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## Pearl Harbor Remembered

### *CGCVA Members Attend Annual Memorial Ceremony on Taney*

Among the 100 or so attendees at the annual Pearl Harbor Day Memorial Ceremony held on *CGC Taney* in Baltimore Harbor were several members of the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association. National Secretary-Treasurer Ed Burke led a contingent of more than a dozen CGCVA members at the 7 Dec 1999 ceremony commemorating the 58th anniversary of the surprise attack that brought the United States into WWII.

As usual, the Coast Guard had a fine showing in addition to the CGCVA members. Coast Guard Chaplain, CAPT Leroy Gilbert, provided the Invocation and Benediction, and members of the Coast Guard's Presidential Honor Guard did the rifle salute at the conclusion of the memorial service.

As is usual at this event, several Pearl Harbor survivors are asked to provide remarks and the 1999 ceremony showcased three, including Ms. Myrtle M. Watson. At the time of the attack, Ms. Watson was a nurse at Schofield Barracks. Having only recently arrived Hawaii, she was part of a skeleton shift that Sunday morning at the hospital. Only one doctor was on duty when the flood



*A large crowd, many of whom were Pearl Harbor survivors, packed Taney's stern for the annual Pearl Harbor Day memorial service.*

of wounded men began arriving. Considerable blood was needed and she organized things as best she could. Because of the critical blood situation, the doctor told her to decide who should receive blood and who was too seriously wounded (and likely to die). She recounted how scared

she was but that the wounded just kept coming and there were simply so many.

Commissioned in 1936, the *Taney* is the last surviving warship from Pearl Harbor. The *Taney's* defensive fire helped prevent destruction of the Honolulu power plant that day.



*Two Coast Guard veterans depart CGC Taney following the annual Pearl Harbor Day memorial service on the cutter.*



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## From the President

Dear Shipmates:

It has been quite an active year for your officers, trustees, auxiliary, editor, and appointees working for the good of the Coast Guard and representing CGCVA at many functions throughout the country and overseas.



**JOE KLEINPETER**

### State of the Coast

Guard Address — CGCVA was represented at the Commandant's State of the CG Address in Washington. In addition to learning about the current direction of the CG, ADM Loy discussed readiness for any situation including combat, pointing out his tour in Vietnam as CO of a patrol boat. ADM Loy is a CGCVA member and we are proud to be recognized as combat veterans.

Battle Streamer Presentation — CGCVA participated in the addition of a battle streamer to the CG Flag commemorating maritime protection of the New Republic, one of the first combat actions of the Revenue Marine. Presentation was made by ADM James Loy and SecDot Rodney Slater.  
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*MCPO-CG Vince Patton holds new battle streamer at DOT ceremony.*

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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!

## From the Vice President

Sorry if I haven't been quite as active as I usually am (or like to be) but I've had a few health problems. My last official act on behalf of the CGCVA was representing our Association at the Coast Guard Person of the Year ceremony in Washington back in late October. I even had to postpone my usual trek to Florida for the winter months.

So, while I've been kept a bit in check lately, I look forward to again attending Cape May graduation ceremonies and, of course, our upcoming Convention in Kentucky. Hope many of you will also make plans for the October CGCVA reunion.

In September I enjoyed a most pleasant visit from my good friends Susie and Dennis Readwin of Poole, England. As you may recall, Susie was the little 9-year-old girl who often visited our boat while we were stationed (as part of the Rescue Flotilla) in Poole Harbor during WWII. She and Dennis both participated when the Coast Guard Commandant visited Poole and placed a wreath at the Coast Guard monument there. In fact, when ADM Loy learned they would be visiting me, he invited us all to lunch at Coast Guard Headquarters. It was a wonderful time and we had the opportunity to meet several flag officers

and dignitaries.

I did get a chance to visit Cape May, along with a couple other ex-Coasties, brothers Nelson and Terry Lee. Nelson enlisted 17 Jan 1966 and served aboard *USCGC Point Cypress (82326)* in Vietnam from April 1967 to April 1968.

His brother Terry enlisted 2 Nov 1967 and was stationed aboard *USCGC Dallas (WHEC-716)* in Vietnam during 1969-70. Their older brother James also served in the Coast Guard from 1963-67.

Jack Campbell



**JACK CAMPBELL**



(L to R) Terry Lee, Jack Campbell, Cape May Executive Officer CDR Curt Odum, and Nelson Lee at the TraCen.

## From the Editor

As strange as it seems, I'm already coming to the end of a 30-year career with the Coast Guard, the finest employer anyone could have. It seems like only yesterday I was stepping on the bus in Philadelphia for a short ride to Cape May. I can remember vividly so many adventures and escapades.

I only say this since this will be the last issue of the *QD Log* that I do while on active duty. I retire on May 1st and the issue after this will hit the street sometime in May. Throughout the years it's been a privilege to serve as your editor and I've made many true friends, several of which are CGCVA members.



**ED SWIFT**

Anyway, just wanted to say that regardless of my status, I pledge to do the best job I can with the magazine and I truly appreciate the support I receive from the membership. Without your submitted articles, photos and notices, there simply wouldn't be a *QD Log*. So thanks mucho and keep the material coming. By the way, discontinue using my "work" e-mail address after 24 March. After

that time, send all e-mail traffic to my home e-mail address of [swiftie@gte.net](mailto:swiftie@gte.net).

Not sure what I'll be doing after May but I'm really looking forward to our upcoming Reunion in Kentucky and seeing many of you again. Swift

## From the Secretary-Treasurer

Greetings Shipmates:

Since my official annual report is already included in the president's annual report, I will provide information on some other items.

### CGCVA 15th Anniversary

As you may or may not be aware, we will be celebrating the 15th anniversary of the CGCVA at our biennial convention/reunion at Ft. Mitchell, KY. Our convention chairman, Bob Maxwell, has included considerable information in this issue,

including registration forms and the reunion itinerary. We want to have a great celebration and we are trying to get the word out to ALL Coast Guard groups. You don't have to be a member of the CGCVA to join

our convention, just be a Coast Guard or Coast Guard Reserve member on active duty, retired, in Reserve status, or honorably discharged. We want Kentucky to sit up and know that the Coast Guard came to town. Please spread the word to other Coast Guard-affiliated groups and persons listed above who aren't a member of such a group... they're all invited to come out and enjoy the camaraderie!

A good time will be had by all (That's an order!) and there is a good chance that ADM James M. Loy, USCG Commandant, will be our keynote speaker at the Awards Banquet. Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Vince Patton has indicated he will also attend. For those of you who have never met MCPO-CG Patton, you are in for a real treat... he is a most personable individual and you will enjoy meeting and talking with him and his wife.

We promise some great surprises for you at the convention and the accommodations are very good. Kentucky is convenient to more former CG personnel than anywhere else in the country. It is a reasonable drive from the East Coast from

upper New York to South Carolina, the Great Lakes area to Texas and the Gulf Coast areas.

We should have plenty of people in attendance so please help and get the word out anyway you can.

It's best to get regis-



**ED BURKE**

tered early but don't worry about a refund if something happens and you can't make it — we have a very liberal refund policy. Use the registration forms in the center of the magazine and

don't forget to let others know about it.

### CGCVA Happenings

I recently received a thank-you letter from RADM P.M. Stillman, Assistant Commandant for Governmental and Public Affairs, for the CGCVA's assistance and reception associated with the Veterans' Day ceremony at Arlington Cemetery. Just wanted the membership to know the CGCVA tries very hard to maintain a strong liaison with CG Headquarters through events such as this and our annual Coast Guard Person of the Year presentation.

Ed Burke

#### Coast Guard To The Rescue

A whole family was caught in a small boat during a sudden storm off the coast of Florida but they were towed to safety in Fort Lauderdale by the ever alert Coast Guard. "I always knew God would take care of us," said the five-year-old daughter after the family got home. "I like to hear you say that," said the mother. "Always remember that God is in his Heaven watching over us." "Oh, I wasn't talking about THAT God," the five-year-old interrupted, "I was talking about the COAST God."

#### **ARE YOU MOVING? PLEASE NOTIFY US!**

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

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Reunions — Notices

### USCGC Campbell Reunion

The 15th annual reunion of the *USCGC Campbell (W-32) (WMEC-909)* Association will be held 26-29 May 2000, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 1100 SE 17th St., Ft. Lauderdale, FL. All hands who served in the *Campbell (W-32)* during the 47 years she served her country, as well as all current active duty and former crew members of *USCGC Campbell (WMEC-909)* are welcome. Contact: **David A. Blum** at 8341 Sands Point Blvd., Tamarac, FL 33321. Ph: (954) 722-8161.

### USS Calaway Veterans Assn.

The 34th reunion of the *USS Callaway (APA-35)* will be held 31 Jul thru 2 Aug 2000 at the Holiday Inn, Solomons, MD. Contact: **Wallace Shipp** at 5319 Manning Pl., NW, Washington, DC 20016-5311. Ph: (202) 363-3663.

### A.G.C. Flagship Alliance

A reunion for all who served on the ships of the A.G.C. Alliance is set for 29 Oct through 2 Nov 2000 at the Comfort Inn & Convention Center in Bowie, MD. This includes the WWII cutters' *Bibb, Ingham, Taney, Campbell* and *Spencer*. Contact: **W.F. Kearney** at 77 Garden Hills Dr., Cranston, RI 02920. Ph: (401) 942-6660 or e-mail at: billteton@juno.com.

### LORAN Reunion

The 23rd annual reunion of USCG LORAN Construction and Operations Personnel in the Pacific (1944-46) will be held 14-17 Sept 2000 in Frankenmuth, MI. Contact: **Ronald Fraleigh** at P.O. Box 985, Fenton, MI 48430. Ph: (810) 735-7359 or e-mail: CLHOffice@aol.com.

### Bering Sea Patrol & Alaska Veterans

A special 25th reunion for members of the Bering Sea Patrol & Alaska Veterans Assn. will be held 16-22 Sept 2000 aboard Holland

America Lines *MS Westerdam* on a cruise through the Inside Passage to Alaska. Contact: **Jim Loback** at 10436 Teal Cir., Fountain Valley, CA 92708-7448. Ph: (714) 968-8964, fax to (714) 968-9223 or e-mail: LOB96JM@aol.com.

### LST-767

A reunion for *LST-767* is planned to take place in Buffalo, NY to coincide with the LST Association annual reunion 30 Aug through 5 Sept 2000. Contact: **Dave Ramsay** at One Utah St., Beverly Hills, FL 34485. Ph: (352) 527-2869 or e-mail Dave at: ramshorn@xtalwind.net.

### USS Cor Caroli

The next reunion for former USCG personnel serving aboard *USS Cor Caroli (AK-91)* during WWII will be held 22-25 Sept 2000 in Reno, NV. Contact: **Lee Bergfeld** at 806 So. Garfield St., Steepleville, IL 62288-2318. Ph: (618) 965-3694.

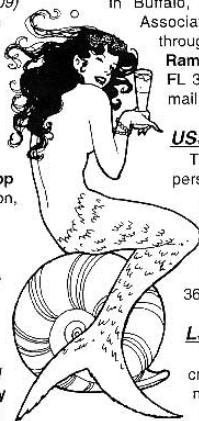
### LST-16

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:

- If you wanted to send someone some styrofoam, what would you pack it in?
- Since light travels faster than sound, isn't that why some people appear bright until you hear them speak?



## Reunions — Notices

(704) 455-6868. FAX: (704) 455-6858. E-mail: RGBYSHEAST@aol.com.

### USS Spokane

The 3rd reunion of the *USS Spokane (CLAA-120)* will be held 5-8 June 2000 at the Cavanaugh's Ridpath Hotel in the mother city of Spokane, WA. Contact: **Reunion Committee** at 4979 Grimsby Dr., San Jose, CA 95130. Ph: (408) 866-4392.

### 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 Dr., Versailles, KY 40383. Ph: (606) 873-3355.

### USS Allentown

Looking for shipmates. We would like to hear from any crew members who served on the *USS Allentown (PF-52)* in New Guinea and the Philippines during WWII. Please write to: **Anthony Sparduto** at 349 Calvin St., Westwood, NJ 07675 or **Frank Seigel** at 48 N. Maple Ave., Park Ridge, NJ 07656.

### Coast Guard CW Operators

At the first convention of the USCG CW Radio Operator's Assn., held 2-7 Nov 1999 in Las Vegas, NV, a decision was made to modify membership qualifications for the association. Due to the worldwide shut down of CW radio stations and the natural "shrinkage" that will take place with the CG Radio Operators, membership is now open to anyone who ever used CW communication (military, commercial or ham operators). For more information, contact: **RMCS Larry Polito, USCG (Ret.)** at P.O. Box 55388, North Pole, AK 99705.

### CGCVA Scholarship Winner

The Chairman of the CGCVA Scholarship Fund has announced that **Ms. Lucinda E. Young** has been approved as the first recipient of the newly established CGCVA Scholarship. Lucinda is the daughter of Honorable Member Rodney O. Young of Tiffin, OH. Congratulations Lucinda!

### USS LST-22

The 6th annual reunion for crew members of the WWII *USS LST-22* will be held 7-10 Sept 2000 in Portland, OR. Contact: **Jack A. Pfeifer** at 11325 SW Timberline Dr., Beaverton, OR 97008. Ph: (503) 644-0048.

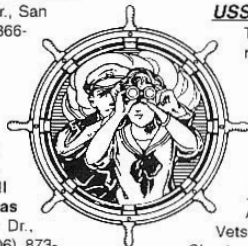
### Bikers Welcome

As president of the U.S. Military Vets Motorcycle Club, Maryland Chapter, I would like to invite you to join our group. One qualification is to own a motorcycle. At present, we do not have any Coast Guard representation and I'd like to see that changed. For more information on our group, contact: **Phil Lung** at 633 Echo Cove, Crownsville, MD 21032. Ph: (410) 923-6996 or e-mail [Phil@Annapolis.net](mailto:Phil@Annapolis.net).

### 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



## Notices — Association News

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.

### Ken Hines

(Editor's Note: LT Hines has written to thank all who have already contacted him on this project. He has been overwhelmed with the great response and reports at least one call or letter each day. Wow! Keep it up gang!)

### Rolling Thunder XIII

The 13th annual Rolling Thunder Ride For Freedom will be held 28 May 2000 (Memorial Day Weekend) in Washington, DC. Assembly area is in the North Pentagon Parking Lot at 0800. Motorcycles will depart at noon for the ride through Washington to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Last year, more than 250,000 bikes and 450,000 persons participated. Contact: **Artie Miller** of National Chapter 1 at P.O. Box 216, Neshanic Station, NJ 08853. Ph: (908) 369-5439.

### CG-Manned Army FS History Project

I am in the process of writing an in-depth history of the U.S. Army Coast Guard-manned FS vessels. I'm asking anyone who served aboard these vessels who would like to tell me of their personal experiences to contact **George Alton** at 2524 Longview Dr., San Leandro, CA 94577. It appears that most of the logs from these WWII vessels were destroyed after the war and little material is available on their history. Thanks in advance.

### USS LST-391 Returns

The USS LST Ship Memorial, Inc., is pleased to announce the passage of bill S-1059, Section 1012 which was signed into law on 5 Oct 99 by President Clinton. The bill allows the transfer of the *USS LST-391 (ex-Bowman County)* from the government of Greece to the USS LST Memorial, Inc., for use as an operating WWII LST

A man walks out into the street and hails a cab. He gets into the taxi and the cabbie says, "Perfect timing... you're just like Fred. Now there's a guy who did everything right. Like my coming along when you needed a cab. It would have happened like that to Fred. He was also a terrific athlete. He could have gone on the pro tour in tennis. He could golf with the pros. He sang like an opera baritone and danced like a Broadway star."

The rider is impressed and says, "Still, everyone has a cloud or two hanging over them."

"Not Fred," says the cabbie, "He had a memory like a steel trap. He could remember everyone's birthday, he knew all about wines, which fork to eat with. He was a good provider and he could fix anything. Not like me... I change a fuse and I black out the whole house."

"Sounds like quite a guy this Fred. Do you think of him often?"

"No choice," says the cabbie, "I married his widow!"

Memorial & Museum Ship. For more information, contact **Milan Gunjak** at 64 Ponderosa Dr., Oregon, OH 43616-2221. Ph: (419) 698-3737.

### Victor Mature Remembered

Victor Mature, 86, movie star and former crew member aboard the *USCGC Storis* in 1942-43, crossed the bar on Coast Guard Day, 4 Aug 1999. Mr. Mature was not a member of the CGCVA, however, he is remembered as an



*CGCVA at Annual Veterans' Day Wreath-Laying Ceremony. (L to R) CGCVA President Joe Kleinpeter, Coast Guard Commandant ADM James Loy, and CGCVA Secretary-Treasurer Ed Burke at the Tampa Monument in Arlington National Cemetery on 11 Nov 1999. During this very special occasion, Purple Heart Medals were presented in honor of the 111 Coast Guardsmen who perished aboard the USCGC Tampa on 26 Sep 1918 during WWI. The Commanding Officer and several crew members of the current USCGC Tampa were on hand for the ceremonies. Later, the CGCVA hosted a reception at a nearby American Legion Post.*

excellent sailor who possessed a wonderful sense of humor. It is reported he once tried to get into a country club that did not admit actors by saying, "Hell, I'm no actor, and I've got 28 pictures and a scrapbook of reviews to prove it."

### Try Out This New Web Site

The largest collection of U.S. surface warship photos on the Net is now available by logging into: [www.NavSource.org](http://www.NavSource.org). Currently, over 3,900 photos are on the site, including Coast Guard cutters. This is part of an on-line project through the Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships.

### More On Ellis Island

I've enjoyed reading of the several CGCVA members who attended boot camp at Ellis Island during WWII. I too was one of those Coasties, from 27 June to 28 Aug 1940. During this time, New York City was hosting the World's Fair. On 4 August, the Coast Guard was celebrating its 150th anniversary and having a parade on the Fair grounds. The boots from Ellis Island were taken to the parade on a cutter, then returned later that day. On 28 August, 30 of us were taken by bus to Boston and I was one of 10 assigned to the *CGC Ingham*. Olaf "Bud" Veath

### 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.

### The Story of "Taps"

It all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his

men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Ellicombe heard the moan of a soldier who lay mortally wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention.

Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When the captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The captain lit a lantern. Suddenly, he caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light he saw the face of the soldier... it was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, he enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, brokenhearted, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial despite his enemy status. His request was partially granted. Instead of a group of band members playing a dirge at the funeral, the captain was permitted to select a single musician and have him play.

The captain chose a bugler and asked him to play a series of musical notes he had found in the pocket of his dead son's uniform. The music was a haunting melody we now know as "Taps" that is used at all military funerals.

The words to "Taps" are: Day is done. Gone the sun. From the lakes, from the hills, from the sky. All is well. Safely rest. God is nigh.

### Communication Problem?

The trouble with our military services operating





## Notices — Association News

jointly is a simple language barrier. As an example, consider the following found in the Special Military Active Retired Travel Club magazine:

If you said "secure the building," the Navy would turn off the lights and lock the doors. The Army would occupy the building and allow no one to enter. The Marines would assault, capture and defend it with suppressive fire and close combat. The Air Force would take out a 3-year lease with an option to buy. And the Coast Guard would get some beer and barbeque and have a party in it.

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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 regular-face, new ones will be added in **bold**.

## Let Your Name Live On

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

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

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

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

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

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## 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.

Since the last *QD Log* issue, the following recruits have received the CGCVA-sponsored Physical Fitness Award:

**SA Sean T. Barber** (Yankee 155) of Jackson, MS, will report to USCG Station Gulfport, MS.

**SA Jon E. Houlberg** (Zulu 155) of San Diego, CA, will report to *USCGC Munro*, Alameda, CA.

**FN Steven J. Brown** (Alpha 156) of Oklahoma City, OK, will report to

*USCGC Sherman*, Alameda, CA.

**SA Aaron M. Shaw** (Bravo 156) of Jacksonville, FL, will report to *USCGC Forward*, Portsmouth, VA.

**SA Elliott C. Norris** (Charlie 156) of Denver, CO, will report to USCG Station Carquinez, CA.

**SN Roy E. Sevigny** (Delta 156) of Boston, MA, will report to *USCGC Spencer*, Boston, MA.

**SA Andrew J. Gosnell** (Echo 156) of Seattle, WA, will report to *USCGC Munro*, Alameda, CA.

**FA Kevin D. Laremore** (Foxtrot 156) of Seattle, WA, will report to *USCGC Boutwell*, Alameda, CA.

**SA James F. Glass** (Golf 156) of Miami, FL, will report to USCG Air Station Traverse City, MI.

**SA Chad J. Hoeksema** (Hotel 156) of Tampa, FL, will report to *USCGC Madrona*, Samoa, CA.

**FA Adam P. Hunter** (India 156) of Chicago, IL, will report to *USCGC Spencer*, Boston, MA.

**SA Paul M. Civita** (Juliet 156) of New York, NY, will report to ET School, Petaluma, CA.

**SA Bradley J. Longosky** (Kilo 156) of Philadelphia, PA, will report to MK School,



• Just think how much deeper the oceans would be if sponges didn't live there.

Yorktown, VA.

**SA Matthew J. Biggs** (Lima 156) of Alexandria, VA, will report to *USCGC Gentian*, Miami Beach, FL.

**SN Bobby J. Merritt** (Mike 156) of Phoenix, AZ, will report to USCG Group San Francisco, CA.

**SN Keith J. Fregoso** (November 156) of Cerritos, CA, will report to USCG Air Station Barbers Point, HI.

**SA Eric G. Brewer** (Oscar 156) of San Diego, CA, will report to USCG Station Rio Vista, CA.

**SN Kevin E. Griffin** (Papa 156) of Boston, MA, will report to USCG Air Station Opa Locka, FL.

**SA Michael V. Bauer** (Quebec 156) of Anchorage, AK, will report to *USCGC Munro*, Alameda, CA.

## Huron Lightship Museum

Coast Guard personnel and CGCVA members are cordially invited to visit the Huron Lightship Museum whenever they visit Port Huron, MI.

The ship offers visitors an opportunity to tour a "floating lighthouse" and gain an appreciation for a bygone era.

The ship went into service in 1921 and, from 1935 to 1970, she lay at anchor six miles north of the Blue Water Bridge at the edge of the Corsica shoal. She is the only remaining lightship located in the Great Lakes and the vessel is staffed by a group of volunteers who maintain the ship and

its many maritime displays. Please consider paying us a visit.

Donald J. Thurow

## 1946 — A Dismal Year For The USCG

I enlisted in the regular Coast Guard in late

1941 and served on *McLane*, *Westwind*, and *Gen. D. E. Aultman* during WW II. Aside from the unpleasantness, the war years were in some ways pretty fat for most of us.

The pre-war regulars had their foot in the door, so to speak, and formed the backbone on which the organization rapidly expanded. Regulars went up the ladder in a hurry, especially if you were in the right place at the right time.

By mid-1945 the Coast Guard had grown to roughly 282,000 men and women, counting Regulars, Active Reserves, SPARS, Auxiliary, Temporary Reserves, and Port Security.

After the war ended the day of reckoning began. We all knew what was going to happen but wouldn't admit it. So it is with human nature, and when the crash came it was not pleasant. The first departing wave was the Active Reservists, by far the bulk of the wartime Coast Guard, released according to seniority in the sacred "point system." The outflow continued as Port Security groups were disbanded; SPARS were paid off, and Auxiliary and Temporary Reserves were reduced drastically.

Cut to the bone also were congressional funding allocations for the Coast Guard. There was

Three cadets and three nonrates are buying train tickets in New London station. The cadets buy their tickets and watch as the nonrates pool their money, only scraping up enough to buy one ticket. The cadets consider loaning the nonrates some money, but decide against it.

Seated aboard the train, the cadets watch curiously as the three nonrates board the train and head straight for the mens room, cramming in and shutting the door behind them. Shortly after the train has departed, the conductor comes around collecting the tickets.

He knocks on the mens room door and says, "Ticket, please." The door opens just a crack and a single arm emerges with a ticket in hand. The conductor takes the ticket and moves on. The cadets saw this and agreed there was much to learn from the enlisted.

On the return trip, the cadets run across the same nonrates in the train station. This time the nonrates can't seem to come up with enough money to buy even a single ticket. Once again the cadets ponder whether or not to loan the nonrates some money, but quickly decide against it.

Hoping to cash in on what they learned from the nonrates on the previous trip, the cadets ante up and share the price of one ticket. Observing this, the nonrates jump up and get in line to board the train, ahead of the cadets. The cadets attempt to jockey for position in line, reminding the nonrates that they still need a ticket.

The nonrates stand their ground and as soon as the train arrives, they hop aboard and pile into the mens room. The cadets try to get in behind them, but the nonrates lock them out. In a panic, the cadets cram into the nearby ladies room and close the door. Just after the train leaves the station, one of the nonrates pops out of the mens room and walks over to the ladies room where the cadets are hiding.

He knocks on the door and says, "Ticket, please."

hardly enough money to keep us going. Paychecks were frequently late, allotments were held up, and purchasing fuel for ships and aircraft was a problem.

While this was taking place, the regulars suddenly faced the moment of truth: reversion to their "permanent" ranks and rates. Captains reverted to Lieutenants; Chiefs went to first or second class, and so on. I went from QM1 to QM3. There was a lot of pain and suffering!

The schemers and dreamers in Washington had the idea that the true blue regulars would endure the pain and stand fast. They made the mistake of creating an easy solution for those who found it unacceptable: If you had been reduced two grades, you could get out. You didn't want to be standing near the door as you may have been crushed in the stampede. In no time at all the mighty Coast Guard of 1945 became the meager few of 1946: just over 18,000.

Among the wave of departing were officers and petty officers that would be sorely needed to rebuild the Coast Guard's shattered remains. For those who continued on duty, the impact on morale was devastating.

The worst impact was on manning the cutters. The Coast Guard had been handed the job of maintaining the Ocean Weather Stations in both the Atlantic and Pacific. The cutters were struggling to stay operational but at 60% of complement, they weren't in great shape. Watch routines and ship's maintenance were pure agony.

On 21 May I went to the *CGC Iroquois*, but before reporting I unstitched my first class crow, rummaged around and found my old third class bird and sewed it on. There was a lot of sewing going on in those days.

Reduction from 1st class to 3rd was not only a loss of prestige, but there were other, more serious considerations. I was married by then and

the loss in pay was significant. Furthermore, if I got transferred, I was no longer eligible for transportation of dependents and household effects.

On 29 July I was quickly transferred to *CGC Spencer* at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Virginia to replace the QM3 who had just committed suicide. Sadly, there was a lot of that going on. This was not a happy situation and I was terribly depressed. Underway watches were 4 on, 4 off. CG Headquarters was now in a panic trying to stem the outgoing tide of experienced personnel. The "two grades and out" directive was canceled, and it was rumored that those of us who stayed would be considered for advancement. For me it didn't mean much — my enlistment was about up and I indicated I was not going to reenlist. Soon afterwards, I was sent back to the West Coast for discharge.

I detached from *Spencer* on 24 October and headed west with 90 days terminal leave, which took care of the remainder of what had been a devastating year in the Coast Guard.

1946 was one of the worst periods of my life, and possibly for the Coast Guard as well. Believing in the Coast Guard and its mission, and feeling assured that the future would right itself, I subsequently reenlisted.

I am writing to explain how it was in 1946, not that I would ever want to relive that period, but only to pass a personal memory on to those who served during that dismal year, and for the men who followed us, a bit of history.

CWO Jim Gill, USCG (Ret.)

### USCGC Northland

Greetings from the southern waters of the Caribbean where *USCGC Northland* (WMEC-904) often patrols.

I recently read the *QD Log* article on the *WWII Northland* (W-49) and wanted your readers to



know of the current *Northland's* web page. It has information on our present day cutter as well as a history section detailing the exploits of our namesake during her Greenland Patrol days. Our web site is:

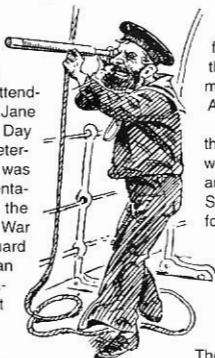
[www.uscg.mil/lantarea/cutter/northland](http://www.uscg.mil/lantarea/cutter/northland).

Please try it out

CDR Dane Egli

### **Korean CG Vet Needed**

In *QD Log* Vol. 14, No. 1, Jack Campbell told about a local parade in Annandale, PA that he attended last May. Organized by Mary Jane and Carl Gacano, the Memorial Day weekend parade honored WWII veterans from all five services. Jack was one of two Coast Guard representatives. For the 2000 parade, the Gacano's hope to honor Korean War veterans so one or more Coast Guard Korean vets are needed. If you can participate or need more information, contact **Jack Campbell** at (732) 229-2413.



### **Arlington Cemetery Web Site**

I recently joined the CGCVA and have enjoyed reading the *QD Log*. I too went to boot camp at Ellis Island after enlisting on 3 January 1941. I subsequently served on a six-bitter in New York Harbor, on North Atlantic weather patrol aboard the *Nourmahal*, and at the Ketchikan, Alaska Supply Depot. Anyway, I found a web site that CGCVA members may find interesting. Try logging onto: [www.arlingtoncemetery.com/tapsproj.html](http://www.arlingtoncemetery.com/tapsproj.html), then click on the link (uscg) to see a listing of the USCG Personnel buried in Arlington Nat'l Cemetery. You'll probably enjoy the music too.

Bill Gluth

### **Who's The Mystery Woman?**

In early fall, Jack Campbell received a letter from a party in Poole, England, requesting to know the identity of the woman mentioned on the

Coast Guard plaque there. The plaque on the Poole waterfront commemorates the 60 vessels from the Coast Guard that rescued 1,437 men and one woman during the D-Day landings.

Well, to be honest... I don't know. The passage of time has made things more difficult. Records have been lost, crewmen have passed away, and the memories of those of us still here aren't quite as fresh as in past days. Still, through the diligence of a few Rescue Flotilla men and with help from the U.S. Archives, this much is known:

On the morning of 7 Aug 1944, off the Normandy coast, *CG-31 (83428)* was dispatched to an area from which an explosion had been heard and felt. Suddenly breaking through a thick fog, hundreds of people appeared in the water before the cutter.

The hospital ship, *SS Amsterdam*, had hit a mine during a cross-channel voyage to return wounded to Great Britain. The ship sank within 11 minutes.

The cutter crew began picking up survivors and tossed pneumatic rafts to others. Crewmen went over the side to assist with those severely wounded, some staying in the water nearly 90 minutes until all were taken aboard.

The *CG-31* took aboard a total of 99 survivors that day, including one woman. She turned out to be a British nurse and, ignoring her own plight, she began assisting with the comfort of the wounded. With the cutter full, it returned to the *HMS Dispatch* to transfer survivors to the larger ship.

The *CG-31* later transferred some of the survivors to another hospital ship, the *Duke of Lancaster*, anchored off Courseelles. The survivors, including 15 German prisoners and the British nurse, were all landed at Southampton that evening.

Due to the urgency of the rescue situation and condition of many of the wounded, time was pre-



CGCVA Vice President Jack Campbell presents ADM Loy with a WWII poster of you guessed it... the USCGC Campbell.

cious and the cutter crew took down no names. Hence, they never learned the name of "their nurse" but were extremely proud to have had a part in her rescue. They greatly admired her pluck and devotion to duty, while a victim of a ship sinking herself.

Since her name is not known, the question cannot truly be answered. Perhaps it is sufficient to say, "That woman" was a devoted British nurse who, ignoring her own adversity, did her job in the highest traditions of the R.A.M.C. After all the years that have passed since, perhaps that is enough for us to know.

Jack W. Read

### Welcome New Members

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

#### NOVEMBER 1999

**Wilbert F. Kress** (Joe Kleinpeter); **Edward J. Ard** (Harry Huggins); **William B. Dooley** (Erv Mouritsen); **Joseph L. Thomas, Sr.** (John Cuniff); **Richard A. Dubbs** (John Mahoney); **Clifford J. Heron** (Leo

Albright); **Robert M. Murphy** (Rod Whalen); and **Betty Splaine** (Ed Burke).

#### DECEMBER 1999

**John J. MacFeat** (Bill Wells); **Victor Sakowski** (Leo Albright); **Corey D. Koura** (Baker Herbert); **Wallace E. Shipp**; **John K. Morton** (Walter Lawlor, Sr.); **Robert B. Holmes**; **Leroy J. Kurtz** (Dick Stent, Jr.); **LM Gerald R. Sterrenburg** (Paul Wheeler); **James T. Farrel** (Paul Wheeler); **Jesse C. Fitch** (Paul Wheeler); **Ralph J. Hillman** (Paul Wheeler); **Robert C. Moehle** (Paul Wheeler); **Max F. Gilliland** (Leland Bergfield); **LM Charles M. Shepard, III** (Paul Wheeler); **John J. Quaid** (Irwin Abelson); **Leonard P. Deuble** (Calum Macritchie); and **Robert L. Fricke** (Dick Armstrong).

#### JANUARY 2000

**Eugene E. Moran** (E.J. Ard); **Ralph S. Latimer** (Paul Wheeler); **Herbert W. Steinbaugh** (Paul Wheeler); **George Lakis** (Chuck Ulrich); **Albert Williams** (Edward Buniak); **Henry J. Ireland** (Paul Wheeler); **John J. Frederick** (Joe Kleinpeter); **Anthony D. Tavernia, Sr.** (Joe Kleinpeter); **David W. Craddock** (Ed Reinhart); and **Dennis C. Hulse** (Paul Wheeler).



At the invitation of the Coast Guard Commandant, ADM James Loy (right), CGCVA VP Jack Campbell (left) and "Bubs" Tipling (2nd from right) brought their visiting British guests, Dennis and Susie Readwin to a lunch at USCG Headquarters. See explanation in Jack's column on page 3.

### Lost Your Medals?

Coast Guard personnel who want their earned military medals or the replacement of same should begin by writing a letter, providing full name, service number (or SSN), date and place of birth, approximate dates of service and return address. Also, include documentation that indicates you were awarded the medals (which can be satisfied with a copy of your Certificate of Release or your Discharge from Active Duty). Send all of this data to: Navy Liaison Office, National Personnel Records Center, Room 3475, N-314, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63132.

### Combat Action Ribbon

The time frame for which an eligible Navy or Marine Corps veteran may be awarded the Combat Action Ribbon (CAR) has been extended. Coast Guard personnel may also be eligible since the Coast Guard was part of the Navy during WWII.

H.R. 552, sponsored by Rep. Michael R. McNulty (D—NY), included a CAR provision (Sec. 564) in the annual Defense Authorization Bill, the legislation that determines spending and policy priorities for the Pentagon for the next fiscal year. The President signed that bill into law on 5 Oct 1999.

Public Law 106-65's relevant provision "authorizes the Secretary of the Navy to award the CAR to a member of the Navy or Marine Corps for participation in ground or surface combat during any period after 6 Dec 1941, and before 1 Mar 1961, if the Secretary determines that the member has not been previously recognized for such participation."

To obtain a CAR, fill out SF 180 — Request

Pertaining to Military Records — and send it along with a copy of your discharge to: Bureau of Naval Personnel, Liaison Office, Room 5409, 9700 Page Ave., St. Louis, MO 63132-5100.

### Ingham Assn. Reunion

The 9th annual reunion of the USCGC Ingham (WHEC-35) Association will be held 2-6 Aug 2000 at the Holland Inn, 482 E. 32nd St., Holland, MI 49423. All hands who served in Ingham during its 52 years of active duty (1936-88) are welcome. Contact: CAPT J.R. Hearn, USCG (Ret.) at 103 Sequoia Rd., Portsmouth, VA 23708. Ph: (757) 405-3032.

### CGCVA Reunion

Plans are being finalized for our millenium reunion in Northern Kentucky. With help from Nancy & Ed Burke,

we have put together our menus and tours. The tours will consist of a day trip to Wright-Patterson Air Force Museum, a bus tour of Cincinnati, lunch cruise on a riverboat and, for those of you who enjoy slots, we have arranged a trip to a riverboat casino.

We have had several calls from leaders of other CG organizations who are interested in joining us. We certainly welcome them. The registration forms for all activities, along with hotel information, is provided in the next four pages (and will be in the subsequent two *QD Log* issues).

Please call me at anytime for other information on the

reunion at (530) 335-3876. Looking forward to seeing you in October. Semper Paratus!

**Bob Maxwell**

CGCVA Reunion Committee Chairman



## CROSSED THE BAR



### **LM Edgar G. Hoover**

Joined: 9-1-87 CTB: 1-7-00

### **Philip D. Baer**

Joined: 7-25-90 CTB: 8-29-99

### **Lester F. View**

Joined: 8-26-98 CTB: 11-28-99

### **Lester A. Levine**

Joined: 10-1-93 CTB: 12-13-99

### **Steven F. Brinsko**

Joined: 10-15-93 CTB: 11-14-98

### **Peter J. Mattogno**

Joined: 4-14-92 CTB: 1-28-00

### **Roy M. Reed**

Joined: 11-1-93 CTB: 11-29-99

### **RADM Arnold I. Sobel**

Joined: 2-24-88 CTB: 1-31-00

COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION  
**Kentucky 2000**  
REUNION/CONVENTION REGISTRATION  
October 22<sup>nd</sup> - October 26<sup>th</sup> 2000

**DRAWBRIDGE ESTATE**

2477 Royal Drive  
Ft. Mitchell, KY. 41017-3599  
1-606-341-2800/Fax 1-606-341-5644  
[www.thedrawbridge.com](http://www.thedrawbridge.com)

**ROOM RATES**

**ANNEX**

**\$58.00**

**MAIN BLDG**

**\$68.00**

Yes, there is transportation to & from airport.

**PLEASE BOOK YOUR ROOM DIRECTLY WITH HOTEL**

(Please Print Clearly)

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) to appear on Badge(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOU HAVE DIETARY REQUIREMENTS, PLEASE ADVISE BOB MAXWELL  
UPON ARRIVAL**

Registration and available Tours are shown on next pages. Please fill in the tours that you and anyone in your party plan to attend. Write in the amount for each person and the total at end of line, then please total at the bottom for all costs.

**ALL ATTENDEES MUST PAY REGISTRATION TO BE ADMITTED TO THE  
"NO CHARGE" HOSPITALITY ROOM.**

There will be videotapes of Coast Guard activities with tables placed around the room to gather and exchange "Sea Stories" with your Shipmates. Also, there will be on display memorabilia brought in by members for your pleasure. Our Hospitality Room is the general kick-off meeting place.

**THE HOSPITALITY ROOM IS CLOSED DURING THE FOLLOWING:  
OPENING CEREMONY - BUSINESS MEETING - AWARDS BANQUET**

**Refund Policy:**

CGCVA will refund any money you have paid to us up to 72 hours prior to the event you have paid for **UNLESS** we have been required to pay your fee and we can not get someone to take your place.

Hotel refund policy for rooms is cancellation 72 hours prior to scheduled arrival, be sure to confirm when you register.

**Be sure to advise them you are registering for:  
The Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association Convention.**



**Registration/Tour/Banquet/Lunch  
Application**

**CGCVA REGISTRATION:**

**Early, (Rec'd. By 10/1/00)  
\$8.00 Per Person, \$14.00 Couple**

**Late, (Rec'd. After 10/1/00)  
\$10.00 Per Person, \$18.00 Couple**

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>How Many?</u>	<u>Total</u>
Registration Fee (See Above)	_____	X _____	_____

**Tours:**

**October 23, Monday**  
Wright-Patterson USAF Museum  
Lv. Hotel at 7:00 am Rtn. at 1:00pm  
(Bus Trip Only, Free Admission)

_____	15.00	X _____	_____
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**October 24, Tuesday**  
Casino Tour, Cruise following Mtg.  
(Bus Trip Only, There is Admission Chrg.)

_____	15.00	X _____	_____
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**October 25, Wednesday**  
N. Kentucky area & Cinn. OH w/ BB  
Riverboat luncheon cruise on Ohio River.

_____	35.00	X _____	_____
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**Awards Banquet:**

**October 25, Wednesday**  
English Chicken: \_\_\_\_\_ London Broil: \_\_\_\_\_

_____	28.50	X _____	_____
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**Luncheon:**

**October 24, Tuesday**

CGCVA Business Luncheon	14.50	X _____	_____
CGCVA Auxiliary Luncheon	12.50	X _____	_____

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please make check payable to: CGCOMVETS)

**Please Register Early, It will make my job easier, Thanks.**  
We have in the past been able to come up with nice rewards for early  
Registration

# Kentucky 2000

## Itinerary

- Sunday,  
22 October** 9:30a.m. Registration Desk & Hospitality Room Open.  
4:00p.m. Opening Ceremony. Introductions of Mayor & Chief of Police, of Ft. Mitchell, CGCVA Trustee's and Officers with other invited dignitaries in attendance.  
Immediately after Opening Ceremony the Hospitality Room will be open until closing.
- Monday,  
23 October** 7:00a.m. Departure of Bus to Wright-Patterson USAF Museum to return at approximately 2:00p.m.(Ticket Req'd.)  
9:30a.m. Registration Desk & Hospitality Room Open.  
This is the time for you to become acquainted with the hotel, take it easy and get ready for tomorrow's business along with renewing friendships.
- Tuesday,  
24 October** 9:30a.m. Registration Desk & Hospitality Room Open.  
11:30a.m. CGCVA Business Meeting/lunch and CGCVA Auxiliary Meeting/luncheon. Be sure to bring your lunch ticket. Guests of CGCVA are invited to the CGCVA Auxiliary Luncheon unless there has been a meeting and luncheon set up for their group. Immediately upon the end of the Business Meeting, the Hospitality Room will be open until closing. The Bus will load for the Casino trip to return about 9:00p.m. (Ticket Req'd.)
- Wednesday,  
25 October** 9:30a.m. Registration Desk & Hospitality Room Open. Bus loads for tour of Northern Kentucky area and over to Cincinnati, then onto the BB Riverboat for luncheon cruise on the Ohio River. Afterwards, return to the Drawbridge at approximately 4:00p.m. (Ticket Req'd.)  
6:00p.m. Cocktail Hour w/cash bar. Hospitality Room will re-open at the end of the Awards Banquet until closing.
- Thursday,  
26 October** 9:00a.m. Meeting of Officers and Trustee's. Departure of attendee's as scheduled.  
Thanks for coming and Have a safe trip home.

### NOTE

**Please be advised that our room prices are good until 30 days before the start of our Reunion/Convention. Then if the block is full our prices no longer apply. There might be rooms however, you might not get them at our rate.**

**Attendee's that require Handicap facilities must notify the Hotel when registering.**

**PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!**

## Information for Members & Visiting Associations

Please wear your name tag at all times in the Hospitality Room.

If you registered early, your ship/group will be entered on your name tag. This should make it easier to be recognized and should attract others to speak up and get acquainted.

If you want a separate meeting room and luncheon for your group, contact Bob Maxwell. His telephone number is: (530) 335-3876 & the Fax number is: (530) 335-3304. Hopefully, you will accomplish this prior to arrival at Drawbridge.

All attendee's that require Handicap Accommodations must notify hotel when registering.

Remember that you are entitled to participate in every activity with one exception and that is, you can not attend the CGCVA Business Meeting. Only Members of the CGCVA can attend according to the by-laws.

R/V parking is available for self-contained units at a nominal fee. (Check w/Hotel. You must register))

All guests are invited to lunch with the CGCVA Auxiliary. We have tried to set up everything to make you comfortable and welcome to this Reunion & CGCVA Convention. If we have overlooked something, please do not hesitate to let us know.

### Military Funeral Honors

Do you know your burial rights?

The National Defense Authorization Act For FY2000 requires the armed services to provide military funeral honors to all eligible veterans, upon request, beginning 1 Jan 2000. This action was taken by Congress to recognize the importance of paying final tribute on behalf of a grateful Nation.

A funeral honors ceremony shall, at a minimum, include the folding and presentation of the American Flag and the playing of Taps. At least two uniformed persons, in addition to the bugler, if available, shall perform the ceremony. One of

the uniformed persons shall be of the parent service of the deceased veteran and shall present the flag to the family or other appropriate individual.

Coast Guard Integrated Support Commands (ISC's) will each have a designated member to serve as their Regional Honors Coordinator. Upon request of the next-of-kin, authorized representative, or funeral director on behalf of the next-of-kin, the Regional Honors Coordinator will contact the local Coast Guard command to arrange funeral honors. The Coordinator will serve as liaison between the funeral director, the nearest Coast Guard unit, and other military services as necessary. The Coordinator, working in concert with the local Coast Guard unit, may direct additional members to participate in the funeral if operations permit and will ensure that local Coast Guard commands are appropriately trained and equipped to conduct the funeral honors in a dignified manner.

Private citizens desiring information or help in arranging funeral honors for eligible deceased

veterans should contact the DOD Funeral Honors Website (all lower case):

[www.militaryfuneralhonors.osd.mil](http://www.militaryfuneralhonors.osd.mil)

Funeral directors throughout the U.S. and its territories can also coordinate funeral honors support through a toll-free phone system that will connect them with the appropriate local military Regional Honors Coordinator.

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### Headstones and Markers

The Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA) provides headstones and markers for the gravesites of eligible veterans buried in private, state or national cemeteries. The VA will provide, free of cost,

inscription on government-furnished headstones and markers for certain military valor awards, the Purple Heart Medal, and other medals if space on the headstone or marker permits.

The VA may furnish a memorial headstone or marker for any eligible veteran whose remains were unrecovered, buried at sea, cremated or donated to science. Memorial markers are provided for placement in cemeteries only.

The VA may furnish a headstone or marker for the grave of a veteran's spouse, or child who is buried in a state-owned veterans' cemetery or national cemetery, not a private cemetery. A headstone or marker will automatically be placed on the

grave of a person buried in a national cemetery.

VA Form 40-1330 "Application for Headstone or Marker" is used to request a headstone or marker for the unmarked grave of a veteran in a private cemetery. The application can be submitted by the next-of-kin or any interested individual with a copy of the veteran's last separation or release from active duty.



Original marble headstones or flat marble or granite markers are provided at no charge and shipped at gov't expense to the person or firm designated as consignee. Bronze markers are shipped by UPS. None of these items will be shipped to a post office box address. Any cost involved in the installation of the headstone or marker is the responsibility of the applicant.

A replacement headstone or marker will be provided without charge if an error in the inscription is made by the contractor or VA. Vandalized, stolen or illegible headstones or markers may be replaced by the VA.

Frenchy

### Long Island Coasties

The next get-together of the Long Island Coasties will be 13 Mar 2000 at CG Activities HQ in Old Fort Wadsworth on Staten Island, NY. It will include a tour of the facilities and lunch. Contacts: **Vince Anthony** at (516) 742-3149 and **Dick Jones** at (516) 731-0442.

### CGC Ramsden

A reunion of crew members of the *USCGC Ramsden (WDE-482)* was held during the summer of 1999 and another is being planned for summer 2000. Although details have not yet been determined, interested parties may contact: **Frank Smolko** at 107 Oak Knoll Rd., New Cumberland, RI 01707. Ph: (717) 774-1795 or **John P. Mahoney, Jr.** at 750 E. Charleston Ct., Hernando, FL 34442. Ph: (352) 527-0177 and Fax: (352) 527-2303.



*Crew members from the USCGC Ramsden at their Summer 1999 reunion. (Front l to r) Ed McLaughlin and Frank Smolko. (Back l to r) John Mahoney, Bill Dalton, Frank Young and Bob Dolan.*

### USCG — 5th Armed Service In WWII

Thousands of people owe their lives to Coast Guard rescues during WWII. Lifesaving duties

became far more arduous as torpedoes and shellfire threatened the rescuer and the shipwrecked alike. In American waters, USCG personnel rescued 1,500 people whose ships were sunk in enemy torpedo attacks. Escort cutters saved another 1,000. Over 1,500 were rescued during the Normandy operation alone. Along the U.S. coastline, Coast Guardsmen patrolled American beaches on foot, on horseback, and in vehicles, ever on watch for would-be saboteurs.

Although its traditional duties were crucial to the war effort, the combat role of the Coast Guard cannot be understated. When the service came under the Navy in November 1941, its personnel took to the sea in auxiliaries and combatants that were often deployed far from local shores. In addition to 802 of its own cutters, USCG personnel manned numerous classes of Navy ships during the war. In all, they manned 351 Navy ships and smaller craft, as well as 288 Army vessels. Their contribution was noteworthy.

Coast Guard-manned ships sank enemy submarines and a Coast Guard airplane sank another.

Over 241,000 personnel served in the Coast Guard during WWII. The gallant service to our country's war effort did not come cheaply: 574 Coast Guardsmen were killed in

action, and another 1,343 were wounded. Among awards for valor given to Coast Guard personnel during WWII were one Medal of Honor (to SM/1c Douglas Munro), six Navy Crosses and one (Army) Distinguished Service Cross.

The common Coast Guardsman of WWII was not always so common. **Humphrey Bogart** served in the CG Auxiliary during the war and

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boxing great **Jack Dempsey** came on active duty as a lieutenant in 1942, seeing temporary duty aboard the transports *USS Wakefield (AP-21)* and *USS Arthur Middleton (AP-55)*. **Buddy Ebsen**, later known for his television roles as "Jed Clampett" and "Barnaby Jones," was a lieutenant aboard the frigate *USS Pocattello (PF-9)*. Two prominent actors rose to the rate of chief boatswain's mate during their wartime Coast Guard service. **Victor Mature** served aboard the icebreaker *USCGC Storis (WMEC-38)* in the North Atlantic while **Caesar Romero** saw action aboard the *USS Cavalier (APA-37)*, which participated in several Pacific assaults.

The legacy of the U.S. Coast Guardsmen in WWII is one of pride and accomplishment. *Semper Paratus*, always ready, the Coast Guard truly earned the nation's gratitude as a proud member of the Armed Forces in WWII.

Mark T. Hacala

### From The President (cont. from page 2)

CG Festival at Grand Haven — CGCVA's presence will remain forever in Coast Guard City, USA with the dedication of a granite and bronze marker commemorating CG combat veterans and those who gave their lives.

### Salute to the Coast Guard

— CGCVA attended the annual CGHQ Picnic and local VFW Post where visitors were informed of our combat history.

Paying Our Respects In Poole — CGCVA accompanied the CG Commandant to Europe on his aircraft and placed a wreath at the monument CGCVA erected five years ago. We shall never forget our CG combat vets at rest in the battlefield cemeteries of Europe.

### Commemoration of

Attack Transports — CGCVA participated in the dedication of a monument at the CG Academy commemorating the attack transports and Medal of Honor recipient Douglas Munro.

CGCVA Coast Guard Person of the Year — AMT3 John Overholt was honored and recognized by CGCVA for extraordinary achievement in a night helo rescue. CGCVA presented AMT3 Overholt with a plaque at the Commandant's office in the presence of his proud parents.

Purple Heart Medal Ceremony — CGCVA participated in the presentation of the Purple Heart in memory of 111 Coast Guardsmen killed in the WWI sinking of the *CGC Tampa*. The event was held on Veterans' Day at the CG WWI monument at Arlington National Cemetery. In presentation speeches made by the commandant and

Secretary of Transportation, the CGCVA was recognized for our distinguished service.

Saluting Top Recruits — CGCVA has made awards to the top recruit in each graduating company at the

Recruit Training Center in Cape May, NJ., presenting a watch and certificate with CGCVA insignia imprinted on each.

The program promotes CG combat awareness and achievement for a job well done.

CGCVA Plaque Presentation — CGCVA presented a plaque to the Baltimore Maritime Museum for *CGC Taney* in recognition of her distinguished service. The *Taney* is the last remain-



APA monument at USCG Academy.



Grand Haven, MI CGCVA marker.



Jack Campbell, ADM Loy and Mayor Bill Wretham at Rescue Flotilla plaque.



ing warship that fought off the Pearl Harbor attack in 1941.

**Pearl Harbor Memorial** — CGCVA attended a memorial service commemorating the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The service was held aboard *CGC Taney* by the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

**Symbolic Call To Arms** — CGCVA participated in the dedication of a veterans memorial wall and lighting the flag pole at the gravesite of distinguished CGCVA member Douglas Munro in Cle Elum, WA. The cost of the electricity to illuminate the colors at the grave will be borne by the CGCVA. It was gratifying to read CGCVA's plaque installed within feet of Doug's grave in 1992. I believe our plaque signifies Doug will never be alone, but with



SM1/c Douglas Munro

CG combat veterans forever. And with the colors flying at all times, the light ensures his sacrifice will not be forgotten.

As you can see, all of us on the bridge have kept our Association underway at flank speed for the past year. Working for the good of the Coast Guard and participation in many events has generated a high level of recognition of our contributions and sacrifices as CG combat veterans. Much of what has been accomplished has been done collectively through the efforts of the entire CGCVA administration, but several members have gone above and beyond and must be recognized.

Vice President **Jack Campbell** has remained focused on multiple projects that he has undertaken to create greater awareness of CG combat history. Fundraising for monuments, awards programs, membership recruiting, and attending CG events are programs Jack has dedicated himself to. Jack has traveled to Europe with commanders, past and present, visiting the monument dedicated to the CG he had erected so our com-

bat history is not forgotten. Jack has worked tirelessly on projects of this nature and is not easily deterred by the many setbacks in the path of progress.

National Sec'y-Treas **Ed Burke** has been the mainstay of our Association. Ed has greatly improved CGCVA administration through meticulous financial and membership management, coordinating special events, and maintaining a strong liaison with CGHQ. Ed and wife Nancy have dedicated themselves to the CGCVA, working many hours to ensure smooth sailing of CGCVA and CGCVA Auxiliary administration.

At the mast head of a great Association is an outstanding membership publication and CGCVA's editor-in-chief **LCDR Ed Swift** has made ours the best. Ed remains on active duty with the Coast Guard and is tasked with many time consuming duties. Devoted to the job, he has convinced me there are more than 24 hours in a day. Lcdr Swift will be retired shortly after 30 years of dedication to the Coast Guard and our Nation. Bravo Zulu Ed.

This is my last year as your president and I am very proud to have served our Association. I want to thank you for the privilege and the many cards, letters and phone calls. There is still much to accomplish on my watch and I look forward to representing you at events throughout the country. Semper Paratus.

Joe Kleinpeter

### **Eulogy For RADM Sobel**

RADM Arnold I. Sobel, USCGR (Ret.) passed away after a long battle with cancer on 31 January. His death is a loss to the Coast Guard, the CG Foundation, the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association, and these United States.

As did many others, Arnie joined the Coast Guard early in WWII, leaving family, friends and occupation to fight for freedom with complete disregard for his own safety. He served during the entire conflict and afterwards became a successful businessman in Chicago where he resided with his family — but he never forgot the Coast Guard.

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He was founder of the CG Foundation and gave unstintingly of his time to assure its success. He started the RADM Sobel Foundation, providing each year, four-year college scholarships to four deserving children of active-duty CG enlisted personnel. He assisted the CGCVA, donating \$2,500 toward the CGCVA History Book project, and assisting in every way possible through his personal and financial support.



RADM Arnold I. Sobel, USCGR (Ret.)

Arnold I. Sobel was one of a kind — patriotic, extremely generous with great insight for helping others. This country has lost a unique and wonderful person — and I have lost a great friend but my life is better for having the privilege of calling him "friend."

VADM Thomas R. Sargent, III,  
USCG (Ret.)

### New Ship's Store Item

Too late to include this in the Ship's Store section but a 12" long, stack-built balsa model of a Coast Guard 82-footer is now available for \$35. Contact Baker Herbert and look for the ad in Fred's Place on-line.

### CGC Hermes — Sub Chaser

As a Coast Guard WWII vet, I served aboard two ships during the war years, the *USCGC Hermes* (WPC-109) and the *USS Gen. William Mitchell* (AP-114). I have often read of the exploits of sister ships' *Icarus* and *Thetis* but not of the *Hermes*. I believe she sank a Japanese submarine because, as a Quartermaster, I recall painting the Japanese flag and submarine on

the port and starboard bridge wings. Unfortunately, I don't recall the details of the incident but it might make for interesting reading in the *QD Log*.

*Hermes* was one of 18 165-foot cutters rated as submarine chasers by the Coast Guard during WWII although they were designed and built to combat smuggling during Prohibition. *Hermes* was a sturdy ship but I think we took more water that we sailed on. I served on her for a year and a half and after that I think I could have ridden anything. In fact, after transferring to the *General Mitchell* in 1945, I had to go topside to know if we were at sea or not.

The *Hermes* carried 3" 50's fore and aft, two Y-guns, depth charges port and starboard, two 20mm 80's, and 50 cal. Brownings on the fying bridge.

I had some great shipmates on *Hermes*, like fellow QM Bill Williams from Florida and QM striker Keith Bloom from Iowa.

Glen R. Eppens

(Editor's Note: My research into the *Hermes'* WWII record did not indicate she was officially credited with sinking a Japanese submarine so perhaps other *Hermes'* crew members can provide additional information. The cutter is credited with rescuing 11 survivors from the *SS Lewis Cass* on 26 January 1943. Belated 79th birthday greetings Glen!)



Wartime photo of the USCGC *Hermes* (WPC-109), a submarine chaser.



## Association News — Features

### How Much Did You Make

For WWII members, the following comes from a 1940 edition of the *Navy Bluejacket's Manual* and reflects the monthly military pay during the period Dec. 1941 through Aug. 1945:

E-7 (Nonrated 3/c): \$21; E-6 (Nonrated 2/c): \$36; E-5 (Nonrated 1/c): \$54; E-4 (Petty Officer 3/c): \$60; E-3 (Petty Officer 2/c): \$72; E-2 (Petty Officer 1/c): \$84; E-1A (Provisional Chief): \$99; and E-1 (Permanent Chief): \$126.

All pay was non-taxable at that time. The E-1A paygrade was only for the Navy and Coast Guard. The paygrades later changed in 1958 under Public law 85-422, which created the "super enlisted" grades E-8 and E-9, and inverted the order where an E-1 was the lowest and E-9 the highest. Also under the law the provisional paygrade went away, however, the practice of the probationary period (two years) as an E-7 remained until 1969.

MCPO-CG Vince Patton

## CGCVA Small Stores

The following CGCVA items are now available. Send orders to Baker Herbert at 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

**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

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

**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)



USCG Christmas Ornament

**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 ...\$25.00 (Special Reduced Price)



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

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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)

**MODEL KIT:** CG Helicopter, MRC; Bell HTL-4...\$25.00. (Three in stock)

**VIETNAM PATCHES:** pick from Squadron One; Squadron Three; Explosive Loading Detachment; USCG - ARVN - Explosive Loading Detachment; Market Time - Vietnam; LORSTA Con Son; and LORSTA Sattahip; or Tonkin Gulf Yacht Club...\$10.00 each

**NEEDLEPOINT KITS;** counted cross stitch, *USCGC Barque Eagle*, 12' x 7" 378' Cutter; 16" x 13" 180' Buoy Tender; 8" x 13" ...\$20.00 each



*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

**BOOK;** "No Port In A Storm" by Bob MacAlinden. True stories of lightship crews in U.S. and abroad. Details good, bad and horrors of lightship duty. 145 pages with many photos...\$25.00. (10 in stock)



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**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)

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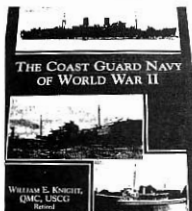
Book; "Riverine — A Pictorial History Of The Brown Water War In Vietnam"

**BOOK;** "USCG — Always Ready." 1987 book by Hans Halberstadt. Chronicles Coast Guard history and major events. \$22.50. (One in stock)

**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. (Unlimited supply)

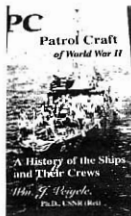
**MODEL;** 311-foot WAVP, USCGC Casco (W-370), length 9.7", scale 1/32" = 1', balsa-stack built. \$35.00



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



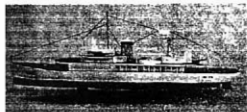
Book; "USCG — Always Ready"



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

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

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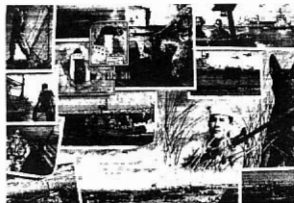
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*Coast Guard in Desert Storm Water Color*

Presque Isle State Park. \$20.00

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**MODEL:** 38-foot Picket Boat, length 9.5", scale 1/4" = 1', balsa-stack built, \$30.00

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**PATCH BOOKS:** Pick from Volume 1-A (White Cutters) ...\$13.50; Volume 1-B (Black Cutters) ...\$8.50; Volume 1-C (Red Cutters) ...\$6.50; Volume 2 (Aviation) ...\$10.50; and Volume 3 (Stations) ...\$14.50. These booklets are spiral-bound and will be shipped 4th class mail or bound printed matter.

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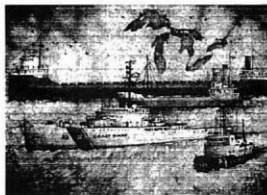
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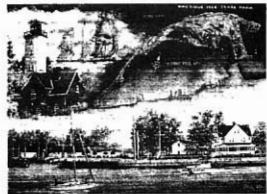
*USCGC Mohawk wooden model kit*



*36-foot Motor Life Boat wooden model kit*



*USCGC Mackinaw Water Color*



*Presque Isle Station Water Color*

## CGCVA Auxiliary News

### Auxiliary Members and Friends:

I would like to thank **Mare Swift** for doing the Auxiliary article for the last *QD Log*. Paul and I were "on the road" for the summer and quite busy. Several special events, including a class reunion, were on the calendar and were wonderful. There were family times as well during our three months in Oregon. We enjoyed the Coast Guard-Exchange in Coos Bay, meeting new people and being able to purchase Coast Guard items was great. We are presently in Florida, near Paul's Mom and Brother. We have enjoyed numerous family get-togethers already and there's still several months left to our stay.

It time to think ahead to October. It will be here before we know it and time for the Coast Guard



Combat Veterans' Association Reunion in Covington, Kentucky. In previous reunions, the Auxiliary has done many things in support of the CGCVA as well as conducting our own activities.

The 2000 Reunion looks to be even bigger and better so a team of Auxiliary volunteers will be needed. There are many plans to make and things to do so let me know how you can help. I am open to suggestions and would like to hear from you.

Write me at 118 Rainbow Drive #1868, Livingston, TX 77399-1018 or e-mail me at els699@aol.com. We get mail forwarded to us no matter where we are. You can also write to Nancy Burke, the CGCVA Auxiliary Secretary-Treasurer at 17728 Striley Drive, Ashton, MD 20861. **Liz Scotti, CGCVA Auxiliary President**



### 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  
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**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		
Address	Apt. #	City	State	Zip	Tel. #

Send Completed Application w/attachments to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsors Signature & Date

**Bob Maxwell**  
**P.O. Box 2790**  
**Burney, CA 96013**

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Name

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## Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association

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**Important:** This Application MUST be accompanied by either a copy of your Discharge (Both Sides); or, a copy of a DD-214; or, a copy of a DD-215; or, a copy of NAV/CG-553; or a copy of your letter of awards, or a copy of some other "Official" document that states your participation in or your direct support of a combat situation. You may further get a certified statement from a former shipmate who is a member of the CGCVA in "Good Standing," stating that you served with him on a particular ship/station during a particular period of time. Haitian service has recently been authorized the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal that qualifies for membership.

Rank/Rate: Present  @ Discharge  @ Retirement  \_\_\_\_\_

Dues: **\$25.00 For 2 Years.** Amount of Membership Dues Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Make Check/M.O. Payable To: CGCOMVETS

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

Send To: E. P. "ED" Burke, LM, National Secretary  
17728 Striley Drive, Ashton, MD 20861-9763  
Tel: Msg. or Fax (301)570-5664



Who remembers the WWII-era production of "Tars and Spars?" The 1946 Columbia Picture starred Janet Blair, Alfred Drake, Marc Platt, Jeff Donnell, Sid Caesar, Ray Walker, and James Flavin.

Synopsis: After completing a 21-day stretch "guinea pigging" for a new vitamin chewing gum while on a raft 50 feet from his Coast Guard base, a SN returns to his post in the radio station. Seeing a SPAR at his desk, he thinks he has been relieved for active duty and will now get his long-awaited overseas orders. Overseas ends up being Catalina, only 20 miles away. This tar and SPAR end up together in a show that plays in Honolulu. The comedy of Sid Caesar got the best reviews.

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