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National D-Day Memorial Opens

CGCVA Prominent at Dedication Ceremony in Bedford, Virginia

A flag-waving crowd of 22,000 greeted President George W. Bush at the dedication ceremony of the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, VA, on June 6, 2001, the 57th anniversary of D-Day. Among them was CGCVA President Jack Campbell. The crowd was the largest gathering of D-Day veterans since the invasion's 50th anniversary at Normandy, France, in 1994.

Patriotic and reverent tribute provided an emotional tone and American, British and Canadian D-Day veterans read the memoirs of other D-Day veterans rather than speaking of their own experiences. Eisenhower's D-Day order was read, as well as a prayer by Franklin D. Roosevelt, a passage from Anne Frank's diary and Winston Churchill's D-Day announcement.

Bedford was chosen as the site for the memorial because the small town, which had a population of 3,200 in 1944, lost more casualties to the D-Day invasion per capita than any other city in the United States. The memorial, which stands atop the tallest hill in Bedford, sits on 88 acres of memorial grounds owned by the National D-Day Memorial Foundation. The 15-acre memorial includes two sections: a 9-acre monument and a 49,000-square foot education center.

The impressive 9-acre monument is divided into three sections: Victory Plaza, Middle Plaza and the English Garden. The first, representing victory and consolidation, is a 44-foot, 6-inch tall polished granite arch emblazoned with the word "Overlord," the code name chosen by Churchill for the D-Day invasion. The arch's

dimensions were chosen to indicate D-Day: 44 representing the year 1944, while the 6 inches represent June 6. The arch is surrounded by flags representing the Allied nations that participated in the invasion.

Middle Plaza represents the invasion itself, constructed to illustrate the D-Day landing scene. Its reflecting pool represents the English Channel and several life-size bronze soldiers are depicted wading through the shallow waters, some carrying their wounded comrades. Near the water's

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Mr. President... Meet Mr. President. George W. Bush greets Jack Campbell at the dedication of the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, VA on June 6, 2001. Each of the armed forces were represented by a D-Day veteran. Jack served on a Rescue Flotilla 83-footer, part of the Coast Guard's "Matchbox Fleet."



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From the President

Dear Shipmates:

I am delighted to say that we should have a bang-up Mini-Reunion at Cape May in September. My discussions with the new Training Center CO, CAPT Doug Wisniewski, indicate he plans on a continued strong liaison with our Association and we will likely have a first-class tour in Cape May.



JACK CAMPBELL

I again attended the annual Coast Guard Day Festival in Grand Haven, Michigan (Coast Guard City, USA) and presented CGCVA plaques to the mayors of the three communities that sponsor the annual festival.

As enthusiastic as I am about the festival and our upcoming Mini-Reunion, I am still reeling from the incredible experience I had at the dedication of the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Virginia on June 6th. I really wish we could have had all the CGCVA members there who participated in the Normandy Landings. It was a simply magnificent event and the organizers took very good care of the participating D-Day veterans and myself. The entire memorial area is beautiful but, at the same time, a somber reminder of what took place nearly 60 years ago. I hope many of you will have the opportunity to visit the memorial.

On a sad note, I regret to inform the membership of the passing of **PNP Dick Stent** on July 20th in Columbus, Ohio. He was buried on the 25th. A two-person Coast Guard honor guard took care of the flag-folding while the AmVets provided a firing detail of seven persons and a bugler. **Baker Herbert** attended the funeral as our representative. Good bye Dick... we'll miss you! Semper Paratus!

Jack

**Next Quarterdeck Log
deadline is Nov. 1, 2001**

From the Vice President

Ahoy Shipmates:

As I put together this issue of the *QD Log*, I am in the middle of several official activities that involve the CGCVA.

Things got started in late June when Jack Campbell and I attended the Change of Command ceremony at USCG Training Center Cape May, NJ. RADM Sally Brice-O'Hara, the outgoing CO, has been extremely supportive of the CGCVA the past three years and truly appreciates our Association's presentation each week to the graduating recruit earning the Physical Fitness Award. The new CO, CAPT Douglas Wisniewski, has pledged continued support to the CGCVA and he wants to help us have a memorable Mini-Reunion there on Sept. 21st. I'd also like to thank

Governmental and Public Affairs. You may remember him from our convention in Kentucky. At that time, CAPT Eldridge was the Chief of Staff for the Second Coast Guard District, and he was the official who welcomed us and got the reunion off to a great start.



ED SWIFT

The VFW event was held Friday, August 3rd and I was joined there by our Sec'y-Treasurer Terry Graviss and Ed Burke. The CGCVA

Auxiliary also made a good showing there with Mare Swift, Jennifer Graviss and Nancy Burke attending.

The following day was the annual Coast Guard Day Picnic for USCG Headquarters. About 1200 people attended and the CGCVA had a huge booth under a tent. We proudly displayed our banner and were able to sign up three new members.

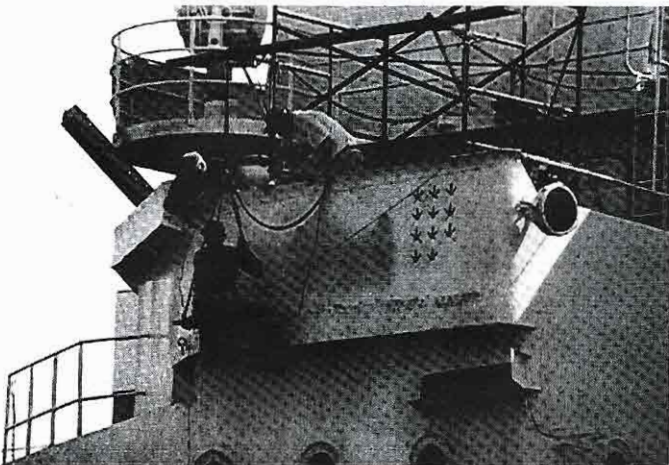
I had the pleasure to represent the CGCVA at the annual Coast Guard Band Concert at the Navy Memorial in Washington, DC. on August 7th. That's always a great event and the Coast Guard Band draws a huge crowd there. I also beat the CGCVA drum at the CG Band concert the following evening in Annapolis, MD.

As I said, it sometimes makes for a very hectic time but it certainly is rewarding, especially when senior officials recognize the Association.

I hope other members get involved in military, community and veterans events in their area because it always provides an opportunity to reach out to prospective members.

Semper Paratus!

Swiftly



One Taney Volunteer Work Day in the books and another scheduled. Tom May, who served on the USCGC Taney in 1969-70 as a BT, preps the ship's port bridge wing for the installation of new ribbon boards. Assisting him (left) is Jim Law of the Spencer and Half Moon, and Ed Peden, an SS3 on Taney from 1983-86. More on both Taney Volunteer Work Days inside.

CGCVA members Terry Lee and Eric Newpher for attending this event.

Just finished the annual "Salute to the Coast Guard" at my VFW Post and, as usual, it was a great time. Post 1503 has hosted the event the past seven years and I've exceeded it each time. The guest speaker this time was RADM Kevin Eldridge, the Assistant Commandant for

From the Secretary-Treasurer

Recruiting

We have had good success in recruiting new members during the past six months thanks to several people but two in particular. A special thanks to PNP Joe Kleinpeter and Bill Wells for the outstanding jobs they have been doing in this area. Remember, one of the only ways we can get your shipmates in the organization is for you to ask them to join.

Retention

Retention is another matter all together. I have noticed that the majority of the people who let their CGCVA membership lapse are one-term members. I think that the reason for this is that they joined and got nothing from the experience. How can you help? One way would be to look at the list of new members that is published in each *QD Log* and if you recognize a person, contact them and welcome them aboard. If you need their address or phone number, let me know and I can furnish it to you (although it may take me a week or two). The more we get new people involved, the more likely they are to remain as members.

Relaying the Information

Relay the word! I find myself not doing an adequate job of updating information because I don't get the word. If you know of a shipmate who has something special good or bad happen, let me know. We have the e-mail address (the best way), snail mail (second best), and the phone. I want to be able to get a widow a condolence card in a timely manner, not 3-4 months after the fact. You are all the eyes and ears of the Association and I could really use your help. Thanks!

Welcome New Members

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

MAY 2001

Lee A. Morris (Joe Kleinpeter); **Carl D. Johnson**

(Ernest Johnson); **Lloyd F. Taylor** (Allan Kelly); **Ernest J. Darling**; **Charles L. Haight** (Joe Kleinpeter); **Willis H. Collyer** (Joe Kleinpeter); **Lawrence D. Lorentzen** (Charle Reis); **David T. Miller** (Joe Kleinpeter); **Joseph E. Ryan** (Joe Kleinpeter); **John Hoitsma** (Anthony Kloska); **William R. Michels** (Bill Beckwith); **Dominick P. Nizzare** (Irwin Abelson); and **Wentzel Stepnowski** (Chuck Ulrich).



TERRY GRAVISS

JUNE 2001

Patricia Splain (John Splain); **Edward A. Kelly, Jr.** (Terry Lee); **Howard A. Hoover**; **John S. Feagan** (Bill Mander); **Donald R. Leal** (Harold Smith); **Peter A. Baumann** (Joe Kleinpeter); **Tommy C. Spradlin** (Joe Kleinpeter); **Rufus M. Sullivan** (Joe Kleinpeter); **James J. Driscoll** (Bill Wells); **A. Edward Sandstrom** (Andrew Cisternivo); **Wilton A. Lisk** (Joe Kleinpeter); **Richard C. Lundin** (Jack Campbell); **Jerry J. Echols** (Bill Wells); **Gordon E. Huggins** (Bill Wells); **Joseph J. Burns** (Raymond McAlister); **Neils A. Hanson** (H.D. Smith); **Dr. James B. Cloyd** (Ralph A. Cragg, Jr.); and **Armond L. Lisle** (Morris E. Lewis).

JULY 2001

Richard T. Forand (Richard Ames); **William R. Bentler** (Jack Freie); **Stephen O. Culmer** (Joe Kleinpeter); **Reuben L. Ginn** (Joe Kleinpeter); **William A. Wiseman** (Thomas Taylor); **Segundo A. Carreno** (Joe Kleinpeter); **Richard T. Guilmette** (Joe Kleinpeter); **John E. Sparks** (Bill Wells); and **Wilbert M. Ericson** (Joe Kleinpeter).

Remember... when the chips are down, the buffalo is empty!

Reunions — Notices

CGC's Absecon & Chincoteague

A reunion is being planned for *USCGC's Absecon (WAVP-374)* and *Chincoteague (WAVP-375)* to be held at the Radisson Hotel, downtown Norfolk, VA, October 11-13, 2001. Those interested who served on either cutter from date of commissioning to 1972 should contact either **John R. Peters** at (757) 479-0000. E-mail: odupeters@aol.com or **Harry Huggins** E-mail: muzz4poppi@cs.com. Ph: (757) 484-3700

CGC Chambers (WDE-491)

The *CGC Chambers* will hold a reunion Oct. 12-14, 2001, in New Bedford, MA. Contact: E-mail **R. Grant** at rbgrant@compuserve.com or call (808) 261-2653.

CGC Spencer

The *USS/CGC Spencer (W-36)* Association and the *USCGC Spencer (WMEC-905)* will hold their annual reunion Oct. 11-15, 2001, in Williamsburg, VA. Anyone who served aboard either the "327" or "270" is welcome. Contact: **Jack Shampine** at Rte. #31, Cicero, NY 13039. Ph: (315) 699-3127 or **Hank Rogers** at 32 Freedom Ct., Baltimore, MD 21220. Ph: (410) 335-6826.

Coast Guard CW Operators

The 3rd reunion of the Coast Guard CW Operators Association will be held 17-20 October 2001 at the Holiday Inn Riverview (code ***CWO***), 301 Savannah Hwy., Charleston, SC. Contact: **RMCS Jim Huffman, USCG (Ret.)** at P.O. Box 55388, North Pole, AK 99705-5388. Ph: (907) 488-6528. E-mail: bird63@alaska.net

Lightship Sailors

Reunion scheduled for Oct. 4-6, 2001, in Port Huron, MI. For details, e-mail **Jerry Radloff** at: gsradloff@yahoo.com or call (313) 884-3071.

USS Aquarius (AKA-16)

The *USS Aquarius* will hold its annual reunion Oct. 25-29, 2001, in New Orleans, LA. Contact: **Homer Brush** at 4113 Durham Road, Royal Oak, MI 48073. Ph: (248) 549-5163.

USS Falgout (DE-324)

Crew members from the *USS Falgout* will hold a reunion Oct. 17-20, 2001, at the Constitution Inn at the door of the Charlestown Navy Yard in Boston, MA. Reservations can be made by calling the Inn at (800) 495-9622. Contact: **Bill O'Keefe** at 192 Indian Mtn. Lakes, Albrightsville, PA 18210. Ph: (570) 722-0054.

USS General H.L. Scott

Crew members from the *USS Gen. H.L. Scott* will hold a reunion Sept. 23-26, 2001 at the New Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas, NV. Contact: **Bob Pereslete** at 600 N. Plaza Amigo, Palm Springs, CA 92262. Ph: (760) 325-3836.

USS Leonard Wood (APA-12)

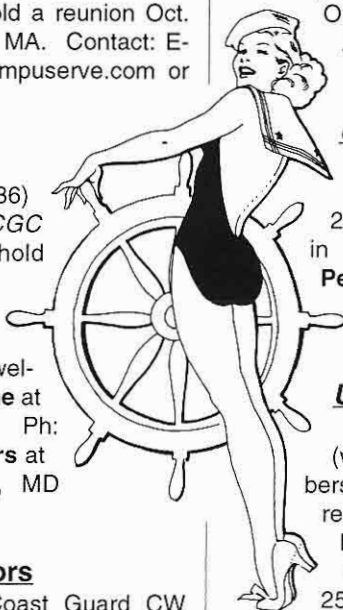
The *USS Leonard Wood* Association (which includes surviving crew members, families and friends) is planning a reunion Oct. 15-18, 2001, at the Red Lion Hanalei Hotel in San Diego, CA. Contact: **Joseph Raguckas** at (734) 254-0844.

USS LST-787

Crew members from *USS LST-787* will gather Sept. 27-29, 2001, in Sparks, NV for a reunion at the Silver Club Hotel on Victoria Avenue. For more information, contact: **Jade Tree Travel Corp.**, at 3600 W. 80th Street, Suite 45, Bloomington, MN 55431. Ph: (800) 653-8733.

USS Wm. F. Seiverling

The 37th reunion of the *USS William F.*



Reunions — Notices

Seiverling (DE-441) Assn. will be held 3-7 Oct. 2001 at the Hawthorn Suites, 6329 S. 212th St., Seattle/Kent, WA 98032. Contact **Tony Mola** at 12608 East Marginal Way South, Seattle, WA 98168. Ph: (206) 246-5674.

USS Hurst (DE-250)

A reunion of eighteen shipmates from the WWII CG-manned destroyer escort *USS Hurst*, along with wives, companions and guests, was recently held in Baton Rouge, LA as part of the 17th gathering of the Hurst Family. The next Hurst reunion will be 10-13 Oct 2001 in Pittsburgh, PA. All former crew members are cordially invited.



(left to right) BGEN Wilma Vaught, USAF (Ret.), CWO4 Betty Spilane, USCGR (Ret.) and USCG Commandant ADM James Loy following the dedication and unveiling of a model of the USCGC Spar (WLB 206) at the Women In Military Service For America Monument, Washington, DC, on July 27th. Launched in August 2000 in Marinette, WI, the 225-foot Spar will be commissioned August 4, 2001, in its homeport of Kodiak, AK. More than a dozen S.P.A.R.S., in addition to Betty Spilane, were on hand for the event. Betty read a special message to the ladies from CAPT Dorothy Stratton, USCGR (Ret.), the first Director of the Coast Guard Women's Reserve.

USS Sheliak (AKA-62)

The USCG-manned *USS Sheliak* will hold its 13th reunion Sept. 16-19, 2001, in Savannah, GA. Contact: **Fred Mientka** at 5 Polo Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80906. Ph: (719) 596-6745.

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A reunion of Coast Guard personnel who served aboard *USS Poole (DE-151)*, *USS Peterson (DE-152)* and *USS Gandy (DE-764)* will be held 3-7 October 2001 in Myrtle Beach, SC. Contact: **Ed Synos** at 751 Spring Crest Court, Fenton, MO 63026. Ph: (636) 343-1013.

Coast Guard League

Coast Guard Auxiliariist, retired CG Reservist and historian **John T. Lincoln** is seeking information on Auxiliary members who were members of USCG Reserve "T" (temporary) during WWII. He hopes to build a collection of personal stories, documents and photographs. In particular, he is looking for information on the Coast Guard League, formed in July, 1945. Persons who can tell him what the League's functions and goals were, how long the League existed, and when it was disbanded can contact John at 1309 Emerson Ave., N. Cape May, NJ 08204. Ph: (609)886-6364. E-mail: jlincoln@bellatlantic.net.

D-Day Museum Expanding

Sixty years after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, the National D-Day Museum in New Orleans will dedicate its Pacific Wing to honor veterans of the Pacific invasion forces, their families and home-front workers.

The National D-Day Museum is the only museum in America dedicated to the remembrance of all the amphibious invasions of World War II, in both the European and Pacific theaters.

A number of public activities are scheduled during the ceremonies, including citywide pealing of the bells memorializing the moment 60 years earlier when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. The public is also invited to a 3-day open house on the Mississippi River at the *USS Iwo Jima*, *USCGC Munro*, *MV Cape Kennedy* and

SS Pacific Victory. An official Dept. of Defense military parade will honor Pacific veterans of WWII. Each service will provide ceremonial marching and musical units, as well as an all-service aerial flyover and review.

Veterans also will reminisce with the public and share their experiences with panels of noted WWII historians and experts. The public is invited to attend a 2-day film festival of WWII motion pictures such as "Guadalcanal Diary" and "Sands of Iwo Jima."

Also featured will be a re-enactment of a WWII Pacific landing and a fly-over of vintage aircraft. The USO of New York will recreate the excitement of a WWII canteen during the swing era.

WWII Pacific theater vets who wish to receive detailed information about the Pacific Area Exhibit grand opening events should call (504) 410-0221 if in the New Orleans area or (800) 273-4463 if outside New Orleans.

Pacific vets who wish to participate in grand opening events should be prepared to provide their name, address, phone number, e-mail and military service information. This information may also be sent to the museum by fax at (504) 410-0899.

Memorial Day 2001

On Memorial Day, May 28, 2001, CGCVA members Jim Sandberg and George P. Alton

I stepped into the head today and found this hand-written sign posted over one of those hot air hand dryers... "Please push button and listen for a short message from the XO."

Ever go to a military hospital? They're in no hurry there. I saw a plaque over the Emergency Room door that read... "Time heals all wounds!"



(Left to right) CGCVA member Jim Sandberg, MGEN Gary Voellger, USAF, and CGCVA member George Alton relax following Memorial Day ceremonies at the Lone Tree Cemetery in Hayward, CA, on May 28, 2001. Jim and George were the only Coast Guard folks in the crowd and proudly wore their Association ballcaps.

attended ceremonies commemorating the solemn occasion at the Lone Tree Cemetery in Hayward, CA. Many veterans and their families were in attendance for the decorating of the more than 3,000 graves of the departed veterans with small American flags. Being the only "Coasties" in attendance, Jim and George made sure they wore their CGCVA hats and they were well received by the guest speaker, MGEN Gary Voellger, USAF, and the other vets from other services.

The event was Lone Tree Cemetery's 98th annual Memorial Day Service and more than 600 people attended. Way to go Jim and George for so ably representing the Coast Guard and the CGCVA.

Helping Our Veterans

For some time now I have been collecting magazines and books and taking them to the Newton D. Baker Veterans Hospital in Martinsburg, WV. The staff there are eager to receive reading material for the patients and the Volunteers Office asked me what organization I belonged to. I proudly told them the Coast

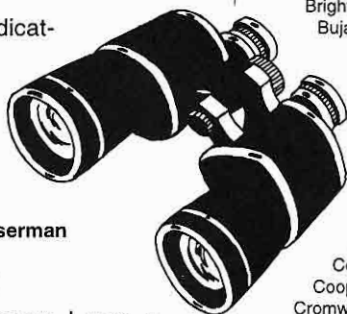
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Guard Combat Veterans Association. Perhaps other CGCVA members will consider helping out the veterans in VA hospitals around the country by donating magazines and other reading materials in the name of our Association. I can tell you the vets will really appreciate it. **H. Don Smith**

CGC Bibb Website

There is now a website dedicated to the *CGC Bibb*. It is: www.cutterbibb31.com. I hope many folks, especially prior *Bibb* sailors, will take a peek at this site when they're out surfing the net.

Neil Wasserman



Who Needs A License!

During the invasion of Siapan I was a MoMM3/c on a LCVP. Our ship, the CG-manned attack transport *USS Cavalier* was ordered to leave as the Japanese Fleet was on its way. I had to live aboard the LCVP for nine days until it was clear for the *Cavalier* to pick us up.

Its funny but when I was discharged after WWII, I did not know how to drive a car but I could sure drive a LCVP and hit a beach!

Herb Cohen

E-Mail Addresses

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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."

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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 our Service's distinguished combat history and also with our Association.



PA.

DIME A DRINK

Four retired Coasties are walking down the street when they see a sign that says "Veterans Bar," so they go in. The bartender asks for their order and they all ask for a martini. He delivers the drinks and says, "That will be 40 cents."

They can't believe their good luck. They finish the drinks and order another round. Once again, the bartender brings the drinks and says, "That will be 40 cents." This whets their curiosity, so one says to the bartender, "How can you afford to serve martinis for a dime apiece?"

The bartender replies, "I guess you've seen the decor here. Well, I am a retired Chief Petty Officer and I always wanted to own a bar. Last year I hit the lottery for \$45 million and decided to open this place for real veterans. Every drink costs a dime... wine liquor, beer... all the same."

Then they notice four guys at the end of the bar who haven't ordered anything. They ask, "What's with them?" The bartender says, "Oh, those are retired Air Force colonels. They're waiting for happy hour."

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

SA Ryan B. Anctil (Papa 159) of Albany, NY, to USCG Station Padre Island, TX.

SN Lucas R. Korber (Quebec 159) of Columbus, OH, to CGC Kanawha, Pinebluff, AR.

SN Howard E. Groves (Romeo 159) of Norfolk, VA, to CGC Diligence, Wilmington, NC.

SA David J. Perzinski (Sierra 159) of Honolulu, HI, to CGC Washington, Honolulu, HI.

FA Brett A. Kime (Tango 159) of Yakima, WA, to CGC Healy, Seattle, WA.

SN Christopher M. Shaffer (Uniform 159) of Pittsburgh, PA, to USCG Training Center Yorktown, VA.

SA Christopher J. Connelly (Victor 159) of Newark, NJ, to CGC Cleat, Philadelphia,

AP Transport Group

A reunion for the WWII transports *USS Generals Mitchell (AP-114)*, *Randall (AP-115)*, *Gordon (AP-117)*, *Richardson (AP-118)*, *Weigel (AP-119)*, *Hodges (AP-144)*, and *Breckinridge (AP-176)*, and the *USS Admirals Benson (AP-120)*, *Capps (AP-121)*, *Eberle (AP-123)*, *Hughes (AP-124)*, and *Mayo (AP-125)* will be held in Dallas, TX, on June 6-9, 2002. Contact: **Chuck Ulrich** at 35 Oak Lane, New Hyde Park, NY 11041. Ph: (516) 747-7426.



(Left to right) CGCVA member Terry Lee, New Jersey Acting Governor Donald DiFrancesco, and CGCVA President Jack Campbell at a Nov. 25, 2001 Memorial Day breakfast in Drumthwacket, NJ

Staying In Touch

How often does your reunion group get together? CGCVA member **Frank D. Seigel** came up with this list of most prolific Coast Guard ship reunions:

<i>USS Wakefield (AP-20)</i>	— 52nd
<i>USS Dickman (APA-13)</i>	— 41st
<i>USS Allentown (PF-52)</i>	— 37th
<i>USS W. Seiverling (DE-441)</i>	— 37th
<i>USS Callaway (APA-35)</i>	— 35th

D-Day Ceremony in Florida

Wish I could make the CGCVA Mini-Reunion in Cape May and the biennial one in Reno in 2002 but surgery and old age just won't let me do it alone. Still, I was able to attend a ceremony last Nov. 11th near my home in Naples, FL. Our congressman rounded up about 145 veterans who had participated in the D-Day invasion and presented the French Medal (given out on the 50th anniversary of D-Day) to those of us who had not previously received it. It was a moving ceremony and I was the only Coastie in the group. One of the vets, an Army nurse, had five battle stars on her ribbon, and she received a standing ovation.

Louis J. Ciancaglini

Never be afraid to try something new. Remember, amateurs built the ark, professionals built the Titanic.

Memorial Day Ceremony in New Jersey

On May 25, 2001, CGCVA President Jack Campbell and CGCVA member Terry Lee attended a Memorial Day holiday breakfast in Drumthwacket, NJ. The event was hosted by Acting New Jersey Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco and brought together leaders and members of various New Jersey veterans organizations.

CGC Taney Volunteer Work Weekend

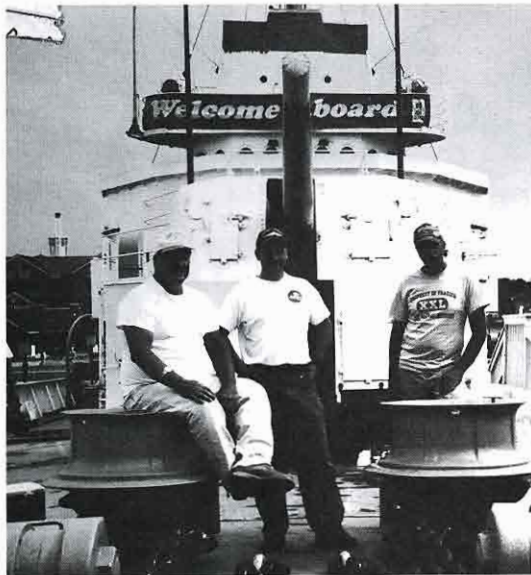
During the weekend of May 12-13, 2001, I had the pleasure of making a trip to Baltimore with my brother Nelson and Bill Broennle (both CGCVA members like myself) to participate in the first ever *CGC Taney* Volunteer Work Party.

The *Taney* has the distinction of being the only warship still afloat that saw action during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. As such, *Taney* has been designated as a National Historic Landmark.

We were met with a warm welcome by Paul Cora, Curator of the Baltimore Maritime Museum (and the BMC for the weekend). There were 22 volunteers and the weather cooperated nicely.

What our volunteer group accomplished included: prepping and painting the foc'sle and various areas of the *Taney's* superstructure, cleaning

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(Left to right) CGCVA member Nelson Lee, Baltimore Maritime Museum Curator Paul Cora, and CGCVA member Bill Broennle aboard the USCGC Taney during the first Taney Volunteer Work Party Weekend, May 12-13, 2001.

and refurbishing spaces above and below decks, replacement of new ribbon boards and work on the ship's air conditioning system.

Great grub was provided, along with a rack to sleep in aboard the *Taney*. After our work day was complete on Saturday, the evening featured a cookout aboard the U.S. submarine *Torsk*, which sank the last enemy vessel of WWII. During the evening we had many spirited conversations reminiscing of our time served in the Coast Guard and looking at cruise books.

All in all, it was great fun and camaraderie and it was rewarding

to see the CGCVA well represented on this worthwhile project.

Terry Lee

Taney Work Party II

The second bi-annual *USCGC Taney* Volunteer Work Weekend will take place aboard the cutter Sept. 29-30, 2001. If you served on the *Taney*, served in the Coast Guard, like historic ships or just like to get your hands dirty, please consider joining us to do necessary restoration work on a legendary ship.

The *Taney* is located at Pier 5 at Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided on Saturday plus breakfast on Sunday. The *Taney* also offers a free place to stay (Friday and Saturday nights) if you need it.

To RSVP or ask questions, call **Scott Armstrong** or **Paul Cora** at the Baltimore Maritime Museum at (410) 396-3453. Let us know which day(s) you will attend and if you plan to stay aboard. And of course, we'd be happy if you brought along some family and friends who'd enjoy doing some restoration work.

Thanks in advance and Semper Paratus to all who participate in this project.

CGC General Greene

I read with great interest the *USCGC General*

Greene's encounter with a submarine written by Floyd Stewart in the Spring 2001 *QD Log*. I was a F/2c at that time aboard the *Greene* and remember the incident quite well.

The *Greene* had an earlier encounter with a submarine in May, 1942. I joined the *Greene* in April of that year, not too long after finishing boot camp at Manhattan



CGCVA member and Vietnam veteran Terry Lee (right) with Carl and Mary Jane Gacano, hosts of the annual Anville, PA Memorial Day Parade on May 26, 2001.

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Beach on Sheepshead Bay, NY.

On May 25, 1942, the *Greene* was assigned to a search and rescue mission to look for survivors of a torpedoed merchant ship. At 0300 on May 25th, the *Greene* left Nantucket on a course of 140T. I believe the survivors had at some time earlier been spotted by a U.S. Navy blimp. At 0730, the *Greene* changed course to 090T and a short time later, at 0820, general quarters was sounded. At 0822, all stations were manned and the *Greene* began a search of the designated area.

At 0945, a small boat was sighted off the starboard beam. In our maneuvering to get to the lifeboat, we went through a small fog bank and spotted the wake of a submarine. The captain, LTJG P. F. Shea, gave the order to ram the sub but that was unsuccessful so we laid down a pattern of depth charges.

The next part of the action I remember quite distinctly. My assignment was to get the motor lifeboat ready if needed and since the boat was on the deck above the engine room and level with the bridge, I had a great view of the events that followed.

Two of the depth charges went off simultane-

ously and the stern of the *Greene* came out of the water about 10 feet. BM1/c Guzik went diving into the aft storage locker to see if we had



(Left to right) USCGC General Greene shipmates in 1942, Coxswain John Randall, EM3/c Roland Barrelle, FN2/c Eric "Junior" Phillips, and Radioman Cornel Scanlon.

ously and the stern of the *Greene* came out of the water about 10 feet. Thinking we had blown off our stern, Captain Shea ordered me to make ready the lifeboat to abandon ship.

Luckily, the *Greene* had suffered no damage so we proceeded to search for the sub. After losing sonar contact we picked up the boatload of survivors who were from the British M/V SS



The USCGC General Greene's configuration during May, 1942.

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Peidsander. Some of them were in poor condition and had to be assisted from the lifeboat. Most were severely sunburnt since the *Peidsander* had been sunk just north of Bermuda and they had been adrift in the open boat for 10 days.

The survivors informed us that the sub had been shadowing them for several days, probably in hopes of sinking the rescuing ship. It has never been confirmed that the *General Greene* sank or damaged the submarine but the *Greene's* log states that an oil slick appeared after the depth charge attack.

We later learned the depth charges were incorrectly set for 50 feet and not the 150 feet as ordered.

I left the *Greene* as a MoMM2/c to attend amphibious diesel engine school in April 1944.

Eric J. Phillips, Jr.

Frank D. Higbee (1894-1986)

While there are enough people alive who came into contact with Frank D. Higbee, his story should be accululated. Personally, I knew him for only seven months but it was enough time for me to fill a volume.

Between the time I first met him and my last sight of him, much took place. My first Coast Guard assignment was to the Beach Patrol at San Clemente (11th Naval District). Higbee had been there for some time and had been appointed Captain of the Port for all harbors from Santa Maria River to the Mexican border.

I served under him in the South Pacific while he was Commander of Group 21, Flotilla 7, a group of LST ships. He was promoted to Captain in August, 1944, and reassigned but was granted a delay in order to participate in the invasion of the Philippines, where he served as Beachmaster.

Ironically, his father had served with Admiral Dewey when he took Manila.

I've heard many stories about Higbee but I'd really like to get the "real scoop" from those who were assigned with him are still around. I recently came across a copy of a WWII magazine dated Sept. 2000 which related the story of General MacArthur returning to the Philippines. One photo showed MacArthur wading through knee-deep water. The cutline says that he had intended to be put ashore high but the Beachmaster would not allow his LCVP to come ashore because of the heavy traffic already on the beach. The Beachmaster was quoted as being rather feisty, saying, "Let them walk in!" Wow! That sure sounds like my old boss!

I am writing to see if someone can identify the photographer of the aforementioned picture or



There will be one less cutter at Cape May when the CGCVA Mini-Reunion is held there in September. On July 24th, the USCGC Point Highland (WPB-82333) was decommissioned there and turned over to Trinidad and Tobago, which commissioned it in an impressive ceremony. CGCVA member Eric Newpher (left) was the guest of Training Center Command Master Chief David H. Evans. Eric is shown here with the Point Highland OinC, BMCM H.J. Bechtler III. The cutter was the oldest 82-footer in the Coast Guard and the last on the East Coast.

get the name of that Beachmaster. There were about seven different places where we came ashore. My job was to deploy smoke pots if necessary but they weren't needed due to the low

cloud cover and heavy rain during the first part of the day.

The obituary of Frank Higbee appeared in the *San Francisco Chronicle* on Sept. 10, 1986: "Retired Coast Guard Rear Admiral collapsed and died after exercising in San Pedro, CA at the age of 92." It stated that he had enlisted in the Navy in 1913 and later shipped over to the Coast Guard. E-1 to O-7, he was one celebrated 'Mustang.'

Howard I. Smith

Richard E. Stent, Jr. (1922-2001)

Past National President Dick Stent crossed the bar on July 20, 2001, in his hometown of Columbus, OH. He enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1942, serving in the North Atlantic on convoy duty until he was discharged in 1946.

As CGCVA president, Dick was the responsible for fund-raising efforts to erect a bronze plaque at Utah Beach, France, to commemorate the many efforts by the Coast Guard during the Normandy Invasion. He attended numerous patriotic events and was a very visible figure for the CGCVA. In 1988, Dick was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. A member of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels himself, Dick would occasionally present Kentucky Colonel certificates to persons who were very supportive of the CGCVA during his term as Association president.

Dick is survived by his wife Evelyn. We'll miss you shipmate!

Atlanta 4th of July Parade

Hats off to CGCVA Life member **Dave Williams** who volunteered to represent the Coast Guard in Atlanta's 4th of July Parade. Parade officials contacted the Coast Guard's Public Affairs Office in Miami, requesting a Coast Guard war veteran and the search was on.

Thanks to coordination with CGCVA National Secretary-Treasurer Terry Graviss, several CGCVA members in the greater Atlanta area were identified and contacted. Dave was quick to accept and he did a great job representing both the Coast Guard and the CGCVA.

A Greenland Tale

A C-141 cargo plane was preparing for departure from Thule Air Base in Greenland, and they were waiting for the truck to arrive to pump out the aircraft's sewage holding tank. The Aircraft Commander was in a hurry, the truck was late in arriving, and the Airman performing the job was extremely slow in getting the tank pumped out.

When the commander berated the Airman for his slowness and promised punishment, the Airman responded, "Sir, I have no stripes, it's 20 below zero, I'm stationed in Thule, Greenland, and I'm pumping sewage out of airplanes. Just what are you going to do to punish me?"

Think about it!



CROSSED THE BAR



Charles J. Carlin, Jr.

Joined: 4-4-94 CTB: 7-1-01

Dick Stent, Jr.

CGCVA National Past President

Joined: 6-24-89 CTB: 7-20-01

Charles R. Dodd

Joined: 7-01-90 CTB: 7-19-01

Warren G. Hartman

Joined: 1-18-96 CTB: 5-21-01

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National D-Day Memorial)

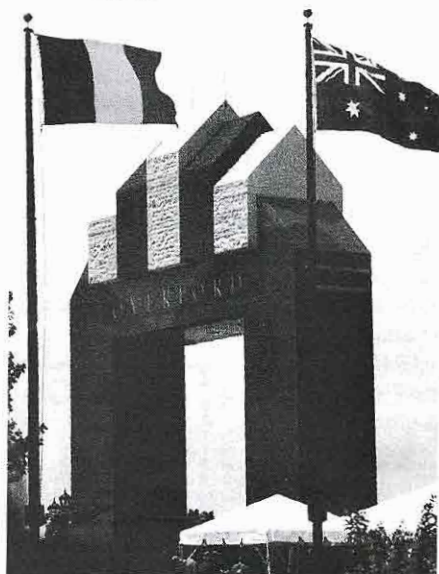
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edge is an artist rendering in granite of a Higgins landing craft. Small underwater fountains periodically shoot water into the air, giving an eerie feeling of stray enemy bullets hitting the water, just short of hitting Allied forces.

On the other side of the reflecting pool is walled structure 19 feet tall and 8 feet wide, representing the cliffs that Allied forces



(Above left) President Bush delivers the dedicatory address for the National D-Day Memorial. (Above right) The 44-foot, 6-inch polished granite "Overlord" arch at Victory Plaza.



encountered at Normandy. Four bronze Army Rangers are depicted climbing the cliff.

The English Garden, when completed, will represent the planning and preparation phases of the Allied invasion. This theme was selected because strategic planning and preparation for D-Day took place in England.

During the two-hour dedication ceremony, CGCVA President Jack Campbell was introduced and spoke about the "landward" portion of the invasion where Coast Guard forces landed troops on the invasion beaches and also rescued others in the water. Chaplain of the Coast Guard, CAPT Leroy Gilbert, delivered the ceremony's Dedicatory Prayer following the Dedicatory Address by President Bush.

"Upon this beautiful town fell the heaviest share of American losses on D-Day — 19 men from a

community of 3,200, four more afterwards," President Bush said in his address. "When people come here, it is important to see the town as the monument itself. Here were the images

these soldiers carried with them, and the thought of when they were afraid. This is the place they left behind. And here was the life they dreamed of returning to..."

For more information about the National D-Day memorial, visit the web site: www.dday.org. You can also call the memorial at 800-351-DDAY or e-mail: dday@dday.org.

Old Geezers

"Geezers," a slang term for old men, are easy to spot. At sporting events, during the playing of the National Anthem, they hold their hats over their hearts and sing without embarrassment. They know the

words and believe in them. They remember World War I, the Depression, World War II, Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, Normandy and Hitler. They remember the Atomic Age, the Korean War, The Cold War, the Jet Age, the Moon Landing and Vietnam.

If you bump into a "Geezer" on the sidewalk, he'll apologize; pass a "Geezer" on the street, he'll nod, or tip his cap to a lady.

"Geezers" trust strangers and are courtly to women. They hold the door open for the next person and always when walking, make sure the lady is on the inside for protection. "Geezers" get embarrassed if someone curses in front of women and children and they don't like violence and filth on TV and in movies. "Geezers" have moral courage. "Geezers" seldom brag unless it's about the grandchildren in Little League or

music recitals.

This country needs more "Geezers" with their decent values and common sense. We need them now more than ever. It's the "Geezers" who know our great country is protected, not by politicians or police, but by the young men and women in the armed forces, many serving their country in foreign lands, just as they did without a thought except do a good job, the best you can and to get home to loved ones.



(Left) Former SPAR Betty Stauffer puts a flower arrangement on the grave of former SPAR Edith Munro.

(Above) Trustee Pat Denney and Vince Stauffer at Douglas Munro's gravesite in Cle Elum, Wash.

Memorial Day in the Northeast

On Monday, May 28th, Trustee Pat

Denney and Life Member Vince Stauffer placed a CGCVA wreath at the gravesite of SM1/c Douglas A. Munro at the Cle Elum, WA cemetery. At the same time, former SPAR Betty Stauffer, member of the CGCVA Auxiliary, placed a flower arrangement on the grave of former SPAR Edith Munro, mother of Douglas Munro, who is buried next to her son.

Recognition...Finally!

Previous issues of the *QD Log* have told of CGCVA member Chris Wood's efforts to have a Coast Guard emblem added to the Stafford, CT

War Memorial.

The pilot light was lit for Wood in October 2000, when he was told by the VFW Commander that the Coast Guard seal would not be included in the city's new War Memorial, scheduled to be erected in February 2001. Needless to say, Wood was not in agreement with that decision and began a campaign to have the USCG seal put on the monument.

He sent several lengthy letters to the Stafford Veterans Memorial Committee and even addressed them at a meeting, but

without satisfaction.

Wood was not deterred. He next sent correspondence to First Selectman John Julian, and found he had an ally. The media too, picked up on his efforts and no less than six comprehensive stories followed the cat and mouse game played out between Wood and the Wall of Honor Committee.

His persistence eventually paid off. In April, First Selectman Julian reorganized the 13-member committee as a town panel, and it voted to add a \$740 temporary plaque just before Memorial Day 2001. The bronze plaque was installed over the four service seals which are etched into the gray granite monument. The plaque included reliefs of the five service seals, including the Coast Guard's.

"It looks great," Wood said. "I'm glad the first selectman and committee did it. Any serviceman in town can be proud of that and really have

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something to share with their children."

Of course, not everyone agrees or is pleased with the change. Committee founder Dixie Sfreddo thinks the plaque makes the wall look cheap. "We worked very hard for this monument for the veterans killed in action and their families who have waited 50 years to have their loved ones honored," Sfreddo said. "Now, instead of just names in granite, it has cheap bronze." She added that the original committee members chose not to place the Coast Guard seal on the wall because Coast Guardsmen serve under the command of the Navy during wartime.

Wood countered that the Coast Guard seal is displayed on other area monuments, and that the Coast Guard should be recognized as a separate branch of the military.

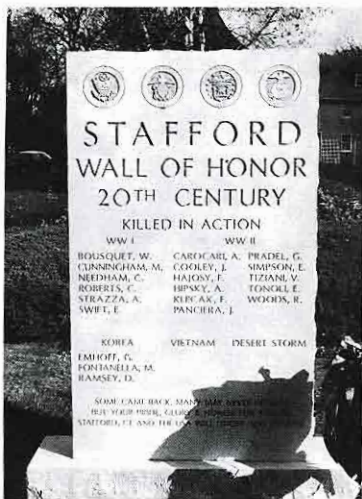
Well, when the smoke cleared, the Stafford, CT Wall of Honor had a bronze plaque on it containing seals of all five services. Game, set and match to Chris Wood.

Great work Chris!

Taney Exhibit Opens

On May 27, 2001, an onboard exhibit showcasing the *USCGC Taney's* role in the attack on Pearl Harbor was dedicated. Among the guests was Francis C. Soares, one of 22 crewmembers still alive from the *Taney* crew of 145 on Dec. 7, 1941.

Soares, now 80, served as a gun captain on *Taney*, and says the cutter was one of the first vessels to return fire against the Japanese planes. He recalls a plane flying directly at the *Taney*, apparently the pilot not expecting the



The Stafford, CT Wall of Honor before and after photos. (Above left) The original granite plaque with engraved seals from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force. (Above right) The monument with the bronze plaque containing all five service seals.



ship to fire back, but it did, putting up a thick wall of ammunition. "We surprised the heck out of him and he turned around," Soares said.

Named after Maryland native Roger B. Taney, the cutter was a make-work project of the Great Depression. Built in Philadelphia in 1936, it was part of a series of ships named for secretaries of the treasury and was among the biggest, most expensive and best ships the Coast Guard ever made. "They don't build ships like that anymore," remarked Soares at the dedication ceremony.

Al Duffield

Memorial Day in the Northeast II

This past memorial Day weekend, my wife and I had the pleasure of stopping at the Cle Elum, WA Cemetery to pay our respects to our Coast Guard Medal of Honor recipient Douglas A. Munro. We were overwhelmed by the addition of the Cle Elum Servicemans Memorial that was added last year. This wall of honor, listing the names of veterans from Cle Elum that served in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf War, and those that were killed in action, is very impressive.

The wall is in front of the grave of Munro and the

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Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association marker and adds a great deal to honor the sacrifices of our fallen comrade.

VFW Post 1337 is doing a wonderful job of taking care of this memorial, grave sites, 3-inch guns, flags and lighting. We would highly recommend that any CGCVA members traveling by Cle Elum, stop at the cemetery and pay their respects. It will be a most impressive visit.

Ralph E. Johnson



(Left) CGCVA member Ralph Johnson by one of the Cle Elum, WA Cemetery 3-inch guns. (Above) Douglas Munro's grave

I'm A Senior Citizen

I'm the life of the party — even when it lasts until 8 p.m.

I'm usually interested in going home before I get to where I'm going.

I'm good on a trip for at least an hour without my aspirin, beano or antacid.

I'm awake many hours before my body allows me to get up.

I'm smiling all the time because I can't hear a word you're saying.

I'm very good at telling stories — over and over and over and over.

I'm aware that other people's grandchildren are not as bright as mine.

I'm so cared for — long-term care, eye care, dental care, private care...

I'm not grouchy, I just don't like waiting, traffic, crowds, children, politicians...

I'm sure everything I can't find is in a secure place.

I'm wrinkled, saggy and lumpy... and that's just my left leg.

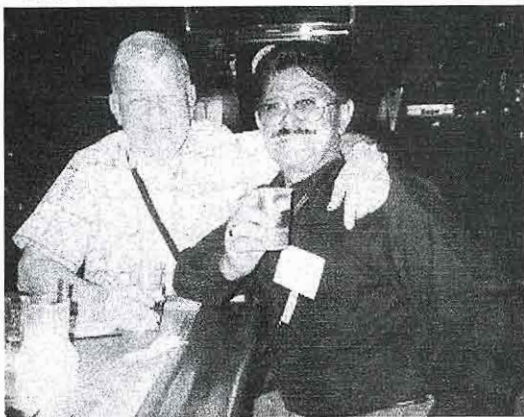
I'm a walking storeroom of information — I just lost the storeroom.

I'm a senior citizen and I'm having the time of my life!

USCGC Rush 30-Year Reunion

Nostalgia prevailed as 134 of the Crew and family members of the *USCGC Rush (WHEC-723)* gathered May 6-10, 2001, at the Plaza Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. It had been 30 years since they had all served together on the *Rush* during WESTPAC/Vietnam in 1970-71. Shipmates swapped sea stories and renewed old bonds of friendship, two coming from as far away as New Zealand (SN Rick Garcia) and Ponce, Puerto Rico (MKCS Herminio Garcia).

Three officers from the WESTPAC/Vietnam



EMCM Robert Brennan (left) and MKCS Herman Rivera share a few sea stories at the *USCGC Rush's 30 Year Vietnam Reunion* May 6-10, 2001, in Las Vegas. Besides the *Rush*, the two had sailed together on *CGC's Gresham and Midgett*.

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Rush wardroom were eventually promoted to flag rank and two of them were active at all reunion activities: RADM (Ret.) Peter Bunch (Rush EO) and present Ninth District Commander RADM James Hull (Rush Bull Ensign). RADM Robert W. Durfey (Rush CO), deceased, was present in spirit and was represented by his son, CAPT Robert W. Durfey, Jr., who shared times and places about his father with the gathering.

The final night was highlighted by Memorial Services to those Crewmembers who had "Crossed the Bar," presentations, speeches, sea stories, photo sessions, and lots of nostalgia. The last entry in the Log read: "A good time was had by all and let's do it again!"

EMCM Robert Brennan, USCG (Ret.)

USCGC Tamaroa

Recent articles in the Retiree Newsletter (July 2001) reminded me of serving aboard the *USCGC Tamaroa (WMEC-168)* and some of the experiences I had.

One particular experience resulted in my buying an item in Alaska some years ago. Twelve feet, one inch,,, a big fish? Yes, but this wasn't the length of a fish. I was skipper of the *Tamaroa* from June 1960 to August 1962. One day we were assigned to pull a large, dead whale off the beach near Atlantic City, NJ. If it rotted on the beach, you can bet the local residents would have made a big stink out of what was sure to become a big stink.

We sailed to Atlantic City, got in close to the beach, heaved out and dropped both bow anchors. Next, we sent a rubber boat in to the beach with a mooring line. The line was tied around the tail (flukes) and, when all was secured, we started the engine slowly and heaved on the anchors. The stern was cleared in

case the line parted and we picked up prop speed. Just before we reached top speed, the whale came off the beach, the anchors heaved in and we started to tow the whale offshore. The flukes were brought up even to the rail and we towed it out 70 miles to be sure it wouldn't drift ashore again. Twelve feet, one inch? That was the width of the flukes, and the item I bought in Alaska was a gold fluke, hand made by a local gold artisan. And it always brings back memories when I wear it.

After the *Tamaroa* was decommissioned, my son, Scott, and I, went aboard her when she was tied up off the end of Pier 40 on the Hudson River, New York. She was stripped, and I mean stripped. her mooring line forward was a single piece of old boat line, the re was a spring line from amidships forward of light wire, and a small dacron line aft.



The decommissioned cutter Tamaroa at Pier 40 on the Hudson River, New York.

The after winch was gone as was anything else of value, and she was really rusting. The captain's cabin was a shambles. The phone to the bridge by the skipper's bed had the old wire roughly covered with electrical tape as it could not be replaced due to its age. Apparently it wasn't worth saving so I have it now — on a home made wooden stand which has a clock in its face. When she goes back into service, she will

probably be the Unit Umpty-Umpt, but we old Tamies will never forget her!

Raphael T.A. McKenzie

People will accept your ideas much more readily if you tell them that Benjamin Franklin said it first.

Cape May Mini-Reunion Nears

As this issue of the *QD Log* was being "put to bed," the reported headcount for the Cape May Mini-Reunion on Sept. 21st stood at 62. Not bad! National CGCVA President Jack Campbell and I look forward to meeting many of you that morning at the Coast Guard Recruit Training Center for what should be a full day of Coast Guard-related activities.

The Mini-Reunion day will start early since many parents and friends of graduating recruits will be arriving at the training center. The Recruit Review and Graduation ceremonies start at 11 a.m., but there's many things to do long before that. Training center staff will welcome you, tell you a little about the area and possibly show a brief video.

Getting to the reviewing stands is next. It may be a bit of a hike for some but there is also limited parking close to the stands if needed. The official graduation ceremonies last anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour and everything is most impressive. You will certainly feel a lot of pride in seeing the young men and women just starting on their path in the Coast Guard.

Soon after the graduation ceremonies are

over, our group will probably be led to the training center mess hall for noon chow. Lunch will cost everyone about \$3.50. Following what will no doubt be a great lunch, we'll start on a comprehensive tour of the training center and, if in port, tours of one or more cutters. Besides the training center portion of the property, there's also many tenant units so there definitely will be much to see.

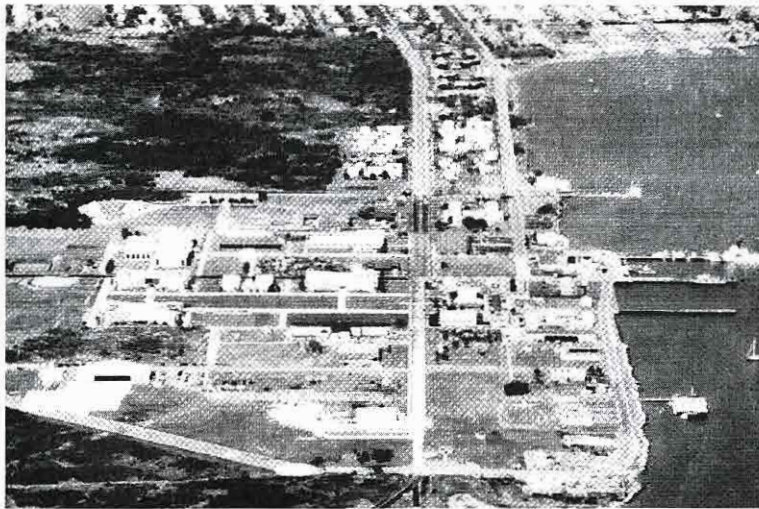
Not sure how long the tour will take but everything is relatively close. There is an Exchange on the base and our group will be able to use it. There's also a very nice CPO Club and we have inquired about the availability to use it as a "hospitality suite." No answer as of press time.

While this min-reunion isn't an official CGCVA event, your Association officers are working quite hard to arrange things. The commanding officer and staff at TraCen Cape May are most supportive of this mini-reunion and the CGCVA.

If you're planning to be part of this event and haven't told us, please don't delay. Call Terry Graviss at (850) 651-3664 or e-mail him at cgcva@hotmail.com. You can also e-mail me at: swiftie1@msn.com. It's vital to get an accurate head count for the training center's galley and for

tour planning, so please let us know soon if you'll be there and how many guests you'll have.

I have a new found appreciation for the work of our Convention Planning Director Bob Maxwell. He and Ed Burke have put together an incredible package for the CGCVA reunion in Reno in October 2002 but it took a lot of work and a lot of patience on their part to make it happen. The Reno reunion will be a real feast so here's hoping the Cape may mini-reunion is a tasty appetizer. **Swiftly**



Aerial view of the Coast Guard Recruit Training Center at Cape May, New Jersey.

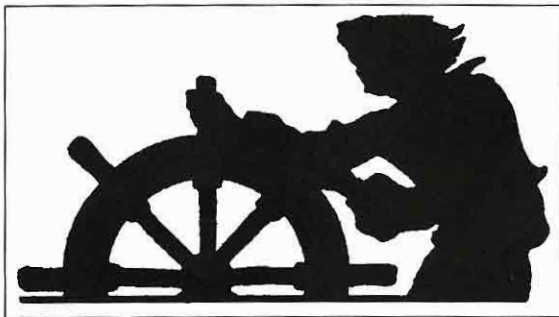
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Military Personnel Records

If you would like to obtain copies of your own or a relative's Coast Guard service record (and they served in the Coast Guard sometime between 1920 to the present), which contains dates of service, station and cutter assignments, as well as medals and awards earned, you need to contact the National Personnel Records center. You may download the necessary forms from their website: www.nara.gov/regional/stlouis.html. You can also write to them at: National Personnel Records Center, Military Records Facility, 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132-5100.

Civilian Personnel

If the person you are researching served as a civilian in the Coast Guard, you need to contact the Civilian Records facility of the National Personnel Records Center at 111 Winnebago Street, St. Louis, MO 63118-4199.



Service Prior to 1920

If they served prior to 1920 or were keepers in the U.S. Lighthouse Service prior to 1920, the records will be in the headquarters branch of the National Archives. You can e-mail inquiries to them at: INQUIRE@NARA.GOV. You can also write them at: National Archives and Records Administration, 7th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20408.

Crew Lists

If you're looking for the names of the crew of a particular cutter or those of a Coast Guard station, you will need to write to: Records Branch, G-MPC-adm-3, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001. Please indicate in the letter which cutter or station and the date (month and year) you are interested in.

Coast Guard Celebrities

What celebrities once served in the Coast Guard or are associated with the Coast Guard? Here's a few:

Actors — Nick Adams, Humphrey Bogart (in the Temporary Reserve), Lee Bonnell, Beau Bridges (served in the Reserve), Sid Caesar, Gower Champion, Peter R.J. Deyell, Buddy Ebsen, Preston Foster, Robert Horton, Tab Hunter, Victor Jory, Monte Markham, Victor Mature, Richard Quine, Caesar Romero, Patrick Wayne, and Gig Young.

Producers & Directors — Robert Maurice Campbell, John F. DeCuir, Jr., Blake Edwards, William O. Harbach, Christopher Hibler, Lorin Michael, John Perry, and Lothar Wolff.

Sports Figures — Jack Dempsey (boxing), CAPT Otto Graham (football), Jack Kramer (tennis), and Arnold Palmer (golf).

Music, Art and Entertainment — Walter Chronkite (newscaster), Arthur Feidler (conductor), Charles Gibson (newscaster), Arthur Godfrey (entertainer), Alex Haley (writer), Jacob Lawrence (artist), Tom Philpott (editor, *Navy Times Magazine*), Rudy Vallee (entertainer), and Sloan Wilson (writer).

Politics & Business — Howard Coble (NC Rep), William Delahunt (MA Rep), Frank Murkowski (AK Sen), Sam Nunn (GA Sen), Thomas F. O'Neil (executive), Claiborne Pell (RI Sen), Gene Taylor (MS Rep), and Ted Turner (businessman).

- * Time may be a great healer but it's also a lousy beautician.
- * There is always death and taxes; however, death doesn't get worse every year.
- * Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
- * Seen it all, done it all, can't remember most of it.

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. (Prices include first class mailing with the exception of the Christmas Tree Ornaments which require special packing)



CGCVA one size-fits all 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

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.

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

BOOK: "Coast Guard Navy of World War II" by William Knight. Coast Guard WWII history. \$25.00. (Limited supply)

BOOK: "Coast Guard Action In Vietnam" by Paul Scotti. ...\$20.00 (includes shipping).

CG GARRISON CAP: fore 'n aft, CGCVA Logo, white lettered "Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association." Sizes 7 and 7-1/8 only ...\$25.00



USCG Christmas Ornament

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; 210; 270 ...\$12.50 each (shipped in display box)

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



CG Bell HTL-4 Helicopter model kit

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

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

MODEL KIT: CG Helicopter, MRC; Bell HTL...\$20.00. (Only two left... special reduced price).

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

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WRIST WATCH: Stainless steel with CGCVA logo and calendar, lifetime limited warranty, swiss movement. Comes in gift box. Mens style only. Only 15 left, compare at \$120.00. \$55.00.

WRIST WATCH: CGCVA logo. Stainless steel back. Water-resistant with leather band. Available for men and women. \$25.00.

WRIST WATCH: Men's with CGCVA logo. Gold color with leather band. \$20.00

CGCVA T-SHIRT: New item. CGCVA logo on T-shirt. Sizes large and XL \$7.00; size 2X \$8.00.

PINS, CAP: "Vietnam Veteran" or "Coast Guard Vietnam Veteran" with yellow/red campaign ribbon. ...\$8.00. "Cat Lo" or "Tan My." ...\$7.00

BOOK: "Coast Guard At War - Vietnam." Hard bound, written bu CGCVA member CAPT Alex Lazerlere. ...\$30.00 (includes shipping)

BOOK: "Axis Sub Successes of WWII." One only at \$35.00

BOOK: "German U-Boat Losses of WWII." One only at \$25.00

BOOK: "The Royal Navy in WWII." One only at \$25.00

BOOK: "The Official Chronology of the U.S. Navy in WWII." (Includes CG) One only at \$35.00

Reno Reunion Update

Wow! Only 15 short months before we can again share each others company. Our Reno Reunion tours are all set (some of the best yet, thanks to the efforts of Ed & Nancy Burke), and the Hospitality Room is booked for us.

An added attraction at our October 2002 reunion will be a fabulous Slot Tournament in which participants can win big bucks and other prizes.

Flying into Reno is a breeze and if you are one of those who register early you may be picked up at the airport in a beautiful white stretch limosine. Of course you'll be transported back to the airport the same way so hey... why not invite a buddy and his wife to travel along with you!



The Peppermill Hotel & Casino, Reno, Nevada

These are merely samples of what is awaiting you at the fabulous Peppermill Hotel & casino and the 2002 CGCVA Reunion. Registration forms will be available in future issues of the QD Log so watch for them. Make every effort to complete them and register early so that you are eligible for the early birds.

Bob Maxwell

CGCVA Auxiliary News

Greetings everyone:

The past few months have been quite busy for my husband Ed (CGCVA Vice President) and myself. We have received numerous invitations to official Coast Guard events and so far, been able to make every one. It's really an honor to be introduced as the CGCVA Auxiliary Vice President and I use every opportunity to inform persons about our wonderful Association.

On June 26th, Ed and I attended the Change of Command ceremony at Training Center Cape May, NJ, when RADM Sally Brice-O'Hara was relieved by CAPT Douglas Wisniewski. It was a brutally hot and humid day and the ceremonies were held on the main parade grounds under a cloudless sky. Sure glad they had plenty of cold water! Both RADM Brice-O'Hara and CAPT Wisniewski offered their thanks to the CGCVA and other associations and pledged continued support. I was able to chat briefly with both and it looks like they will pull out all the stops to guarantee us a great time at the CGCVA Mini-Reunion there on Sept. 21st.

On July 27, Ed and I were among the invitees at a dedication and unveiling ceremony at the Women in Military Service For America Memorial. A detailed model of the present day *USCGC Spar* was presented to the memorial during ceremonies honoring the many contributions by the Coast Guard's Women's Reserve (S.P.A.R.S.). Quite a few S.P.A.R.S. were in attendance and it was a thrill to again meet CWO4 Betty Splaine, USCGR (Ret.) and the other ladies. The ceremony was touching, especially when Betty read a message from CAPT Dorothy Stratton, USCG (Ret.), the Director of the S.P.A.R.S. Betty livened up the place after the dedication and unveiling ceremonies by leading everyone in S.P.A.R.S. song.

On Aug. 3rd, we coordinated the annual

"Salute to the Coast Guard" at our local VFW post. This is the 7th consecutive year we have done this event and each year it seems to get better. Joining us were Jennifer and Terry



CGCVA Auxiliary Vice President Mare Swift with the ship's bell from the first USCGC Spar. The bell and a model of the present-day CGC Spar were dedicated and unveiled at ceremonies at the Women In Military Service For America Memorial on July, 27, 2001.

Graviss, Ed & Nancy Burke, and CGCVA member Ron Schmidt, along with a host of Coasties from the northern Virginia area. By the way... congratulations to Jennifer Graviss, our National Secretary-Treasurer, on being advanced to Chief Petty Officer on July 1st. Way to go girl! We were privileged to have RADM Kevin Eldridge as guest speaker and he spoke eloquently about the Coast Guard's roles during the Korean conflict. He mentioned that his father, a WWII veteran, often related stories about the war and took him to VFW posts. He felt quite at home at our post and gave a most interesting talk.

The following day, Aug. 4th, was the real Coast Guard birthday and we attended the annual Headquarters Coast Guard Day Picnic. We set up a CGCVA booth and got a lot of visitors throughout the day.

Next up, Coast Guard Band concerts at the Navy Memorial in Washington, DC on Aug. 7th and at Annapolis on Aug. 8th. Whew! **Mare Swift**

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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.

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Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association

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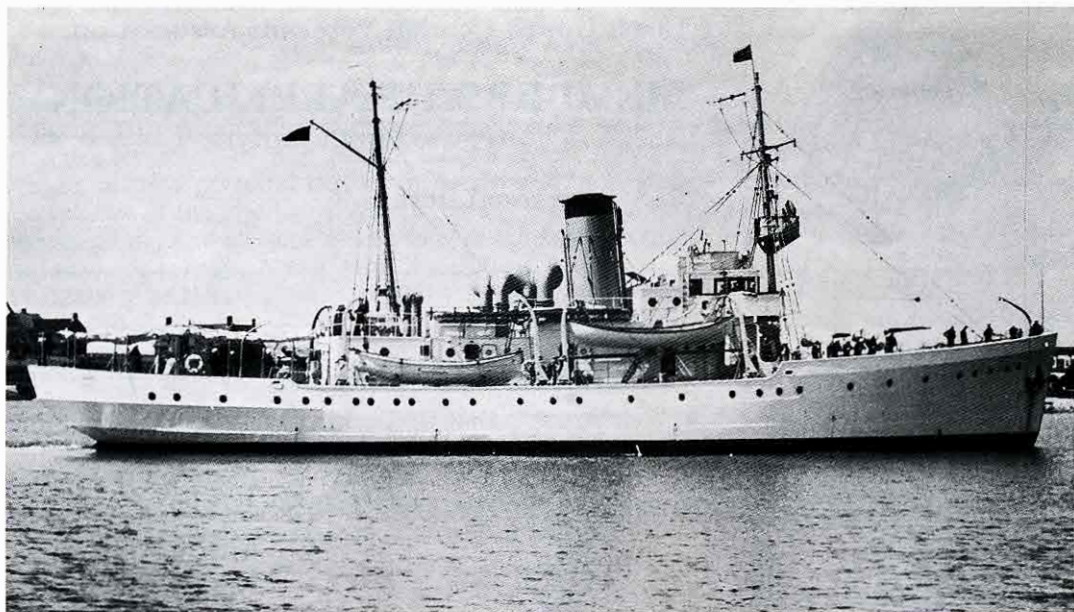
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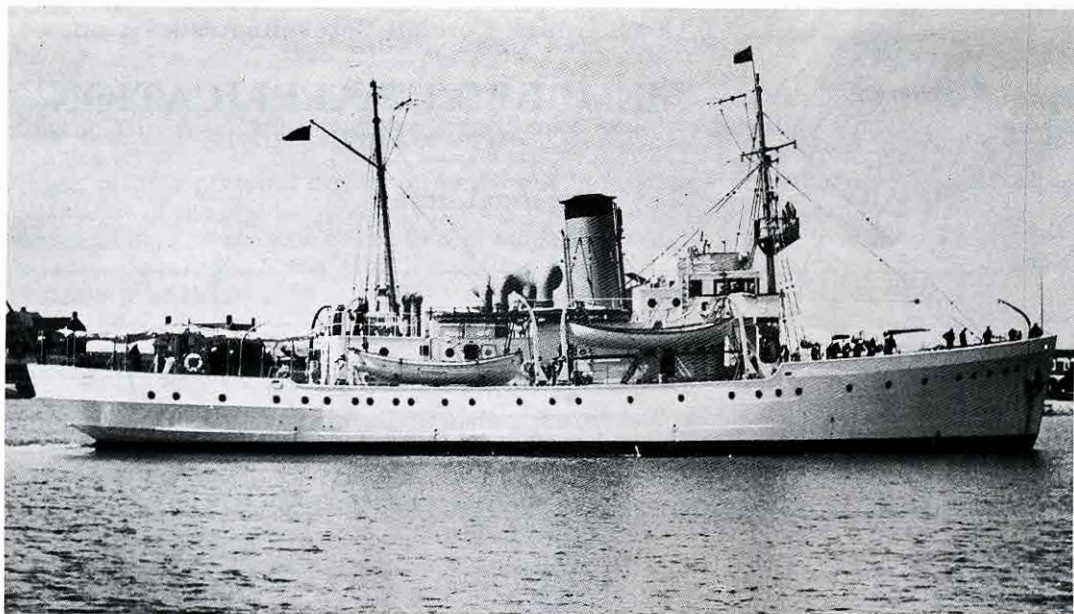
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