

Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association

NEWSLETTER 4-90

DECEMBER 1990

From the President

With a very successful 1990 reunion behind us we find ourselves beginning to plan for 1992. If we can come close to making the '92 reunion as exciting, heartwarming and eventful as 1990, then, I personally will be satisfied that this organization is fulfilling its mandates.

I had the privilege to attend the Hunter Liggett Reunion in August and found its crew dedicated and fun-filled--just as they were 45 years ago. Some have joined our association and we had the opportunity to discuss the possibility of mini-reunions within the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association.

Shipmates, I would hope that you will all have renewed your membership by this time and have taken the additional step of inviting another to join. Only your assistance in this area ensures our continued service to the Coast Guard and to you!

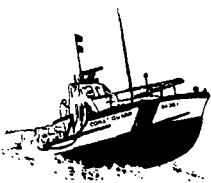
My wish is that you and yours have a most happy and safe holiday season.

Semper Paratus!
Bob Maxwell

Board of Directors Meet

A Board of Directors meeting, with Bob Maxwell, president, in attendance, was held in Reno, Nevada, on 7 & 8 December 1990. The following items were resolved.

1. Filling of Six-Year Director Vacancy. Director Don Kneip had to resign because of health and personal reasons. Gil Benoit, charter member and former two-year director was named to fill the opening.
2. Site of 1992 Reunion. Three cities were considered: Seattle, WA, Reno, NV, and Buena Park/Anaheim, CA. The city chosen offered by far the lowest price for accommodations, food, and service. The 1992 reunion will be in Reno, either in October or November.



**Reunion 1990 Roundup
Baltimore, Maryland
July 18-22, 1990**

THE BUSINESS

Election of Officers. Robert J. Maxwell reelected president...Office of vice president created and filled by Richard E. Stent Jr...Secretary-Treasurer position split up...Baker Herbert stays on as treasurer...Herb Reith is new secretary. A complete list of association officers is with this newsletter.

American Flag. A motion was adopted to petition Congress to draw an amendment to protect the American Flag from desecration in any form.

Douglas Munro Gravesite. Motion passed to establish a fund to be used to maintain the gravesite of U.S. Coast Guard Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Signalman First Class Douglas A. Munro. Munro is buried in Cle Elum, Washington (some 90 miles southeast of Seattle). The hat was passed and money collected to get the fund going.

Support for Patriot's Point. The Patriot's Point Naval and Maritime Museum, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina (Charleston Harbor), features among its attractions the aircraft carrier Yorktown, the nuclear ship Savannah, the Coast Guard cutter Commanche, and now the 327-foot Coast Guard cutter Ingham. The Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association has accepted an offer by the museum for the association to have a permanent Coast Guard display on board the refurbished Ingham. Donations were accepted at the reunion to start the Patriot's Point Museum Exhibit Fund.

The museum is an excellent place for any of you who wish to donate artifacts from your military service. For further information, write or call the museum at 40 Patriot's Point Road, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464. Telephone (803) 884-2727.

Recognition. Three people received recognition plaques from the association. Petty Officer Kelly Larsen received hers for heroism. The 24-year old Astoria Air Station rescue swimmer jumped into the chilly Pacific Ocean to save an injured Oregon Air National Guard fighter pilot who had bailed out of his disabled jet. She overcame 16-20 foot seas, a leaky dry suit, and the weight of a man twice hers, during the valiant 27 minutes it took to cut him from the tangled parachute rigging and get him into the helicopter.

She was present, with her husband who is also in the Coast Guard, to accept the award for being an outstanding Coast Guard person, and to personally thank the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association for the recognition. A bonus for the young couple was hearing about the Coast Guard history they had read about from the men who were there.

Two members of Congress were recognized for outstanding support of the U.S. Coast Guard: from the Senate, Barbara A. Mikulski (MD), and from the House, Silvio O. Conte (MA).

Regarding these individual's a Coast Guard congressional liaison officer said, "These people don't have to be asked to support the Coast Guard. They do it readily."

Senator Mikulski was the mover in the government that kept the Coast Guard Yard from being shut down. She introduced a bill that keeps the Yard a permanent part of the Coast Guard's industrial base.

Congressman Conte may come from a landlocked district, but on Capitol Hill he is called the "Godfather of the Coast Guard." A ranking member of the appropriations committee he fights to get the Coast Guard's fair share of the budget funds. He was instrumental in getting Kodiak turned over to the Coast Guard for an air station after the Navy pulled out. A regular visitor to Coast Guard units, Congressman Conte makes sure the Coast Guard is taken care of.

Top aides for Senator Mikulski and Congressman Conte accepted the awards in their behalf as each had prior commitments.

Guest Speaker. Former U.S. Coast Guard commandant, retired Admiral Paul A. Yost, addressed members and guests at the banquet. Among his remarks he said, "This association keeps our heritage alive...We count on you to remind the Coast Guard... You have passed the standard that sets us a breed apart...The challenge is to always keep the Coast Guard combat ready."

Memorial Wreath Laying. At 1100, Sunday, 22 July 1990, a Coast Guard 32-foot patrol boat stood off of Fort McHenry with nine Coast Guard combat veterans and wives. National president Bob Maxwell cradled a wreath of burgundy and white roses bedded in deep-green ferns. Standing in the stern, in this tranquil setting of our country's beginnings, he spoke for all of us to veterans now gone, "Your sacrifice is not forgotten. We remember. Rest at peace." And the wreath gently fell on the water.

THE FESTIVITIES

Long Time, No See. This was a time for reuniting with shipmates not seen for years. Several of these took place. One example took place between Al Courter and Lou Kuhlkin. They last saw each other in 1943 when they served on the cutter Northland. An irony here is that they only live ten miles apart in Florida.

USS Leopold (DE 319) Remembered. The Coast Guard manned USS Leopold was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine in World War II. Of the 199 crewmen, only 28 survived. Richard R. Novotny, who attended the reunion was one of them. The U.S. Coast Guard is honoring this ship by naming the first of its new "Heritage" class 120-foot patrol boats USCGC Leopold (WPB-1400). The cutter is being built by the Coast Guard Yard and delivery is expected in early 1992. In Baltimore, during the reunion the observation deck of the World Trade Center featured numerous Coast Guard exhibits. Among them was a history of the Leopold and a model of the new cutter. Captain Robert A. Yuhas, commanding officer of the Coast Guard Yard and Novotny visited the exhibit and were photographed by a member of the Yard's public affairs staff.

A Reunion Long Overdue. On 11 August 1966, just south of the North Vietnam-South Vietnam DMZ, the cutter USCGC Point Welcome (WPB 82329), was mistaken in the dark for a North Vietnamese vessel and attacked by U.S. Air Force planes. Before it was over the commanding officer and a petty officer were dead and the rest of the crew all wounded or injured. For the first time since the incident most of the remaining crew sat down together. Even Tim Page, the freelance British photographer aboard that night was there. By coincidence he was in the area on a business trip. The gathering was therapeutic and flushed away a lot of pent up emotions.

The Sea Can Be Chosey. Dick Stent told about the stormy night aboard the cutter Modoc in 1943 when the wild North Atlantic washed over the decks and swept away a Coast Guardsman. Miraculously, moments later the ocean tossed him back on deck. Stent recalls treating the fortunate shipmate for only minor cuts and bruises.

Five Brothers. This oddity involved the cutter Mojave out of Boston. In November 1942, the five Ford brothers were assigned to the Mojave shortly before she was to depart with a convoy. When the skipper returned from leave and found that he had five sons of one mother he was not sailing with this potential tragedy. Only one brother could stay. Names were put in a hat. Cleo won and stayed. Happily, all five survived the war and are still around.

Keeping In Touch.

These notices were posted at the reunion:

--E.S. "Wynn" Kenton (former PHM3/C), 109 Patchogue Avenue, Patchogue, NY 11772-8605. Tel. (516) 654-9373. Would like to hear from shipmates: CGC Theitis, USS Lowe, USS Pride.

--Anyone from PF-11, USS Grand Forks that knew Cdr Curtis "Jurgie" Jurgens. Contact Russ Brewer, Westville Estates #3, Westville, IN 46391.

--January 1943--Manhattan Beach - CO 8 3rd PL.

Port Huron/Cleveland/Duluth/Ashland/Toledo/Great Lakes Steamers/
Signalman School--New York/Camp Bradford VA/LST 764. Contact Rod Whalen (LST 764),
317 Grand Central Avenue, Amityville, NY 11701. Tel. (516) 691-4229.

--Al Courter, 504 Deal Road, Ocean, NJ 07712, is looking for anyone who remembers the O'Racca Candy Factory that they took over in the Phillipines late in World War II just after they dropped off the F-74, an army logistics craft.

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Reunion Book

At the reunion, a civilian outfit was present to photograph the activities and compile a remembrance book. Some of you have ordered a copy and have paid up your money. If you're wondering why you haven't yet received it, it is because it isn't finished. It lurks in the final stages of layout. One of these days you will be surprised to find it in your mail.

Looking For Someone?

If you are looking for a former shipmate or want to find out who in your locality is a member of CGCOMVETS, write the secretary, Herb Reith. He can provide a list of our members who served aboard a certain vessel or shore station. Through zip code he can also come up with a rundown of members in your area. Please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope when you write.

A Few Words To The Women

**From: Liz Scotti, President
CGCOMVETS Auxiliary
1988-1990**

A thanks to our husbands who got us to the reunion in Baltimore. We met new people and renewed friendships.

The Auxiliary is two years old and our membership has doubled. I want to thank all of you who attended the ladies lunch--and for making it special to me. A notable thanks to Pat Taylor who took my idea for a program and found a party to give the luncheon presentation.

The memories were plentiful. I look forward to seeing everyone at the next reunion.

The Auxiliary Officers for 1990-1992 are:

--Mary Lou Herbert, President
--Edith Courter, Vice President
--Jane Maxwell, Secretary-Treasurer

Dues are \$10 for two years. If you need to renew your membership, or want to join, please send your dues to Jane Maxwell, P.O. Drawer 2790, Burney, CA 96013.

Newsletter Input Needed From You

To keep our newsletter informative and interesting send in your ideas and articles.

Have you a story to tell? (You're darn right!) Want to pass on a little known Coast Guard fact? Do you have a product, or know of one, which our members may find of value? Well, pass this stuff on.

The newsletter is for the association to stay in touch with you and a way of you keeping in touch with other members. You ladies out there, this applies to you as well.

Send your material to Baker Herbert, 6858 Lafayette Road, Medina, OH 44256.

USCG In The Korean War

Little is known or published about the Coast Guard in the Korean War. The impression is that our Service was only indirectly involved--doing things like manning DEs on additional weather stations, flying search and rescue, and reenforcing stateside port security. In his Coast Guard history, "Guardians Of The Sea," Robert Erwin Johnson writes, "... no cutters took part as combat vessels...none went to the war zone.

Anyone with knowledge of the Coast Guard being in Korea during the fighting, involved in naval gunfire support, amphibious operations, or any other activities, please furnish the CGCOMVETS historian with details and documentation.

Write or call CWO4 Paul C. Scotti, USCG Motion Picture-Television Liaison, 11000 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 10125, Los Angeles, CA 90024-3612. Tel. (213) 575-7817.

The Spencer Lives!

Far at sea, in calm or storm, the seaworthiness of a ship and the competent seamanship of her crew are what keeps them alive. Life at sea is arduous, dangerous, and yet--enchanted. So it is understandable why former crewmen carry an indelible remembrance of a ship and the shared experiences.

The 327-foot cutter Spencer is gone, decommissioned in 1974 after 37 years of Coast Guard service: parts of which are written in the valor of Coast Guard annals. But recently something more than a memory was commemorated at the Intrepid Sea/Air and Space Museum in New York City. Armed Forces Plaza, the entranceway to the museum complex, now has for its centerpiece the mast from USCGC Spencer (WPG-36) as the official flagpole and as a monument to honor the men who sailed her and those in the U.S. Coast Guard.

Publicity Notes

by Paul C. Scotti, Director
Public Relations/Historian
CGCOMVETS Association

Publicity does two things for our association: a) it educates the public about the Coast Guard, and b) it attracts new members.

I know each of you have stories to tell. I hear them at reunions and love them. You are news...and reporters are always looking for that.

Who will take your story? Weekly newspapers, small community dailies, local sections of urban newspapers, magazines, radio news, and television news.

Here are two approaches. Write the story yourself, or let the reporter write it.

Most articles are written inverted pyramid style, that is the facts are listed in descending order of importance. In other words, the end is first. The reason for this is that when an article is shortened from the bottom to fit the available news space it remains complete and makes sense. Sentences are short and the English is plain. Forget the egotistic adverbs and adjectives. The questions answered are: Who? What? When? Where? Why? and How?

Herb Reith, our secretary, wrote his article and it ran in a weekly paper in Canton, North Carolina. Let's look at what he did.

(Lead paragraph) An Enka man (who) has been selected by the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association to serve as the National Secretary (what). [Note: The news peg--what the story hangs on--here is local man makes good.]

(Second paragraph) Herbert W. Reith (his name is secondary because it is not widely known) was chosen (how) by the CGCVA to serve a two-year term (when) at its recently concluded biennial convention held in Baltimore, Maryland (where).

In the paragraphs following information is given on the association, membership criteria, the Coast Guard roles in Vietnam, Coast Guard military history, and Herb's background.

If you chose not to write, go with the other approach. Call up a newspaper, radio or television reporter and tell them your story. Invite them to your home. Show them memorabilia. Be photographed. Have your facts ready. Put them on index cards. Verify dates and figures. Association officers can help you here.

Time your story to coincide with some appropriate event--a patriotic parade or a holiday. This increases the odds in getting you published. For example, let's say Memorial Day is near and you served on North Atlantic convoy duty in World War II. Call up a reporter. Let him know how it was back then. Mention CGCOMVETS. And you are in the news.

If you have questions on this topic write me at P.O. Box 241753, Village Station, Los Angeles, CA 90024, or call me during the day at (213) 575-7817.

Wooden Military Figures Available

Ken Wiman makes wooden military figures ...five inches tall...hand-turned on a lathe...made of white birch...made to come dressed in any military uniform (modern, historical, foreign) and pay grade...can also do other uniforms such as fire, police, etc.

If you no longer have your uniform or your form and the uniform no longer match, how about a wooden figure in the uniform you proudly wore? Contact: The Turned Trooper, Custom Military Miniatures, Box 44-1642, Fort Washington, MD 20749.

USCG In Operation Desert Shield

Once again our country must confront a cruel, murderous dictator whose lust for power exceeds the boundaries of his own abused country. As you have been called upon in the past to stop tyranny, today Coast Guard men and women are fulfilling that same role against President Saddam Hussein and Iraq.

Wherever ships in the U.S. are being loaded with military cargo, the Coast Guard has been inspecting the vessels, supervising the loading, and patrolling the water and docks.

Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachments (LEDETS) are aboard U.S. Navy warships in the Middle East boarding vessels to enforce the economic sanctions against Iraq.

Three Port Security Reserve Units have been called up and sent to the Middle East. These 100-plus member units from Buffalo, Cleveland and Milwaukee are contributing their protective services.

Our Service is also filling other roles...interservice liaison...combat photography...public affairs.

Drop them a note. Let them hear from a Coast Guard person who has served in harm's way that what they are doing is worthy...that their performance will be written in Coast Guard history.

For Boarding Teams:

(Member's name, rank, USCG/USCGR)
USS LaSalle
Senior Coast Guard Officer
c/o Commander, Middle East Task Force
FPO New York, NY 09501-6008

For Port Security Units:

(Member's name, rank, USCGR)
PSU #302 (for Cleveland)
PSU #303 (for Milwaukee)
c/o Coast Guard Liaison Officer
USN Administrative Support Unit
Box 508
FPO New York, NY 09526-2800

(Member's name, rank, USCGR)
PSU #301 (for Buffalo)
APO New York, NY 09298

For generic USCG personnel:
U.S. Coast Guard Personnel
Operation Brave Heart
c/o Operation Desert Shield
FPO New York, NY 98866-0006

Note: The last address may also be used with the name of a Coast Guard person not assigned with a LEDET or PSU. Also, be sure that either USCG or USCGR follows the name.

If you wish to send goods/gifts remember that the time between mailing and receipt may be as much as four weeks. Only goods able to survive an extremely hot environment should be sent.

We must comply with Saudi Arabian regulations. Do not send:

- alcoholic beverages
- narcotics
- weapons and explosives
- pork and pork products
- pornography, including depictions of nude or semi-nude human body.
- material contrary to the Islamic religion. This would not include religious items for the personal use of individual members, such as single copies of the Bible or prayer books and greeting cards.

CGCOMVETS Accepting Contributions

The association is determining from Coast Guard officials what is needed for members deployed to the Middle East and their families.

Anyone wishing to make a monetary contribution to our Desert Shield Fund sent your donation to Baker Herbert, Treasurer, Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association, 6858 Lafayette Road, Medina, OH 44256. Make check payable to CGCOMVETS, designated for Desert Shield Fund.

CGCOMVETS Association -- Origins & Information

Motto: *Tradition--Duty--Rapport*

Purposes:

- Promote the U.S. Coast Guard.
- Assist Coast Guard combat veterans.
- Assist widows and orphans.
- Perpetuate the memory of our fallen comrades and the sacrifices made by those who served.
- Foster good fellowship.
- Have social activities.

Membership:

- a. Active duty members, retired members and honorably discharged former members of the U.S. Coast Guard who served in, or provided direct support to combat situations recognized by an appropriate military award while serving as a member of the U.S. Coast Guard.
- b. The widow or widower of those above shall be considered members and shall be dues free without voting privileges. They do not hold office.
- c. The commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, if not otherwise eligible, shall be recognized as an Honorary member.
- d. Associate Membership status is permitted for people who are presently in, served in, or retired from, the U.S. Coast Guard, who meet the combat criteria while in the service of another Armed Force (U.S. or foreign). Members of the U.S. Public Health Service who served in a U.S. Coast Guard combat command shall be eligible for this membership status.

Dues: Ten dollars a year.

Chronology:

July 28, 1985 - Association founded when 15 USCG combat veterans and five wives gather for three days at Indian Lakes Resort outside of Chicago.

The stimulus is Vietnam War guys wanting to reunite with war buddies. Feeling among group is that public knows little of the Coast Guard's military role and something should be done about it.

Baker Herbert and Bill Hoover lead the way in organizing the reunion. Calls and letters from some 200 veterans show strong interest in starting a group.

At Indian Lakes it is voted to meet again in a year. By-laws are drawn up. The curious name of American S.E.A. VETS (Southeast Asian Veterans) is chosen. Bill Hoover elected national chairman/ executive secretary. Paul C. Scotti is director, public relations/historian.

July 18, 1986 - Second reunion opens. The place: Comstock Hotel, Reno, Nevada. Membership is at 225 dues paid veterans... 92 people gathered: 58 vets, 34 guests.

July 19, 1986 - Members vote to welcome all USCG combat veterans and the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association is established. Bill Hoover elected president and Paul C. Scotti, secretary-treasurer.

July 15, 1988 - Third reunion is at Reno Hilton Hotel, Reno, NV. Membership around 300. More than 100 people attend, 72 vets. Admiral Paul A. Yost, Commandant, USCG is guest speaker. Bob Maxwell elected president, Baker Herbert, secretary-treasurer. Woman's Auxiliary formed. Liz Scotti, president, Jane Maxwell, sec-treas

July 18, 1990 - The fourth reunion is at Marriott Inner Harbor Hotel, Baltimore, MD. Reunion is five days instead of usual three. The city is saluting the U.S. Coast Guard's Bicentennial Year at the same time so there is much to see and do.

At the registration table 187 people sign in. Membership exceeds 700. To keep up with the growth the office of vice president is created and the secretary-treasurer post is split up.

Bob Maxwell is reelected president. Dick Stent Jr, is vice president, Herb Reith becomes new secretary, and Baker Herbert retains treasurer position.

Mary Lou Herbert is elected president of the Auxiliary. Jane Maxwell remains secretary-treasurer.

Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association Officers
1990 - 1992

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Vietnam Memorial -- The Moving Wall

For those members and friends of the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association who plan to visit Washington, D.C. to see the Vietnam Memorial or will have "The Moving Wall," an accurate one-half size replica visit their locality, the following is a list of Coast Guard casualties of the Vietnam War and where on the wall they are located.

Name	Hometown	Date of Death	Panel	Row
LTJG David C. Brostrom	Los Altos, CA	11 August 1966	9E	126
EN2 Jerry Phillips	Corpus Christi, TX	11 August 1966	9E	128
LT Jack C. Rittichier	Barberton, OH	9 June 1968	58W	14
FN Heriberto S. Hernandez	San Antonio, TX	5 December 1968	37W	46
ENC Morris S. Beeson	Pitkins, LA	22 March 1969	28W	8
EN1 Michael H. Painter	Moscow, ID	8 August 1969	20W	115
LTJG Michael W. Kirkpatrick	Gainesville, FL	9 August 1969	20W	119

Note: The panel numbering starts in the center of the Memorial Wall. E indicates East and is the side that points toward the Washington Monument. W indicates West and is the side that points toward the Lincoln Memorial.

Revised Membership Application Blank

An updated Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association membership form is enclosed with this newsletter. Feel free to make copies of it and pass them out to eligible individuals.



COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Membership Application

Date _____

Name: _____

Birth Date _____

(Print) LAST - FIRST - MIDDLE INIT.

Telephone #:

Street Address: _____

Day () _____

City: _____

Eve () _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Recruited by: _____

MILITARY SERVICE

Branch of Service	Service Number	From	To
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Medals/Campaign Ribbons

Type	Date
_____	_____
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_____	_____

(Continue awards on rear of application if necessary)

**LIST COMBAT UNITS SERVED WITH, THEIR LOCATION AND DATES ON THE REAR.
YOU MAY ALSO LIST CAREER HIGHLIGHTS IF YOU DESIRE.**

Rank/Rate at Present, Retirement or Discharge: _____

Amount of membership dues enclosed _____ Dues: \$20.00 every two years

(Make checks payable to CGCOMVETS)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

* Mail application with copy of D-214 (or other applicable separation document) to:

Baker Herbert, CWO, Ret. - Treasurer
COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION
6858 Lafayette Road
Medina, OH 44256
Telephone: (216) 725-6527

* We keep a copy of these in case you need a copy and can't locate yours.

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COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

Being mindful of the traditions, duties and purposes of the United States Coast Guard, our duty to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States, and believing that through social association and mutual acquaintance we may further perpetuate the memory of our fallen comrades, assist their widows and orphans, assist honorably discharged or retired Coast Guard Combat Veterans, promote and enhance the image and posture of the United States Coast Guard, therefore we do associate ourselves together and declare the following Articles to be the Constitution and By Laws of the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association:

CONSTITUTION

We, Past and present Officers and Enlisted members of the United States Coast Guard, believing in our right to form an association consistent with the precepts outlined in the Preamble above, do hereby declare the formation of such an association to be known as "The Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association."

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1 - ORGANIZATION

This association formed under the authority of the foregoing Constitution will be organized as provided hereinafter:

(A) NAME: This association shall be called "The Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association," hereinafter referred to as the "Association".

(B) HEADQUARTERS: There is no permanent Headquarters. The current Headquarters shall rotate to such place as the elected President shall reside, or designate.

(C) ASSOCIATION OFFICERS: The Association shall be governed by a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and a Board of Directors consisting of five members.

(D) TERM OF OFFICE: Officers shall be nominated and elected by a "Show of Hands" at each regular reunion of the members. No officer shall succeed him/herself in any one office more than one time. The term of office of the elected officers shall commence at the reunion at which elected and be for a period of two years, except for members of the Board of Directors which is covered in Article IV(c)(3) below. In the event of a vacancy caused by resignation, illness, death or removal for "Cause", a replacement shall be appointed by the President to complete the term of that member.

(E) PURPOSE: The primary purpose of this Association shall be to foster good fellowship, social activities and to accomplish the programs as outlined in the Preamble.

(F) AUXILIARY: Effective 16 July, 1988, there shall be an Auxiliary providing for the membership of Spouses of Members in good standing, such Auxiliary to provide for their own organization and By-Laws.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP:

1. Membership in this Association shall be limited to:

(a) Active duty members, Retired members and honorably discharged former members of the U. S. Coast Guard who served in, or provided direct support to combat situations recognized by an appropriate military award while serving as a member of the United States Coast Guard.

(b) The Widow or Widower of those listed in (a) above shall be considered members and shall be dues free without voting privilege. These members shall not hold Office.

(c) The Commandant of the U. S. Coast Guard, if not otherwise eligible, shall be recognized as an Honorary member without voting privileges.

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ARTICLE III - DUES

1. Dues shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) per year.

2. Dues are considered due and payable at bi-annual reunions. Members not attending the reunion shall be notified of their dues being overdue by way of the newsletter. Members not responding to an overdue notice may be dropped from the active member rolls. Any member dropped from the active rolls may be reinstated by submitting the necessary dues and an application.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Officers of the Association named in Article I are vested with authority and charged to perform duties as follows:

(a) PRESIDENT: Has the overall responsibility for conducting the official business of the Association and it shall be his duty to give careful attention to the work of the Association, and to carry into effect the policies determined upon by the majority of the membership. He shall:

(1) Call meetings/reunions at such a time and place as the Board of Directors determines necessary and to preside at and determine the order of business.

(2) Have authority to direct the functions of the committees appointed by him.

(3) Review and sign newsletters to the membership.

(4) Make commitments and expenditures within the limitations prescribed by these bylaws.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS (Continued)

(5) Authorize all checks signed by the Treasurer.

(6) The fiscal records of the Association shall be audited by a committee appointed by the President at least every other year, or when ordered by the President. A written report on the outcome of the audit will be submitted by the chairman of the audit committee to the President and read at the next regular reunion for acceptance by the membership.

(b) VICE PRESIDENT

(1) Conduct the business of the Association in the absence of the President.

(2) Assume the office of President should the office become vacant for any reason.

(c) BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

(1) The Board shall consist of not less than five members.

(2) The immediate past President of the Association shall be seated as a member of the Board and shall be replaced by the next immediate past President.

(3) Of the four elected Board members, one shall serve for a period of eight (8) years, one for a period of six (6) years, one for a period of four (4) years and one for a period of two (2) years. The member serving for the two year period shall also serve as Chairman of the Board.

(4) The Board shall direct the President as to the frequency and location of reunions.

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

(d) SECRETARY

(1) Shall assist the President in conduction of official business.

(2) Give notice to the membership of time and place for holding reunions.

(3) Maintain all Association files and records other than fiscal.

The Secretary shall be appointed by the President to serve at the pleasure of the President.

(e) TREASURER

(1) Maintain all Association fiscal records.

(2) Receive monies payable to the Association, insuring that these funds are deposited into the Associations authorized account at the earliest reasonable time.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS (Continued)

(3) Prepare all drafts against Association funds for settling Association debts, as authorized by the President and in accordance with these by-laws.

ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES

(a) Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President, but shall not exceed the tenure of the Presidents term of office.

(b) The Chairman of all committees shall be designated by the President. The Chairman shall appoint members to serve on his committee.

ARTICLE VI - VOTING

(a) Regular and Associate members in attendance at properly assembled Association reunions shall be eligible to vote on matters limited to Association business. Proxy voting is permitted, providing the intent of the absent member is clear.

ARTICLE VII - BY-LAWS

(a) Amendments. Amendments may be made either at a designated reunion or by mail ballot of the general membership.

(b) Changes. Any change to the By-Laws shall be by written ballot, with a simple majority required for ratification. A change is defined as any alteration that materially affects the intent and/or meaning of the Article being considered.

(c) Additions. Additional Articles will be ratified by floor vote at the regular reunion.

(d) Corrections. Corrections to the By-Laws that changes neither the meaning or intent of the Article under consideration will be determined by the Association Officers. Notice of such correction will be presented at the next regular Association reunion or by newsletter. Two-thirds of the membership present at a properly assembled reunion, may overrule a correction on the grounds that the correction presented does not meet the definition as stated herein.

ADOPTED, July, 1986, RENO, NEVADA.

CORRECTED/AMENDED, July, 1990, BALTIMORE, MD.

MEMBERS WHO SIGNED UP AT THE MARRIOTT INNER HARBOR - JULY 1990

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BADGER, Earl G. - KEY WEST
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BAER, Philip D. - ABILENE
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BARKER, Robert J. - ANDROSCOGGIN
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BELL, Noel - SQN ONE, DIV 12
BELL, Ross - PT WELCOME, JARVIS
BENOIT, Gil - PT. BANKS
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BOWLES III, J. J. - WINNEBAGO
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BURKE, Everett P. - ESCANABA
CALFEE, Donald E. - MERRILL
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CASSELMAN, Harold E. - PT BANKS
CAUSEY, G. T. - PT YOUNG
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CHRISTENSEN, Helmer - FS/FP 366
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 LOGAN, Lloyd - MACHIAS, GALATEA, MORGANTHAU, SANDUSKY
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 MALISKI, Adam F. - MOHAWK, READING, BAYFIELD
 MANHARD, Gordon M. - KEY WEST, HUNTER LIGGET
 MARSHALL, Clinton E. - YEATON
 MATHIS, John R. - 83366
 MAXWELL, Robert J. - SQN ONE
 MC HALE, JR., Thomas W. - PONCHATRAIN
 MC KINNEY, John C. - MOHAWK
 MC LENDON, Frederick D. - TAMPA, UNALGA
 METZ, Alex - 83503
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 MONAHAN, William J. - WAKEFIELD
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 MUELLER, Harold J. - ARMY TUG 634
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 NEKREWICH, Nicholas - AQUARIS
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CGCVA STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AS OF DECEMBER 1, 1990

Balance, as approved, Baltimore Reunion.	\$14,088.44
Petty Cash on Hand, 7/9/90.	37.14
TOTAL	<u>14,125.58</u>

RECEIPTS, 7/9/90 through 12/1/90

DUES	3,540.00
DONATIONS (\$480.00 MUNRO/INGHAM)	610.00
BANK INTEREST	143.13
BALTIMORE EVENTS SALES	2,906.50
OTHER (LABELS)	34.55
SALE OF CLOTHING	817.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>8,051.18</u>

EXPENDITURES, 7/9/90 through 12/1/90

PETTY CASH	2.30
REUNION PRINTING/NAME TAGS	124.55
MARRIOTT MEALS/COCKTAIL PARTY	11,135.84
CURTIS BAY BUS CHARTERS	730.00
CURTIS BAY MEALS	584.00
MEMORIAL WREATH	51.75
AWARDS EXPENSES	556.40
POSTAGE	273.36
PHONE EXPENSES	78.89
REUNION REGISTER BOOK	15.45
BANK SERVICE CHARGES	40.07
REUNION PHOTO BOOK	12.00
SECRETARY'S SUPPLIES	239.30
PRINTING-DUES LETTERS/MEMBERSHIP CARDS	197.22
CLOTHING PURCHASES (CAPS)	250.56
MILITARY MAGAZINE	24.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>14,315.69</u>

BALANCE, 12/1/90 CHECKING.	\$ 7,823.93
Petty Cash on Hand, 12/1/90.	39.44
TOTAL ON HAND	<u>7,863.37</u>

Certified correct: Baker Herbert
 BAKER HERBERT, TREASURER

Audited, 12/1/90: Richard E. Stent, Jr.
 RICHARD E. STENT, JR.

COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION CLOTHING

CAPS, baseball type, full back, blue with gold lettering "COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION"	\$10.00
CAPS, same as above, senior officer scrambled eggs	12.00
CAPS, same as above, flag officer scrambled eggs	13.00
SHIRTS, "T", blue collar and blue sleeve trim with same Royal Blue CGCVA LOGO, sizes small, medium, large and X-large	7.50
XX-Large, add \$2.00	
SWEATSHIRT, white with royal blue CGCVA LOGO, small, medium, large and X-large	17.00
XX-Large, add \$2.50	

All Clothing items made in USA. Ball cap is the old fashioned full cap, adjustable.

All prices include mailing from Medina, Ohio, Please don't send cash in the mail. Make Check payable to Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association (CGCVA), mail to: CGCVA, 6858 Lafayette Road, Medina, OH 44256

The above prices are for in stock items. We are informed that there will be a price increase and this information will distributed upon receipt.

Our Baltimore Reunion was the greatest event that I have witnessed in my 45 years with the Coast Guard. It was made possible by so very many helpful people. Hank Rogers arranged the Curtis Bay Yard program which was outstanding. We have some group photos on hand, thanks to Hank and if you would like one send me your request and I'll send them out until they are gone. The entire set-up for Baltimore was arranged by Commodore Bill Hoover. Bill has always been "Semper Paratus" and there are really not enough thanks for this great shipmate. Jane Maxwell stayed by the registration desk for the entire reunion. An outstanding lady. Bill LaPlante had the really nice ID tags printed up for us. Ed Burke and Dick Ahrens helped with collecting money (we ended up with an overage) and I can't thank them enough. The Marriott treated us just great, as did the USCG. Jon Uithol set the big picture in motion. Most of all, you, the membership, brought back the many memories of the days that were. Thank you ever so much. Hope to see you all again in Reno in '92.

Baker, "the breaker"

A T T E N T I O N I M P O R T A N T A T T E N T I O N

ALL DISABILITY RETIREES

Recently, as a Fleet Reserve Association Service Officer at the VA Medical Center in Asheville, NC, I was called to the bed of a military retiree at the VA Medical Center in Asheville, NC. The man had been retired on a disability retirement after 17 years of active duty and 2 years on TDRL. Upon admission he had been required to fill out a VA financial questionnaire and was now going to be required to make payments for his care at the VA Medical Center.

The retiree had never applied to the VA for a Service Connected disability rating and therefore, as far as the VA was concerned, he was a non-service connected veteran. Any care for a condition not shown as being the cause of his disability retirement will not be treated at a VA Medical Center unless the retiree furnishes complete financial data. This is the same routine required for a non-service connected veteran. Treatment will then be accorded according to what financial category (Mandatory or Discretionary) the retiree falls into. Discretionary Category treatment is only available on the lowest priority and with co-payments to the VA being required in many cases. This financial requirement and the categorizing of the military retiree and the veteran community is a direct result of the actions of the Congress over the last few years in which the earned rights of military retirees and also of veterans have seen a continual erosion of benefits.

With these new laws on the books, it is imperative that ANY and ALL military retirees who were retired on a disability immediately file for VA recognition of the disability. Unless a very high rating is assigned which would result in a higher VA monetary award (which is very unlikely) no net change would result in the retiree's retired income. However, any Service Connection award, even a 0%, results in an automatic assignment to the Mandatory Category. This category eliminates the requirement of furnishing financial data to the VA and provides for a higher priority for medical care.

If you are a military retiree retired for a disability and have never applied to the VA for a Service Connected determination contact your nearest Service Officer who stands ready to assist any retiree obtain this most necessary Service Connected recognition from the VA. To obtain this assistance (or any other) the Fleet Reserve Association and many other retiree and veterans organizations have Service Officers at most VA Medical Centers and Regional Offices. If you are not sure if you have been granted Service Connection the VA Regional Office in your area can be contacted by telephone. Local and toll free 800 numbers for your nearest Regional Office are listed in the white pages of your local telephone directory. They will be able to tell you on the spot if a Service Connected rating has been assigned. If not, run, don't walk to your nearest friendly Service Officer.

Submitted by Herb Reith - Secretary, CGComVets

Military Retirees Can Vacation In Bavaria

As a military retiree there are many benefits available for you and your family but a relatively unknown one is one of the best. As a retiree you and your eligible family members can enjoy a vacation at the Armed Forces Recreation Center (AFRC) in Bavaria. Year round recreational programs and accommodations can be yours at attractive prices.

AFRC hotel room rates and recreation costs are based on the dozen hotels in three of the most popular tourist resorts in Bavaria-Berchtesgaden, Chiemsee and Garmish. Some of the world's most spectacular scenery, complete with majestic Alpine mountains, crystal-clear lakes and traditional Bavarian villages act as a magnet to visitors from all over the world.

American hospitality in comfortable hotels which feature a variety of menus to tempt even the most discerning palate is only a part of what is available to retirees through AFRC. Recreational activities in the summer and winter sport programs are inexpensive and varied. Sailing, Paddle boats, golf, hiking and skiing are just a few of the activities available in the immediate vicinity. One of AFRC specialties are arranging tours to towns and historic sites in not only Bavaria but also to Italy and Austria.

BERCHTESGADEN: Located about 100 miles southeast of Munich its landscape is very spectacular. The surrounding countryside is great for all summer sports, especially water sports and golf. River kayaking is one of the most popular tourist activities. In the winter a thick blanket of snow provides excellent and convenient access to both cross-country and downhill skiing. The six AFRC hotels have over 300 rooms and feature foods ranging from continental to American.

CHIEMSEE: Situated adjacent to the Chiemgauer Alps and sitting along the shores of one of Germany's most scenic lakes, the AFRC Chiemsee Hotel offers summer "sun and fun". There are a variety of water sports ranging from sailing, canoeing, wind surfing, water skiing to paddle boats. The Alps are excellent for hang gliding and hiking, all offered by AFRC. While Chiemsee is noted as one of the finest summer vacation spots in Germany, winter sports are also a great lure to the area. 11 ski areas are located within a 20 minute drive of the AFRC hotel. Some of the best snow conditions are to be found here for both downhill and cross-country ski enthusiasts. At the present time the entire Chiemsee complex is being renovated by AFRC. The two year project will add private baths, an indoor swimming pool, a health and fitness center, saunas, tanning salon, racquet ball courts, and a 250 seat conference hall.

GARMISCH: The AFRC facility in Garmisch offers a variety of winter programs including skiing and indoor tennis. The summer season brings mountaineering, hiking, golf, tennis, canoeing, kayaking and white water rafting to AFRC guests. There are 5 AFRC hotels plus the new Hausberg Ski Lodge which opened last December. The ski lodge is one of the most beautiful and largest in all of Europe. It offers everything from ski equipment rental and repairs to a huge, elegant restaurant.

For more information write to: Central Reservation Office
Headquarters, Armed Forces Recreation Centers
APO New York, NY 09053

Be sure to include your name, rank/rate, complete mailing address, number in your party. State your preferred dates for your vacation and an alternate and also state whether you want a room with or without bath. (Stating that you'll accept either will enhance your chances of being assigned your preferred dates.) All transactions while at the AFRC facility are in U.S. dollars and/or Visa and Mastercard.

Submitted by Herb Reith - Secretary, CGComVets

SHIP
REUNION
NOTICE



USS CALLAWAY (APA-35)

12 December 1990

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

USS CALLAWAY'S CREW CELEBRATES SILVER REUNION

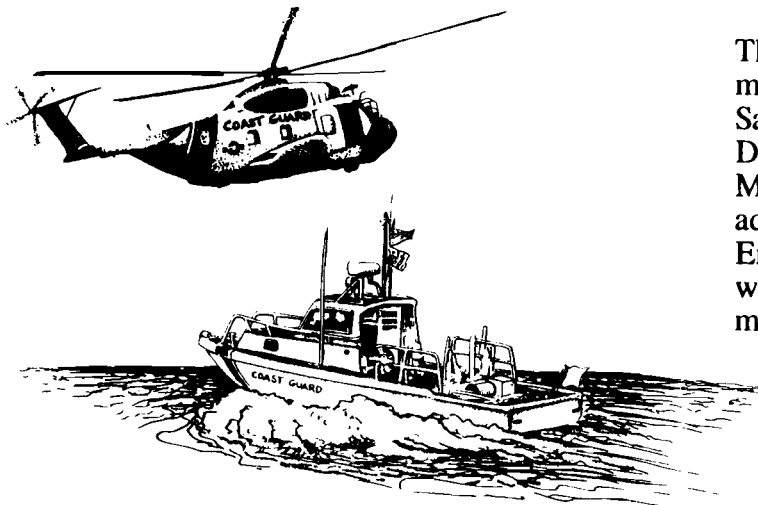
Former crew members of USS CALLAWAY (APA-35) will celebrate their 25th reunion on 5-8 August, 1991 at the Normandy Inn, Minneapolis, MN.

A World War Two U. S. Navy assault transport was manned by U, S. Coast Guard under Pacific Fleet Naval Command from 1943 to 1946.

For more details contact: R. L. Stambach, 4283-B Island Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33919-4427, Telephone 813-481-0359.

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President George Bush authorized the United States Mint to strike and issue a National Medal in commemoration of the Bicentennial of the U.S. Coast Guard, celebrated in 1990.

The bronze medals are available for public sale in two sizes—a 3 inch diameter high relief medal for \$21.00 and a 1½ inch diameter “coin size” replica for \$2.25.

The prices include postage and handling. The medals are also available at the U.S. Mint Sales Centers at Union Station in Washington, D.C., the Philadelphia Mint, the Denver Mint, and the Old San Francisco Mint. In addition, the Visitors Center in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D.C. will offer them. Presentation cases for the medals are available.

(OBVERSE)

A depiction of Anton Otto Fischer's portrait "To the Rescue" executed by Mint Sculptor/Engraver Bryson Gwinnell.

(REVERSE)

The United States Coast Guard Seal executed by Mint Sculptor/Engraver Edgar Steever.

