaman, he earned \$21 a month with a \$10 allotment to his mother.

Marvin's first assignment was Base Four, New London, CT, on Coast Guard speedboats chasing rumrunners. As he advanced in rating to Chief Boatswain's Mate, he served as Officer in Charge of several 75-foot patrol boats, aboard *CGC Tallapoosa* in Savannah, GA and *CGC Nemesis* in St. Petersburg, FL, and as Officer in Charge of Patrol Boat #145, supervising loading of ammunition on British ships in Tampa Bay, FL, a year before the bombing at Pearl Harbor.

On Pearl Harbor Day, Marvin received orders to Key West to convoy ship's across the Florida Straits. During that period, German U-Boats were having a field day in the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic. Contending with day and night transits through mined waters and the constant threat by submarine, many vessels were destroyed between Cuba and Key West. The light armament on the Coast Guard patrol boats (four depth charges, a one-pounder on the forward deck, and a Thompson submachine gun in the pilot house) resulted in submarine target practice on the patrol boats once they surfaced after a hit. This was a very dangerous time.

Marvin received orders to the Coast Guard Academy and graduated with the Class of 1943. His first assignment as an officer was at Camp Lejeune for landing craft training, then on to Houston, TX to place the destroyer escort *Howard D. Crow (DE-252)* in commission. As First Lieutenant, he was part of convoy duty on the ship, making numerous Atlantic crossings. On D-Day, he left with three ships full of wounded for Boston.

Following five months of hospitalization for his own wounds, he received new orders to San Francisco and the *Sheliak (AKA-62)*. On this assignment, he made seven trips to Pearl Harbor carrying ammunition.

A year after Japan's surrender, he was assigned as commanding officer of *CGC*



*Nemesis*, and later as commanding officer of LORAN Stations Ulithi and Saipan. His last assignment was Captain of the Port, Jacksonville, FL in 1956 and he retired later that year as a Lieutenant Commander.

(Editor's Note: Marvin is a CGCVA Life Member, now 83 years of age. He lost both legs at age 80 but says he still manages. He sent the above story in a beautifully handwritten letter for the *QD Log*. Quite an impressive career!)

### Encounter With The *Indianapolis*

I served aboard the *USS Gen. Robert L. Howze (AP-134)* from 23 October 1944 until March of 1946 as a Radioman 2/c. The following incident occurred during a voyage in which we were carrying troops from Manila back to the U.S. In addition to the troops, there were civilian survivors of the infamous Santo Tomas POW Camp in Manila. It probably would have been more apt to call it a concentration camp rather than a POW camp according to some of the survivors aboard the *Howze*.

During the early part of August, 1945, the *Howze* was under the command of CAPT Lee Barker, USCG, when word was passed to the crew that wreckage and bodies had been sighted in the water.

General Quarters was sounded and the ship began to back engines in order to slow down. The captain gave the order to prepare to lower life boats to look for survivors. Before the lowering was completed a Navy destroyer closed us and signaled that they believed at least one Japanese submarine was still in the area. They recommended that as we were carrying injured and wounded service personnel and civilian ex-POWs aboard that we could be in jeopardy from enemy submarines. They directed the *Howze* to leave the area immediately and to resume our course for the States.

Before we had resumed normal speed, I counted approximately 10 bodies floating among the wreckage near the *Howze*. No life boats or rafts were seen in the area.

Later, we were informed by the captain that the

cruiser *USS Indianapolis* had been sunk and what we had seen was all that was left of her.

The *Indianapolis* had carried the atomic bombs to Tinian on her previous assignment. When the torpedo that sunk her hit, all power was instantaneously lost and the *Indianapolis* was unable to get off an SOS or any message. Only after the ship failed to appear at her destination was a search commenced.

There were only a handful of survivors from this once proud U.S. fighting ship. The *Indianapolis* was the last major U.S. ship of the line lost in the Pacific during WWII.

Leo W. Albright

### Four Chaplains Memorial Update

It appears that CGCVA member **Bruno Yoda** has had success. In the last *QD Log*, he reported that the Coast Guard did not get acknowledgement deserved on the memorial plaque commemorating the sinking of the *USAT Dorchester* and the heroic efforts by the ship's four chaplains. Working with Mr. Vistor Prevosti, National Representative of the Immortal Chaplains Foundation, Bruno has found an ally and it appears that the Coast Guard may soon get its due.

Hopefully, a new plaque will soon be erected and, when completed, the new recommended inscription will include:

*"The U.S. Coast Guard must be acknowledged for saving survivors of the USAT Dorchester in the North Atlantic on Feb. 3rd, 1943 under adverse weather conditions. High winds, icy waters of 38°F, bitter cold winds and darkness hampered rescue operations by two Coast Guard cutters, the Comanche and the Escanaba. The cutters Tampa, Lutz and Biscaya continued on with the rest of the convoy."*

*"The Comanche rescued 94 survivors but only 93 remained alive. The Escanaba put Coast Guardsmen over the side to retrieve frozen and numbed survivors too weak to climb aboard or hold onto rope lines. The Escanaba took aboard 133 survivors, one of which died later, and 12 frozen bodies. Of the 902 servicemen and civil-*

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ians aboard the USAT Dorchester, only 225 actually survived."

*"The bravery and courage of the U.S. Coast Guardsmen cannot be taken lightly. Several were killed during rescue operations, either by being crushed between lifeboat and ship's side or being caught in the propellers. Let us not forget the service of the U.S. Coast guard during World War II in the North Atlantic."*

Mr. Prevosti has asked Bruno (and any other

concerned persons) to go over this new text and make recommendations. Bruno has asked him to reconsider writing the final paragraph as follows:

*"The bravery and courage of the U.S. Coast Guardsmen cannot be taken lightly. During such an All-Hands Evolution (meaning life and/or safety of the ship is now involved), the cutters' crews did what had to be done to rescue all survivors as quickly as possible."*

## CGCVA Small Stores

The following CGCVA items are now available. Send orders to Baker Herbert at 8886 N. Leroy Road, P.O. Box 544, Westfield Center, OH 44251-0544 or call (330) 887-5539, fax (330) 887-5639. E-mail USCGW64@aol.com. Please make checks payable to: CGCVA.



Baseball Caps

"Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association." Must state size ...\$25.00

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

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



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

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

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

**BOOK:** hardback, "The Coast Guard At War, Vietnam 1965-1975" by Alex Larzalere, sent book rate ...\$32.95

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USCGC Eagle In A Bottle

**POSTAGE STAMP:** USCG WWII, uncirculated, in brass picture frame with stand and gift box ...\$20.00

**CG SQUADRON ONE T-SHIRT:** 82' patrol boat on front and Squadron One patch and Patrol Zones on back ...\$22.50

**USCGC EAGLE IN BOTTLE:** cutter under full sail, with stand ...\$49.95 (Four in stock)

**MODEL KIT:** 40' and 41' UTB and 44'MLB; each 30"-33" in length, wooden. All parts laser cut for easy fit. Kits include decals and deck hardware. Suitable for radio control or static display ...\$125.00

**MODEL KIT:** 36' double-ended MLB; 10", Glencoe, plastic ...\$12.00 (Five in stock)

**MODEL KIT:** 41' UTB, Dumas; 15" in length, balsa construction, excellent detail ...\$55.00. (Six in stock)

**MODEL KIT:** 378' Hamilton Class; 47" in length, composite plastic. Kit includes decals and deck hardware. Suitable for radio control or static display (for the experienced model builder) ...\$200.00

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**MODEL KIT:** Icebreaker *Burton Island* (CG or Navy), Revell; 12" in length, plastic...\$22.50. (Four CG and one Navy version in stock)

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CGC Burton Island model kit



36-foot Motor Life Boat model kit



CG Bell HTL-4 Helicopter model kit



USCG 41-foot Utility Boat wooden model kit

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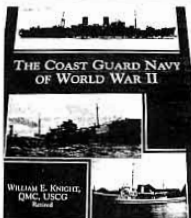


Book; "No Port In A Storm"

**BUMPER STICKER:** CGCVA ...\$2.00 each or  
3 for \$5.00

**COAST GUARD VIETNAM LAPEL  
PIN...**\$10.00

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Book; "The Coast Guard Navy Of World War II"



Book; "Daughter Of The Coast Guard"

**BOOK:** "Patrol Craft of WWII" by William Viegele. Describes construction and mission of each PC in service including those manned by USCG. Detailed information on each PC. 300 pages with photos...\$30.00. (Three in stock)

**BOOK:** "The Story Of The U.S. Coast Guard" by Eugene Rachlis. Published in 1961, 3 copies available. Chronological history of USCG. 176 pages with photos. Books are rare, used and in good condition...\$22.50



Book; "USCG — Always Ready"

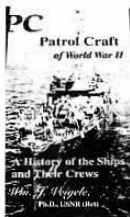
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**BOOK:** "Riverine — Pictorial History of the Brown Water War in Vietnam." 1985 book by Jim Mesko. \$20.00. (Eight in stock)

**BOOK:** "Coast Guard Navy of World War II" by William Knight. Coast Guard WWII history. \$30.00. (One in stock)

**MODEL:** 311-foot WAVP, USCGC Casco (W-370), length 9.7", scale 1/32" = 1', balsa-stack built. \$35.00



Book; "Patrol Craft Of World War II — A History Of The Ships And Their Crews"



Book; "Riverine — A Pictorial History Of The Brown Water War In Vietnam"

**MODEL:** USCGC Mohawk (W-78), length 10.375", scale 1/16" - 1', balsa-stack built, \$40.00

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*USCGC Casco wooden model kit*



*30-foot Picket Boat wooden model kit*



*30-foot Rescue Boat wooden model kit*



*Coast Guard in Desert Storm Water Color*

Lighthouse Presque Isle State Park. \$20.00

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

Always follow your dream unless it's the one where you're at work in your underwear during a fire drill!  
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**WATER COLOR:** 18" x 24", Coast Guard in Desert Storm. \$20.00

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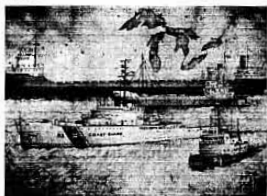
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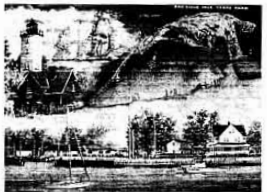
*USCGC Mohawk wooden model kit*



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*Presque Isle Station Water Color*

## Association News



Hey shipmates! Don't forget the CGCVA Convention & Reunion in Covington, KY in October 2000. It's at the Drawbridge Inn (whose lobby is pictured above). It features over 500 guest rooms, three diverse restaurants & lounges, three swimming pools (including one heated indoors), a sauna, whirlpool, and much, much more. Look for more information in future QD Logs.



### Coast Guard Combat Veterans Auxiliary Membership Application

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or Box Number City State Zipcode

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

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

Make Checks Payable to: CGCVA AUX  
Nancy Burke, Secretary/Treasurer  
17728 Striley Drive,  
Ashton, MD 20861-9763

CGCVA Form #3A (Rev. 12/96)

Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association  
**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

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

**STUDENT'S NAME:**

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

Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

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

**SPONSOR'S NAME:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicants Signature & Date

Last	First	Middle Initial	CGCVA Exp. Date		
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**Bob Maxwell**  
**P.O. Box 2790**  
**Burney, CA 96013**

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## Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Please Print Clearly)

### Personal Data

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Last First Init.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have two(2) Residences?  Yes  No

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