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Signals From The Flag Bridge



by **RADM Robert A. Rosen**
Commander, New York Naval Militia

Dear Shipmates:

The last three months have indeed been very eventful for our Nation. A significant number of persons who are in the active Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard reserve, and are also members of the New York Naval Militia, have been called to active duty. More than 7,000+ Naval Reservists throughout the Nation are now on active duty. Our heartfelt appreciation goes to them and their families. We are indeed very proud of their service to our Nation and State. We wish a safe return for the 2000+ New York Naval Militia members who have been called to active duty; many of them are serving in the Persian Gulf area and elsewhere. Our prayers are with them.

Our deepest condolences go to the families of Sgt. Eugene Williams from Highland, New York, just 24 years old, who died in the line of duty in Iraq. Likewise, Lance Corporal William W. White from Brooklyn, NY, also age 24. We also mourn all of the Soldiers, Marines and Sailors who have been killed or injured in the line of duty in their efforts to make our Nation and the World safe. We also mourn Lt. Col. Michael P. Anderson an astronaut, who was killed in the space shuttle Columbia tragedy in February, 2003. He was born on Christmas Day 1959 in Plattsburgh, NY, the son of an Air Force serviceman. Col. Anderson dreamed of the cosmos and space flight from the time he was a boy and got his first toy airplane at age 3. He was an extraordinary man and a great example to all of us. Our condolences are extended to his family and friends. The NYNM also extends its condolences to the family, friends and shipmates of UTCM Thomas Center. Master Chief Center was a long time member of the New York Naval Militia and was serving on active duty with the 7th CB Regiment as Command Master Chief in Newport, RI, when he passed away.

We wish a speedy recovery to RADM Ed Grandin, NYNM who is recuperating at the St. Alban's Veteran Center. Cards or a visit would be most appreciated. Hurry back soon!

Our important and vital missions

continue on New York's waterways and otherwise in support of the military requirements in the State of New York. Our military emergency boat service (MEBS) has been established and is in operation presently on vital New York waterways. Our small fleet of patrol boats is in the process of being increased and the administrative procurement process is in full swing. We hope to receive the new equipment just as soon as possible. New York certainly needs it. Preparations with prospective qualified crewmembers, training, organization manuals and coordination with the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Reserve have been, and continue to be in process.

As you all know, port security is such a vital issue to the safety and welfare of our State. Container cargo moving through the New York-New Jersey ports increased by 13% in 2002 over the previous year, based on the region's growing trade with China, a spike in automobile imports and cargo diverted because of a labor dispute that closed West Coast ports. There is extensive construction on the way to further increase the capability of the New York-New Jersey ports. We expect cargo to continue to grow and as it grows, so does our job.

The following are ways organizations are helping military families. If you, your families or any organization you are associated with care to do so on a

voluntary basis, it is very much appreciated.

HOW TO HELP THE TROOPS:

Care packages: United Service Organization,
www.usometrodc.org/care.html

Cash and supplies: American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services,
www.redcross.org/services/afes

General e-mails, thank you notes:
www.OperationDearAbby.net;
www.defendamerica.mil/nmam.html

Individual pen pals:
www.operationsoldiersupport.org;
<http://groups.msn.com>

Hugs To Kuwait Adopt A Soldier:
www.adoptaplatoon.org;
www.operationmilitarypride.org

Phone cards:
www.operationuplink.org

Service charities:
Army Emergency Relief;
www.aerhq.org;
Navy/Marine Relief Society;
www.nmcrs.org
Air Force Aid Society;
www.afas.org
Coast Guard Mutual Assistance;
www.cgmahq.org

Care for pets: Military Pets Foster Program, www.netpets.org

Food:
"Gift of Groceries": program,
www.commissaries.com/certificheck/jndex.htm;
"Gifts From the Homefront" program,
www.aafes.com

In Iraq, at least two of the United States Military female soldiers are missing in action as of last week and one is a prisoner of war. Other women whether flying combat aircraft or serving in supportive roles, are likely among the wounded. Therefore, we must always maintain the highest

respect and appreciation for our female Soldiers, Marines and Sailors who serve in our New York State Military family. Their participation is so important to the success of our mission.

I offer congratulations to Major General George T. Garrett, retiring Commanding Officer of the 42nd Infantry Division (Mechanized). General Garrett has always been a great friend and supporter of the New York Naval Militia and commanded some of our Naval Militia forces during the 9/11 tragedy in New York City. Also, our congratulations to CWO5 Lu Caldara on his election to the office of Commandant of the Marine Corps League, Westchester County Detachment, New York. This is a great honor as the Marines have been so much a part of his life. If you have to contact him, CWO Caldara's email is LLC1@westchestergov.com. He is also actively participating in the ESGR (Employer Support of the Coast Guard Reserve), which protects the rights of service members in their place of employment at time of mobilization and upon their return. For more information, visit at www.esgr.org. This organization does very important work for all of us. Please do support them and advise them of any exemplary performances by employers or any problems that you may be aware of.

Congratulations and best wishes to LTGEN Frank Libutti, USMC (Ret.) who for the last 14 months has headed the New York City Police Department's Counter Terrorism Bureau. He recently has been nominated by President Bush to oversee the Department of Homeland Security Intelligence Operations. General Libutti is a member of the Flag Officers Advisory Council to the New York Naval Militia.

Congratulations to LCDR Bill Kempner, NYNM (my Flag Secretary) and his wife Diane on the birth of his son David Walter on March 15, 2003.

Congratulations to VADM Joseph Stewart, Commanding Officer of the Merchant Marine Academy at King's Point, on his recent promotion.

It is important to note that there are

two new medals that have recently been created for service during the war on terrorism. One is the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and the second is the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. An executive order was signed on March 12, 2003 establishing these two new awards for actions in the Global War on Terrorism.

Welcome aboard to CDR Andrew Wall, new Commanding Officer for NRTC Buffalo and LCDR Scott Hottenstein, new Commanding Officer for NRC Glens Falls. "Fair Winds and following Seas" to CDR Thomas Magno and LCDR Jason Wyatt who have been very helpful to the NYNM.

We have attached to this Newsletter an outline fact sheet for your use dealing with emergency preparedness information. This particular one refers to Westchester County because CAPT Liam Murphy, NYNM is one of the persons who helps run the Office of Emergency Management in the County. However, every County has such a similar activity and you should be familiar with the County in which you reside. Make every effort to prepare yourself, stay in close touch with your regional leadership of the New York Naval Militia and be fully prepared to serve in the event the State of New York needs us.

Our special thanks and appreciation go to Governor George E. Pataki, our Commander in Chief, on his recent efforts to provide financial benefits for State residents called to military service. The Governor said "citizen-soldiers" should be protected. He pointed out that almost 20,000 New Yorkers currently belong to the State's National Guard and Naval Militia and more than 14,000 of them have been deployed at least once since the September 11th terrorism attack. Thousands more are part of the Armed Forces Reserve. Under Federal Law, all those called up for duty are guaranteed their jobs when they return. Under New York State Law, state employees are entitled to 22 days of paid military leave. He is seeking to expand those benefits and protections that are so vitally needed for our

military personnel in the State.

Our thanks go to RADM John Paddock, USN (Ret.) who has agreed to act as Chairman of our Flag Officers Advisory Council. The Council is presently comprised of 12 retired United States Navy, United States Marine Corps and United States Coast Guard Flag Officers who meet periodically to help review our policies, advise on problems and future planning and other very important issues that arise from time to time. This Council was recently established by the Adjutant General, MGEN Thomas Maguire, as well as the Commander of the New York State Naval Militia. Our appreciation goes to all the members of the Council whose extraordinary experience and wisdom are so vital to the future of our Naval Militia Program in the State.

On the first of March the United States Coast Guard, which operated under the U.S. Department of Transportation since the 1960's, was transferred to the Department of Homeland Security. The New York Naval Militia works very closely with the Coast Guard who deserve every accolade and appreciation for their extraordinary service to our Nation and State. More than 125 Coast Guard reservists are also members of the NYNM. Appreciation goes to Captain Craig Bone and to Captain Mike Moriarity who not only is presently on extended active duty serving as the Executive Officer of the Coast Guard Command New York, but also serves as our coordinator of Coast Guard affairs for the New York Naval Militia.

For the first time in the history of New York City, federal, state and city services available to vets, are co-located under one roof. The Veterans Job Center is located at 25 Chapel Street, Brooklyn. There, the city's Human Resources Administration has established an office staffed by personnel from the State Division of Veteran Affairs and the Veterans Administration.

July 27, 2003 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice. We salute all our Korean War veterans and their association, the

KWVA. The 2003 Veterans Day Parade will commemorate this milestone, and will once again recognize the service and sacrifice of "The Forgotten Veteran".

This year more than ever our New York City Fleet Week celebration, which will be our 16th Annual one, takes on a special significance. Fleet Week honors the men and women who serve in the U.S. Military and their families. The Intrepid Sea Air Space Museum and the City of New York will co-host the 16th Annual Fleet Week celebration. Many of the exciting Fleet Week activities that have been synonymous with the event will be staged at the museum, with others scheduled throughout the five boroughs of New York City. If you would like additional information, visit the Navy website at www.fleetweek.navy.mil.

The New York Naval Militia will once again participate in the Memorial Day service in Brooklyn, New York, which will be the 136th Kings County Memorial Day Parade. This effort is headed by LCDR. Bennet Cohen, NYNM. It has become a tradition for our Naval Militia to participate. Additional events will be going on throughout the State with our full participation and support, as always.

It should be very evident to all of you that your service, dedication, patriotism, training and professionalism are more important today than ever before. We thank you for your active participation in the New York Naval Militia. The battlefield lines have been blurred and our homeland has been and continues to be under threat. We must be prepared to meet that threat not only in the United States of America but wherever it rears its ugly head throughout the World.

It is with deepest regret and sadness that I must inform you of the passing of Mr. M. Anthony Fisher and his wife Anne on Friday April 4 in a tragic plane crash in Massachusetts, Tony and Anne will be greatly missed by their family, their many friends and associates as well as, I am sure, the 1.5 million members of the United States Armed Forces.

Tony will be dearly remembered as the Chairman and CEO of the Intrepid Museum Foundation, the Vice Chairman of the Fisher House Foundation, as a leader of New York real estate, and as a leader in philanthropy. Since 1995, when he took over leadership of the Intrepid Museum Foundation, Tony has been thoroughly committed to promoting and improving the Museum and to making it a world class monument to the men and women of the Armed Forces. We extend our prayers to Tony's and Ann's families.

Our deepest sympathies go to the family of PFC Gregory P. Huxley, Forrest Point, NY, who lost his life in Iraq.

Best wishes for smooth sailing:

Robert A. Rosen

RADM Robert A. Rosen, NYNM
Commander
Naval Aide to the Governor

**WWII MEMORIAL
DEDICATION IS
SCHEDULED FOR MAY
2004**

The American Battle Monuments Commission has announced that the World War II Memorial on the National Mall in the nation's capital will be dedicated on Saturday, May 29, 2004. The 7.4-acre site is located between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. The white stone memorial will feature 56 17-foot-high pillars, two four-story arches, and a sunken plaza with a pool. On the floor of the arches will be a replica of the World War II Victory Medal surrounded by the words, "Victory on Land, Victory at Sea, Victory in the Air." A registry will contain the names of veterans and others who helped in the war effort. The commission says that of the 16 million citizens who served in uniform in World War II, fewer than four million are expected to be alive when the memorial is dedicated.

The Chaplains Corner



By Rabbi William Kloner,
RADM, NYNM

That the Jewish-Christian festivals of Passover and Easter are celebrated this year at a time when the regime of Saddam Hussein is falling bespeaks of the comparison that can be made between the Pharaoh of biblical memory and the current despot of our day, Saddam Hussein.

In both scenarios, the essential God-given theme is FREEDOM, release of an oppressed people from tyranny. In the book of Exodus, we read how Pharaoh had enslaved the Hebrew people, finally decreeing that every male child be drowned in the Nile. It was only through the intervention of God that the Hebrew people were freed, permitted to leave slavery behind them, them arch to freedom and the Promised Land before them.

But it took 10 plagues to convince Pharaoh that the Lord's will could not be denied, that the enslavement of any people is contrary to the divine command given in the Bible, the quotation of which is inscribed upon our Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, "Proclaim Liberty throughout the land, unto all the inhabitants thereof."

The biblical spirit of Liberty is precisely the theme that heralds our coalition commitment in Iraq, to free the Iraqi people from the tyranny of Saddam Hussein, to erase the "plague" of the starvation and death of children, the resources of the nation having been diverted to the production of weapons, even weapons of mass destruction that

were employed against his own people and his neighbors as well.

Just as one plague after another was brought upon Pharaoh and his people, so were the United Nations Resolutions, over 20 in number, of no avail in peacefully bringing our modern tyrant to the realization that his quest for power and domination would only bring disaster upon himself and his powerless population. Whereas a devastating Gulf War followed by years of the plagues of sanctions could not deter Saddam Hussein from his evil intent, so the Pharaoh of Old would relent after each plague, only to revert to his determination to retain his tyrannous power.

In the end, it was only force, military power that had to be employed. Peaceful means were destined to fall. Pharaoh and his Hosts found the fate of death in the drowning of his elite forces, chariots and all, in the Red Sea; U.N. Resolutions and sanctions, year after year, relenting periods of grudging inspections were of no avail. Inflicting death-dealing warfare upon Saddam Hussein and his "hosts" of Republican Guards prove to be the only recourse to achieve freedom from terror for his people and the world.

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT MAKES W2 TAX FORMS AVAILABLE ONLINE FOR MEMBERS

Federal W2 tax forms are now available online through the Defense Finance and Accounting Service's new "myPay" Web site system.

A personal identification number is needed to use the system. Service members and retirees who do not remember their PIN can apply for another by going online to "myPay" and clicking on Defense Finance & Accounting. PIN's will be mailed. They will take from three-to- seven days to be delivered.

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT HONORS EMPLOYER SUPPORT FOR RESERVE MEMBERS

The Department of Defense has honored four companies who made important sacrifices to allow their employees who are members of the Guard or Reserve to serve their country. It, also, honored the State of Wyoming for allowing its employees to meet the call to service after the attacks in New York, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C. The five groups received Secretary of Defense Freedom Awards at a ceremony conducted in Washington by Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz. Secretary Wolfowitz said that United Parcel Service of Kentucky; General Dynamics Land Systems of Michigan; Public Service of New Hampshire; Autoliv, Inc. of Utah; and the State of Wyoming helped Reserve Component members serve their country "because it is the right thing to do."

Secretary Wolfowitz said these organizations are examples of employers who support Reservists in their call to serve. "Hundreds of employers have extended continued medical care, made up salary differences, established support mechanisms for families, and taken extraordinary steps to show support," he said. "This support for the Reserve Components shows the best of America. These organizations, and many others like them around the United States, appreciate the sacrifices that Reservists make to serve their country," he added.

The 2003 Defense Authorization Bill will be named after Rep. Bob Stump (R-AZ), Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, who is retiring after 26 years of service in Congress.

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(Be sure to check it out!)**

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asked for extension, (or during the day
enter 120), then follow instructions.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR THE USS SLATER DE-766

- ◆ Tour Guides
- ◆ Ticket Takers
- ◆ Maintenance
- ◆ Administrative

**Interested personnel should contact
CWO4 McCoy at (518) 786-4583.**

Work is to be done on your own time to
prevent conflict with civilian
employment or Reserve weekend.

Special Volunteers Needed

Naval Militia personnel are urgently
needed for Veterans Funerals by the
State Military Honor Guard. Let your
shipmates know during your next drill—
this is duty for which you will be paid
and enhance your evaluation.

Adult volunteers are needed to help
with the Sea Cadet program. Contact
SKC Daniels at (518) 786-4583.

NEW STATE MILITARY AWARD

A new state military award has been
created for members of the New York
State Organized Militia, who
performed homeland defense missions
in any status in response to an order by
the Governor, as a result of 11
September 2001. This new medal has
been named the New York State
Defense of Liberty Medal. Select
civilians, who worked in support of the
New York State Organized Militia and
are deemed appropriate, may be
considered eligible for this medal.

The fall time frame has been
targeted to have the New York State
Defense of Liberty Medal available for
eligible members. This time is needed
for coordinating the manufacture of the
medals.

Any questions regarding state
military awards may be directed to Ms.
Nancy S. French, Awards and
Recognition Program Administrator, at
(518) 786-4520.

NAVAL MILITIA VOLUNTEERS

The Naval Militia Office is always
looking for volunteer support to help out
in the office or in the field. If you are
retired and would like to donate some of
your time, please call the Naval Militia
office at (518) 786-4585/84/83.

EDUCATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

DEADLINES TO REMEMBER

Each year submit applications to Unit
Commanders:

Fall Semester 30 June

Spring Semester 31 Oct

Each year Unit Commander submit
application to DMNA:

Fall Semester 15 Aug

Spring Semester 15 Dec

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- Properly completed DMNA 96-1
(Application). Be sure to include
School Code and all required
signatures.
- Letter of Acceptance/Verification of
enrollment in degree program.
- Proof of application for NYS TAP,
PELL and any other available
financial aid.
- Changes to 621-1 have been made.
All personnel are urged to read the
new 621-1. Copies have been sent
to NRC CO's and I&I staff, com-
mand career counselors and all unit
reps.

POC for this program is:

SKCS Adrienne Daniels 518-786-4583

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RADM Robert A. Rosen, Commander, NYNM and MAJ Willard F. Lochridge, IV, at presentation ceremony for the Defense of Freedom Medal held on 24 October 2002.

BURKE CHAPTER MESS NIGHT



L-R: RADM Robert A. Rosen, Commander New York Naval Militia, VADM John R. Ryan, USN (Ret), President SUNY Maritime and CAPT Tom Duffey, USNR (Ret).

The Ensign James F. Burke, Jr. Chapter of the Naval Reserve Association held its fifteenth annual Mess Night at the historic Larchmont Yacht Club, New York on Friday evening, 7 February 2003.

The chapter is named in honor of Ensign Burke, a naval aviator who was killed in action near Vin Long, Vietnam on 1 August 1967. He was twenty two years of age at his death. In attendance at the dinner was Lieutenant Commander Tim Burke, the brother of Ensign Burke.

The featured speaker of the evening was Vice Admiral John R Ryan, USN (Ret) the current President of SUNY

Maritime and formerly the Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. Also making remarks at the dinner were Rear Admiral Robert A. Rosen, Commander, NYNM, Rear Admiral Andrew P. O'Rourke and Rear Admiral J. Robert Lunney, NYNM.

Mess Nights find their origins in the celebrations of Viking warriors who toasted their victories and paid tribute to their fallen comrades. Mess Nights are full of tradition and history. The president of the Mess is Captain Tom Duffey, USNR (Ret) who was most ably assisted by Captain Liam Murphy, NYNM.



RADM Rosen swears in COL Michael Esau to the Retired Reserve - NYNM, during the Mess Night at Larchmont.

Marines in Kuwait



WO4 John Segro, 2nd from right and LCPL John Heney at right, from 6th Com BTN USMCR, Brooklyn, are shown in Kuwait after mobilization.

Change of Command Stennis Sea Cadet Program



L - R: LCDR Catherine E. Orazi, NYNM, CWO3 Roy Tringali, NYNM, LT Joseph Palazzo

The service of LCDR Catherine E. Orazi, NYNM, outgoing Commanding Officer of the Stennis Div., CVN 74, Sea Cadet program at Amityville was commemorated at a change of command ceremony on 15 March 2003.

Assuming Command was LT Joseph Palazzo at the Reserve Center, Amityville, NY.

CWO3 Roy Tringali, NYNM, represented the Governor.

NEW RESERVE FORCES COMMANDER VISITS BRONX RESERVE CENTER

By ENS James McCue
NR NAVINFO East 102

When the next Naval Reserve Forces Commander, Rear Admiral John P. Debbout, visited Naval Reserve Center (NRC), Ft. Schuyler, The Bronx, he brought with him one simple message: gratitude to reservists for their sacrifices and assurance that Navy leadership is behind them all the way.

"I cannot ever thank you enough for doing what you are doing for your

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nation. I cannot thank your family enough for allowing you to do what you for your nation,” said Rear Admiral Debbout to the couple of hundred sailors gathered on the parade deck.

Admiral Debbout was in town to introduce himself as the successor to present Reserve Forces Commander Rear Admiral John P. McLaughlin and meet with Bronx Reserve Center leadership to tell them the direction he plans to take reserve forces in the next 3-5 years, according to Reserve Center Commanding Officer, Commander Paul Martirano.

But the emphasis of his visit was to recognize the efforts of local sailors taking part in Operation Iraqi Freedom as well as the ongoing campaign in Afghanistan, noting that 25% of NRC Bronx has been mobilized to defend the country, having made a significant contribution to the 11,427 reservists that have been forward deployed thus far. “You are the ultimate volunteer,” said the Admiral. “Our nation truly appreciates what we do.”

Admiral Debbout explained that their mission is to apply decisive military power globally, anytime and any place, and that this can only be done effectively with reservist support. “We are no longer a force and a reserve, but one force,” the Admiral answered on how important they are to the active duty side.

Debbout emphasized that it is his and Navy leadership's responsibility to ensure that reservists have the tools and resources to do their jobs. “Our sailors should never have a problem when joining the fleet to help out the active duty,” he said. “It is leadership's job to make sure they get there [to the fleet] with no problems.”

Drawing on his 27 years in the Navy, Admiral Debbout said that it boils down to four words: world-class customer service. He told the sailors that they are all customers and that leadership must do what is right to make sure their needs are met, especially their pay. He promised them

that he is committed to this task.

Commander Martirano thought it was a very positive experience for Admiral Debbout to meet with NRC leadership and to personally address the sailors.

“He came here to see what great New York sailors we have and it's great to show off the Bronx to the new boss,” said Martirano.

Admiral Debbout will take over as Naval Reserve Forces Commander on May 31. He currently serves as deputy commander.



L - R, CDR Chuck Haunss, NYNM, Msgr Joseph Conrad, Senator Serphin Maltese

In the 'photo above, New York State Senator Serphin Maltese, a Korean War Marine Corps Veteran, was recently “sworn in” for his eighth term in Albany. Senator Maltese has always been a staunch supporter of veterans (State and Federal) rights. CDR Chuck Haunss, NYNM, is a long time member of Senator Maltese's Veterans Affairs Council, as well as his Legislative Advisory Committee.

Superintendent Hosts Open House for Kings

During the Christmas Holiday Season, Rear Admiral Joseph Stewart, USMS, Superintendent of the US Merchant Marine Academy hosted an “Open House” for the Midshipmen and Guests. Among the guests was CDR

Chuck Haunss, NYNM, who has assisted the Academy's Midshipmen Programs in various capacities over the years.



L - R, Kings Point Midshipmen, CDR Chuck Haunss, NYNM, RADM Joseph Stewart, USMS

Admiral Stewart is also a member of the recently formed NYNM Flag Officers Advisory Council, an initiative of Rear Admiral Robert A. Rosen, NYNM, which will promote better coordination between federal and state military forces, especially post 9/11.

Maritime Cadet A Role Model for Black Youth



L - R, Mr. Ron Frederick, Cadet Brian Frederick, CDR Chuck Haunss, NYNM

Cadet Brian Frederick represented the S.U.N.Y. Maritime College Regiment of Cadets at the N.Y. National Guard's Black History Month Dinner. Cadet Frederick was cited as a role model for

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African-American youth. Frederick jokingly stated "both Admiral Ryan (President of Maritime) and myself are freshmen." Good luck to both Admiral Ryan and Cadet Frederick in the coming years.

Holiday Camaraderie at Old Guard's Armory



L - R, Col John Gargan, OGNy, CAPT Hu Gibbons, NYNM, CDR Chuck Hauss, NYNM and an unidentified OGNy member

The Old Guard of the City of New York, the city's oldest veterans organization hosted its Annual Christmas Holiday Party at the "Armory" in Manhattan. Representing the N.Y. Naval Militia at the festive occasion were CAPT Hu Gibbons, NYNM and CDR Chuck Hauss, NYNM.

Fort Hamilton's New Ed Center Director Welcomed

At a recent meeting at Fort Hamilton's Education Center, CDR Chuck Hauss, NYNM, met with the Center's new director, Mr. James Reilly.

Mr. Reilly gave CDR Hauss a thorough briefing on the center's services, and encouraged drilling and/or activated NY Naval Militia personnel to stop by or call him at (718) 630-4715 for career and educational planning opportunities.



L - R, Mr. James Reilly, CDR Chuck Hauss, NYNM

Preparations for Memorial Day Parade Underway



L - R, Mr. Ed Clancy, Mr. Ed Cush, CDR Chuck Hauss, NYNM, Mr. Peter Coltrano

For the months prior to the annual Brooklyn Memorial Day Parade, both the executive and regular Committees meet to plan and coordinate the logistics, finances, participating units and scheduling. Usually coinciding with Fleet Week, the parade attracts many Marines and Sailors who join in the line of march. NYNM's own RADM Ed Grandin is the Chairman Emeritus of the 137-year-old parade, the longest running of all Memorial Day Parades.

The NYNM. always has a strong showing, and all members are invited to participate. Interested new marchers

may call either CDR Chuck Hauss, NYNM at (718) 639-3830 or LCDR Bennet Cohen, NYNM, at (516) 623-6458.

NYNM Salutes Black History Month



L - R, Col and Mrs. Wayne McGrath, NYNM, CDR Chuck Hauss, NYNM, LCDR and Mrs. Bennet Cohen, NYNM

Commemorating the honorable service of African-American military throughout the history of the United States, the New York National Guard sponsored the Annual Black History Month Dinner at the 7th Regiment Armory on 1 February, 2003. Representing the NYNM were Col. Wayne McGrath, NYNM, CDR Chuck Hauss, NYNM and Lt CDR Bennet Cohen, NYNM. The attendees were treated to a spirited address by Major General Michael D. Rochelle, Commanding General, U.S. Army Recruiting Command.

SENATE BILL WOULD GIVE INCOME PROTECTION TO MOBILIZED RESERVISTS

Sen. Mary Landrieu (D-LA) has introduced a bill that would provide tax breaks to employers of Reserve and National Guard members who agree to make up the difference between military pay and civilian salaries. Her bill, 5.308-8, would give tax credits for up to half of the pay for civilian employers and would order federal agencies to continue providing full pay to mobilized federal workers.

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In the 'photo above, SKCS Adrienne Daniels, NYNM Headquarters staff, is shown in the Red Room at the Capitol at a news conference held by Governor George Pataki. The Governor was announcing the introduction of the Patriot Bill to increase benefits for Reserve component personnel called to Active Duty.

Governor George E. Pataki joined Assembly Republican Leader Charles H. Nesbitt, members of the Assembly Republican Conference, Major General Thomas P. Maguire, Jr., the New York State Adjutant General and members of the National Guard to unveil the "Patriot Plan" -- a comprehensive package of bills and administrative measures that would provide a wide array of new benefits and protections for New York's servicemen and women.

The "Patriot Plan" will assist troops and their families who face potential added expenses and disruptions caused by being called to active duty in the nation's ongoing war against terrorism and possible military action in Iraq. "New York's military servicemen and women play a vital role in keeping our nation safe, strong and free, particularly as we work to protect our homeland and fight the ongoing war against terrorism," Governor Pataki said. "The sacrifices our military men and women make while serving on active duty should not be compounded by their families having to make additional sacrifices at home. This comprehensive

package will provide new and enhanced benefits to our military personnel, so that they and their families will get the support and protections they need and deserve." America's fighting forces comprise 2.5 million members -- half of whom serve in Reserves, the National Guard and state militias. There are 21,000 New York members of the National Guard, Air National Guard, Naval Militia and the New York Guard.

Assembly Republican Leader Charles H. Nesbitt said, "The soldiers, airmen, sailors and Marines who sacrifice their time out of commitment to our nation and a strong conviction to protecting our freedom deserve not just our support and gratitude, but also our efforts to help minimize the disruption that an emergency military activation can cause in their lives and in the lives of their families."

Assemblyman Roy McDonald said, "In recent years, our nation has turned increasingly to the citizen-soldiers who make up our Guard, Reserves and militia to help in the fight for freedom around the world and right here at home. Yet benefits, pay and laws that protect the rights of these servicemen and women and their families have not kept pace with this dramatic shift." Assemblyman Daniel L. Hooker said, "New Yorkers working at their jobs today will be on the front lines defending our freedom tomorrow. With this package of bills and initiatives, we are putting the force of good, common-sense ideas behind these brave men and women."

Assemblyman Jeff Brown said, "The terror attacks, which caused the activation of thousands of Reservists and National Guard troops, and preparations for a possible looming war are having a tremendous impact on servicemen and women, as well as on their families. The "Patriot Plan" is a way to improve peace of mind to servicemen and women, thank them for their sacrifice, and help them provide for their families while they dedicate their energies to the serious business at

hand."

Assemblyman Jim Tedisco said, "The men and women of our armed forces are prepared to put their lives on the line for our safety and freedom. These ideas and proposals are meant to show our appreciation for their efforts and our support at home for the dangerous work that they do."

Maj. Gen. Thomas P. Maguire, New York's Adjutant General said "This initiative is a continuation of Governor Pataki's unwavering commitment to and advocacy for the men and women of New York's Guard and militia forces and members of the Reserves. From tuition benefits to increased State Active Duty pay to health coverage for families of deployed personnel to additional military leave for state employees who serve, there is not a governor in the nation that has done more for his or her citizen soldiers. The New York National Guard is doing more for this State and nation than at any time in history, and Governor Pataki's leadership and vision have been a huge factor in our ability to sustain this unprecedented tempo. On behalf of New York's citizen soldiers, airmen, sailors and Marines, I would like to thank Governor Pataki and Leader Nesbitt for their efforts to protect the rights and well being of our deployed personnel and their families." The new, comprehensive package of bills and administrative measures unveiled by Governor Pataki and Assembly Republicans includes a wide array of new initiatives to assist New York's servicemen and women and their families. They include: **KEY INITIATIVES OF THE NEW "PATRIOT PLAN"**

Supplemental Military Leave: Expands the supplemental military leave program established after September 11, 2001, to ensure that all state officers and employees called active duty in the war against terror and possible military action in Iraq suffer no loss of salary as a result. **Educational Military Leave of Absence and Tuition Relief:** Requires

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colleges and universities to provide an educational military leave of absence for students called to active duty, which would require the institution to restore the student to his or her previous educational status upon return from military service without any loss of credits earned, scholarships or grants, or other fees paid prior to commencement of military duty. In addition, all colleges and universities would be required to provide a tuition refund or credit for students forced to suspend their studies because of an educational military leave of absence.

Protection Against Military Status Discrimination: Expands the protections of the Human Rights Law to military personnel to ensure they are not discriminated against regarding housing, employment, education, public accommodations, and credit applications.

Termination of Vehicle Leases: Permits military personnel to terminate a car lease if he or she is called to active duty.

Interest Rate Cap on Installment Loans: Caps rates of interest on installment loans at 6 percent while the individual is engaged in State active duty. This provision provides the same protection for personnel called to active duty by the Governor that federal law provides to personnel called to active duty by the President.

Health Insurance Benefits: Directs the Insurance Department to protect the rights of military personnel to continue, suspend or convert health insurance benefits during times of active duty.

Professional Liability Insurance: Permits suspension of professional liability (malpractice) insurance by military personnel while serving on active duty. This provision provides protections for military personnel engaged in State active duty similar to the protections provided to military personnel engaged in federal active duty.

War on Terrorism Scholarship Program: Provides the children, spouses and dependents of New York

military personnel killed during the war on terrorism or possible military action in Iraq, as well as severely disabled combat survivors, with undergraduate awards to cover the cost of attending institutions of the State University or City University of New York, or a commensurate amount to attend a private college or university in New York State.

Retirement Loan Repayment: Permits the suspension of loan payments for public employees who borrowed against their retirement system savings while such employees are engaged in active duty.

Veterans Services Agencies: Authorizes county-run Veterans Services Agencies to provide services to active duty Reserve, National Guard and militia troops.

License Extensions: Provides automatic extensions for emergency medical technician licenses, drivers' licenses, vehicle registration and vehicle inspections while military personnel are engaged in active duty.

Suspension of Certain Legal Requirements During Active Duty: Provides the Governor with the authority to issue Executive Orders temporarily suspending or modifying specific provisions of any statute, local law, ordinance or orders, rules or regulations, or parts thereof, relating to the obligations of military personnel called to active duty related to the war on terrorism.

Free High-Speed Internet: Provides free high-speed Internet access at places such as at State university campuses to family members of activated troops for the purpose of communicating with their loved ones.

Employer Recognition: Creates a "NY-USA Proud" employer of distinction award to recognize companies that show exceptional support for military reservists and Guard members.

Patriot Discount Program: Establishes a voluntary state-sponsored program for merchants who agree to provide reduced price discounts for merchandise and services for all

military personnel. Participating merchants are eligible for the proposed "NY-USA Proud" recognition program.

Free Hunting & Fishing Licenses: Provides free hunting and fishing licenses for members of the Guard, Reserve and state militia.

Free "Empire Passport" to State Parks: Provides free admission for Reserve, National Guard and state militia troops and their families to the State parks and beaches.

Use of Retirees as Temporary Substitutes: Allows local governments to hire back retired workers to temporarily replace employees called to active duty. These workers would not face any loss of pension benefits as a result of this service.

NAVY MEDICAL RESERVISTS MOBILIZED

Syracuse, New York – March 6, 2003
Seven sailors from Naval Reserve Center Syracuse were called to active duty this week as part of the mobilization authorized by President Bush in support of Operations *Noble Eagle* and *Enduring Freedom*.

The mobilization process for the sailors is taking place at the Navy Reserve Center in Syracuse. Due to security measures now in effect, information about where these personnel will be assigned and for how long is not available.

A provision of the 2003 Defense Authorization Act provides that enlisted Reservists credited with extraordinary heroism in the line of duty are eligible for a ten percent increase in retired pay, as long as their payment doesn't exceed 75 percent of their base pay, on which retired pay is calculated.

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Change of Command and Retirement Ceremony

On 1 Feb 2003 a Change of Command and Retirement Ceremony was held at N&MCRC Buffalo, New York. Commander Thomas A. Magno, USN was relieved by Commander Andrew N. Wall, USNR after nearly two and one half years as Commanding Officer of the Reserve Center.

Following the COC, Commander Magno retired from the Navy after 22 years of service. During the ceremony, Commander Magno was presented with a commemorative clock by Captain Bruce H. Speller, Region III Commander, in recognition of his support of the New York Naval Militia. LCDR James Gerland, the outgoing Executive Officer of the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center also received a commemorative clock. Region III staff were present to bid farewell to Cdr Magno, and to extend a welcome to Commander Wall. LT Mark Cassidy, CWO4 Rucker, and Commander Wayne Sorrentino from the Region III staff had great memories of Cdr Magno's support of the NYNM, and of Region III objectives; "Rarely has a Center Commanding Officer been so proactive in his support of the Militia".

From September 1992 through November 1994 the new Commanding Officer, Commander Andrew N. Wall, had been the CO of NRC Horseheads. His prior billet within Region III well familiarized him with the New York Naval Militia.

Installation Dinner of the Navy Club of Lake Ontario

On Saturday 15 March 2003, with over 30 members in attendance, the Navy Club of Lake Ontario on Clinton

Street in Brockport celebrated its eleventh birthday with a dinner and the installation of its officers. Master Chief Ed Reese, with the New York Naval Militia, was again sworn in as Commander by Brockport's Mayor Jo Matela. The purpose of this Brockport Veteran's Organization is to promote the United States Navy and its history. The Navy Club Museum is open to the public on Friday from 12:00 to 3:00 pnt; stop by for a tour.



L - R: Mayor Jo Patella and Master Chief Ed Reese

NEW TRICARE POLICIES FOR FAMILY MEMBERS OF NATIONAL GUARD

Dr. William Winkenwerder, Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, and Thomas F. Hall, assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs, announced today policy changes that will enhance the Tricare Prime and Tricare Prime Remote (TPR) programs for members of the National Guard and Reserves and their family members. Starting March 10, 2003, Guard and Reserve family members, if their sponsor is on active duty (federal) orders for more than 30 days, will be eligible to enroll in Tricare Prime and enjoy the access standards and cost shares associated with the Prime

benefit.

"Previously, sponsors had to be eligible in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) and activated for 179 days or more before family members were eligible to enroll in Tricare Prime," Winkenwerder said. "The Department of Defense (DoD) recognizes the contributions and sacrifices made by these families each and every day. Our commitment is to continue making improvements to the Tricare benefit to enhance access and quality of care these families receive." Guard and Reserve family members who reside with their sponsors in a Tricare Prime Remote location at the time of the sponsor's activation can now enroll in the Tricare Prime Remote for Active Duty Family Members (TPRADFM) program.

For family members to be eligible to enroll in the TPRADFM program, sponsors and their family members must reside at a location that is at least 50 miles or more in distance, or approximately a one-hour drive from the nearest military treatment facility (MTF). Sponsors and family members also must be identified as eligible in DEERS.

"It's important that we take care of the families of our Reserve Component members," Hall said. "We want to ensure that our mobilized National Guard and Reserve members aren't worried about who's caring for their families while they're gone, and to return them to families whose health care needs have been met by the Military Health System." Contract changes are underway at Tricare Management Activity to implement the new TPRADFM policy. Once the changes are accomplished, family members of the Guard and Reserve sponsors activated for more than 30 days may start using the TPRADFM benefit, which has no co-payments, deductibles or claim forms to file, and which offers providers who meet rigorous standards for providing

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AWARDS – PROMOTIONS – DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal

Brennan, Christopher CAPT
NR MSCO PERGLF 102, Bronx

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

Boccio, Dona CDR
NR PMS WASH 302, Bronx
Perduto, James LCDR
NR MSCO PERGLF 102, Bronx
McMorrow, Martin LT
NR PMS WASH 302, Bronx
Smith, Andrew LTJG
NR PMS WASH 302, Bronx
Martinez, Cecilia ITI
NR NCAPS CENT "B", Bronx
Perez, Robert DTC
NMCB21 DET. 1121, Bronx
Villacreses, Byron SK1
NR PFG 39 AUG, Bronx
Rossito, Rosie YN1
NR LSO N. CENTRAL 104, Ft. Dix.
Gonzales, Juan DT2
NR NCAPS CENT "B", Bronx
Cosme, Denise EN2
NR FLTMAINTSUPT DET 1802,
Bronx
Doran, William HT2
NR FLTMAINTSUPT DET 1802,
Bronx
Rossi, Frank PN3
NR LSO N. CENTRAL 104 Ft. Dix
Martini, Nicholas SK3
NR LSO N. CENTRAL 104, Ft. Dix

Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal

Chan, Rudolph LCDR
NR MSCO PERGLF 102, Bronx

Joint Service Achievement Medal

Maroun, Paul A. LCDR
DIA Washington, DC

Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

Leahy, William CDR
NR COMICEDFOR 101

NEW YORK STATE AWARDS

Military Commendation Medal

Wason, Norman BMCS
NRTC, Albany

Recruiting Medal

Doran, William HT2
FLT SUP GRP Bronx
Derouin, Christopher CM2
NMCB 27 Watertown
Alcea, Aixa LT(jg)
FH FT DIX Det. 08 Bronx

Retirements

Wason, Norman BMCS
NRTC Albany

Promotions

McMorrow, Martin
NR PMS WASH 302, Bronx to LT
Smith, Andrew
NR PMS WASH 302, Bronx to LTJG
Boccio, Dona
NR PMS WASH 302, Bronx to CDR
Leahy, William
NR COMICEDFOR 101 to CDR

Terror Expert with NYC Police in Line for Federal Post

Frank Libutti, a retired Marine Corps Lieutenant General who for 14 months has headed the New York City Police Department's Counter Terrorism Bureau, will be nominated by President Bush to oversee the Department of Homeland Security's intelligence operations, the White House has announced.

As a deputy police commissioner, General Libutti, 57, currently oversees roughly 300 men and women in the department's Counter Terrorism Bureau, which, along with the Intelligence Division, forms the core of the department's efforts to prevent and prepare for any possible terrorist attack.

As the under secretary for information analysis and infrastructure protection at the Department of Homeland Security, he would oversee intelligence gathering on terrorism and the protection of the nation's infrastructure, said Gordon D. Johndroe, a Homeland Security spokesman.

Mr. Johndroe said that the general must be confirmed by the United States Senate, which could take several months.

The job description for the new post in the two-month-old Homeland Security Department, however, still seems somewhat unclear. Mr. Johndroe said it had not been determined how many people would work under General Libutti. But officials at the agency envision a sweeping role for the retired general.

Mr. Johndroe said the general will have an active role in the new Terrorism Threat Information Center, which is being set up with the F.B.I., the Central Intelligence Agency and the Department of Defense as a clearinghouse for all intelligence on terrorism.

Based on figures released by the Labor Department, service members are likely to get a 2.7 percent across-the-board pay raise in 2004.

NEWS ARTICLES

The following articles have been excerpted from various newspapers, magazines, wire services, and electronic bulletin boards to help keep you current on issues. If you find articles in your local area that you would like to see published in our next NYNM News, forward them to the editor: Henry E. Plimack, RADM, NYNM by E-mail to <HEPlimack@CS.com> or snail mail, 32 Melton Drive East, Rockville Centre, NY 11570-3255.

All submissions must be received via E-mail or on floppy disk. Photographs should contain proper identification for all personnel depicted.

Editor's note: Seeking to include YOUR favorite website in our Newsletter? E-mail me the URL and I will include ALL military and/or related sites in our next edition of the NYNM News.

New National Guard Bureau Chief Announced

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld has announced that the president has nominated Army National Guard Maj. Gen. H. Steven Blum, Maryland Army National Guard, for appointment to the rank of Lieutenant General with assignment as the Chief of the National Guard Bureau. Blum is currently serving as the Chief of Staff for Headquarters, U.S. Northern Command and Headquarters, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Peterson Air Force Base, CO.

Marine Corps Gets New Commandant

Gen. Michael W. Hagee, on 13 January 2003, took over as Marine Corps commandant confidently proclaiming his forces are ready for whatever lies ahead.

Hagee came to the Marine Corps' top

post after commanding the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Pendleton, CA. Hagee, 58, became the 33rd commandant in a tradition-rich ceremony at the U.S. Naval Academy, where he started his career upon graduating in 1968. He went on to command an infantry platoon and a company in combat in Vietnam and later commanded a battalion at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit and the 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton.

Hagee assumed his new office with the ceremonial passage of the Marine Corps' battle flag from the previous commandant, Gen. James L. Jones. Jones took over as Commander, U.S. Force Europe and as Supreme Allied Commander Europe, the first Marine ever to hold NATO's top military post. Looking at Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld on the dais, Hagee said: "Sir, that's your Marine Corps today. I look forward to working with Marines to build on the two strong foundations we have: Excellence in war fighting and taking care of one another."

In his opening remarks, Rumsfeld said: "We salute a great commandant of the Marine Corps for a job well done and we celebrate the arrival of an exceedingly well qualified man to assume leadership of the U.S. Marine Corps."

Noting that Jones and Hagee have a combined total of more than 70 years of service, he said, "they know the grave consequences of war." Rumsfeld recalled that President Bush promised the nation after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, "we will not waiver, we will not tire, we will not falter and we will not fail."

"You, the men and women of the Marine Corps, along with your colleagues from the other services, are the ones who will deliver on that promise," he said.

Canada and the United States have signed a military cooperation agreement that allows each country's troops to cross the border in an emergency.

Congratulations to New Naval Reserve Flag Officer Selectees

Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld has announced that the following Naval Reserve officers have been nominated by President Bush for promotion to Rear Admiral (Lower Half):

Capt. Jon W. Bayless Jr., while serving as Commander Naval Forces Europe Joint Task Force Contingency Unit Detachment 413, Selfridge, Mich.

Capt. Marshall E. Cusic Jr., Medical Corps, while serving as project officer, Professional Schools Liaison Office, Naval Reserve, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery 106, Washington, D.C.

Capt. Jay A. Deloach, while serving as Commander, SEVENTH Fleet Detachment 111, Fort Worth, Texas.

Capt. Karen A. Flaherty, Nurse Corps, while serving as Commanding Officer, Naval Reserve, Fleet Hospital, Fort Dix, N.J.

Capt. Ann D. Gilbride, while serving as Commander, Regional Intelligence Area 15, Norfolk, Va.

Capt. Edward Masse, while serving as Commanding Officer, Naval Reserve, Commander, Eastern Atlantic Detachment 108, Washington, D.C.

Capt. William H. Payne, while serving as Commanding Officer, Naval Reserve, Naval Special Warfare Command, Albuquerque, N.M.

Capt. Harold L. Robinson, Chaplain Corps, while serving as manpower assistant, Chief of Chaplains' Office, Washington, D.C.

Capt. Henry B. Tomlin III, Supply Corps, while serving as assistant chief of staff for plans and policy,

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Commander Naval Expeditionary Logistics Support Force, Williamsburg, Va.

Capt. Richard J. Wallace, while serving as Commanding Officer, Naval Reserve, Naval Air Systems Command 0566, Washington, D.C.

MARINES WANT A FEW GOOD RETIREES

Marine Corps deployments have created billet gaps at both non-deploying bases and stations worldwide, and to a lesser degree within the operating forces. Accordingly, the headquarters is screening a flood of retired Marines who have expressed a desire to return to active duty. The planned initial period of service for those accepted will not exceed six months. Marines with "operational" experience and skills who have retired within the past five years are particularly encouraged to apply. They must: be under age 60, be in a "reasonable" state of physical condition, have serviceable uniforms, to include at least camouflage utilities, and be willing to temporarily suspend all VA benefits if assigned an active-duty billet. Requests can be sent to HQMC (MMSR-7), 3280 Russell Road, Quantico, Va. 22134-5103. Contact for officers is Capt. A. M. Ingram at (703) 432-9097 and for enlisted is MSgt V.P. Tate at (703) 432-9099.

Military/Media Relations,

As I See It

By Lieutenant Colonel David Cahn,
USMC

With the battle raging, little if any sleep, and a thousand thoughts going through my mind, how can I put pen to paper and compose this article?

Further, what can I write that will not jeopardize ongoing or future operations?

We are hearing a great deal about the media and its current state of affairs with the military. Our Armed Forces has taken the enormous step of constructing a media center so that the international media is able to hear first hand exactly what occurred during a given day. Additionally, our military has embedded the media within its very ranks. The international media has sent many of their "A" teams to report first hand the liberation of Iraq from the terrorism of the current regime. I believe the American public still trusts the military. Conversely, I believe they still mistrust the media.

In looking at the big picture, what most people do not realize is that the media and the military are actually fighting for the same thing. That is to defend our constitution and way of life. The media demands total freedom, while the military demands control. The 1st Amendment guarantees the right of a free and open press. The military is fighting to protect that right. The media may yell "The American public has a right to know", while the military is conducting operations, achieving victory after victory, and trying not to allow any operational intelligence to leak out. I for one, in or out of the military, would not want an American press controlled by a government agency. Nor do I desire a press with total access to our military operations.

Shortly after the horrendous assault of 9/11, I found myself at Ground Zero as a Task Force Commander, responsible for security and other operations, reporting to the Emergency Operations Center at 1 Police Plaza and later Pier 92. The community of New York City, my old stomping grounds, as well as the rest of the world (New York City & the rest of the world; that's how we New Yorkers see it) was truly united and the media fell well within our ranks. Our opening salvo against terrorism occurred in

Afghanistan. The military fought with the media in close proximity. As rapidly as the combat progressed and the resulting victory, many expressed concern of what was later spoken of as a "cozy relationship" between the media and the military. Today in Iraq we are beginning to see a rift between the opposite entities of the same spectrum.

Reviewing past wartime military/media relations, most of us see World War II as the high water mark of the relationship. During WWII many of our Armed Forces Public Affairs and Combat Camera units were populated with high profile members of the media who either volunteered for duty with front line units or were drafted. The American public was almost wholly behind the men and women in uniform. Stories and photos also took weeks and sometimes months to get back to the home front. Korea saw a continuation of the WWII relationship on a smaller scale. Then came Vietnam. Many of us see this war as the defining moment highlighting a division between the media and the military. Anyone from a professional journalist to a college drop out who just happened to have taken a journalism course was able to report from the war zone. Knowledgeable of combat operations or not, reports were sent home to be viewed hours later on national television. With Vietnam still in our recent memory, the Grenada liberation given the name "Operation Urgent Fury" witnessed a total blackout of media. The media and the military both realized the need to work together and developed the pooling system that was later used during the first Gulf War. The media received the information and the military had control. Not perfect, but mistrust still existed. Either way, both entities were developing a far better relationship.

The 1990's saw a revolution of communication capabilities and the resulting 24 hour news coverage. The constant news cycle demanded more and more from the media. Reporters, who used to have deadlines hours

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away, had now only minutes. A story had to get out. Video cameras with satellite capabilities could transmit almost instantaneously from anywhere in the world to our national television networks. In the media's quest for stories, Marines hitting the beach would be greeted by lights and cameras from the American press. American servicemen patrolling the streets of war torn Eastern Europe would be ambushed not by snipers, but by reporters. Word on the street was that it is better to be first than correct, the complete opposite of what the American media professionals are known to do.

The professional press is comprised of private citizens who I believe desire to be the best of what they do. They see the big media picture, with future contracts, Pulitzer prizes, and increased salaries. Some in the military still harbor visions of Vietnam and blame the press for the American public's loss of the will to win. We are getting better at understanding each other's needs, desires and commitments. The military has taken another step forward, and the media is willing to try as well. The liberation of Iraq will occur according to plan. This war will witness another chapter in media/military relations. It may not be the timeline the media expects, but together, one way or another, the story will get out.

Lieutenant Colonel David Cahn, USMC, is a reservist on active duty currently serving with Central Command Public Affairs forward.

PRESIDENT AUTHORIZES TWO NEW MEDALS

A presidential executive order authorizes the Department of Defense to create two new military medals for service in the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT).

The GWOT Expeditionary Medal : This medal will recognize servicemembers who participate in an expedition to combat terrorism on or after Sept. 11, 2001. This is limited to those who deploy as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The GWOT Service Medal : This medal will recognize service in military operations to combat terrorism on or after Sept. 11, 2001. This is limited to Operation Noble Eagle and to those servicemembers who provide support to Operation Enduring Freedom from outside the area of eligibility designated for the GWOT Expeditionary Medal.

The medals were recommended by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld "in response to our Nation's global efforts to suppress terrorism, and the significant contributions members of the Armed Forces bring to bear on the long-term resolution of this threat."

Specific eligibility for these medals will be established by DoD award policy. The combatant commander has the authority to award the medals for approved operations to units and personnel deployed within his or her theater.

Each service department will prescribe the appropriate regulations for processing and wearing of the medals.

Members of the U.S. Armed Forces and Coast Guard are eligible for the medals to include Reserve and National Guard activated to support approved operations. Civilians, foreign nationals and foreign military are not eligible.

It will take up to twelve months to produce and stock the medal in department supply systems.

Future authorization for these medals will be considered and approved by the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff if the war on terrorism expands.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT EXTENDS AND EXPANDS RESERVE BENEFITS

The fiscal 2003 National Defense Authorization Act extends certain pay and bonuses for Reservists through 31 Dec. 2003. This includes extensions of reenlistment bonuses for Ready Reservists; enlistment and reenlistment bonuses for Selected Reserves; special pay for Selected Reserve enlisted personnel assigned to high priority units; Selected Reserve affiliation bonuses; and extensions of special pay for health care professionals serving in the Selected Reserve in critically short wartime specialties. In addition, it expands TRICARE Prime Remote benefits to dependents of remotely located Reserve personnel who are ordered to active duty for more than 30 days.

The Act also raises from 10 to 14 the number of years that members of the Selected Reserve may use Montgomery GI Bill benefits.

GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE AT MILITARY COMMISSARY STORES

Military commissary gift certificates were made available starting in October. Since then, officials report that more than 13,000 of the certificates have been purchased as gifts for friends and family or by charitable organizations to help service people and their families. The certificates may be purchased by anyone, but only authorized commissary shoppers can redeem them. You can check the DeCA Web site for more information.

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Note: For more detailed information, we suggest that you contact any Web site that may be listed for the following organizations.

American Legion (Post #694)
POC: Dennis Golden 631-424-7169
or D8260@aol.com

American Legion (Post #754)
Meetings conducted at NY Athletic Club, New York, NY
POC: Mary Humphrey 212-247-5100 ext 7300

American Legion (Post #719)
POC: William Farrel 718-352-4524

American Legion
Web site <<http://www.legion.org>>
Looking for reunion information? Check other site <www.vets.org>

Association of Naval Services Officers (ANSO)
An association of Hispanic Officers in the uniformed naval services. ANSO is sanctioned by SECNAV and SECDEF
POC: <http://users.erols.com/anso/indexold.htm>

Catholic War Veterans
POC: Thomas A. Bolan 212-682-8184/
(fax) 212-682-9380

Chief Warrant Officers Association (CWOA)
POC: 202-267-0661

Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association (CG CPOA)
POC: YNCM Scaramastro (703) 941-0395 or e-mail: CGCPOA@Aol.com

International Chief Petty Officers Association (CPOA)
POC: 800-494-2762

Federal Law Enforcement Foundation Inc.
Established in 1989 to assist families of federal agents killed or disabled in the line of duty. POC: 212-642-4620

Fisher House @ Stratton Medical Center, Albany
POC: Vicki or Ralph Folger
518-439-1824

Fort Hamilton Community Club (FHCC)
POC: 718-630-4930

Fort Montgomery Battle Site Assoc.
Box 376, Ft Montgomery, NY 10922
POC: Mrs. Stella Bailey 914-446-0400
or Mrs. Doris Lent 914-446-2270

Fort Totten Military Officers Club
POC: Mr. Perotta 516-889-8714

INTREPID Sea-Air-Space Museum
INTREPID Museum, 46th Street and 12th Avenue, NY 10036
POC: Public Relations 212-245-0072
Web: <www.intrepid-museum.com>

Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA)
Interested in Security Affairs? Check out their web site<<http://www.jinsa.org>>
POC: JINSA, 1717 K Street, Suite 800, Washington DC, 20006, 202-833-0020
or website

Jewish War Veterans (JWV)
POC: 212-349-6640 or travel desk 800-228-1516. Web: <www.jwv.org>

Marine Corps League
POC: Lu Caldara 914-941-2118
Web site: <www.youngmarine.com> or e-mail LLC1@westchestergov.com

Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, Inc.
POC: MaryLou Amarosa 212-997-0100

Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA)
Located at Kings Point, NY, USMMA is offering Selected Reservist training.
Web: <www.usmma.edu/ce/coned.htm>
POC: John Hazlett 516-773-5120 or e-mail hazlettj@usmma.edu

Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)
Formerly The Retired Officers Associa-

tion (TROA)
Web: www.troa.org POC: 800-444-2326

The Military Order of World Wars (MOWW)
POC: 703-683-4911

Militia Association of New York (MANY)
POC: Howard Haider 718-815-0505
or manyed@juno.com

369th Historical Society @ Militia Association of New York (MANY)
POC: 718-793-6812

National Guard Association (NGAUS)
Web site <<http://www.ngaus.org>>

National Maritime Historical Society
5 John Walsh Blvd., Peekskill, NY
POC: Patrick J. Garvey 914-737-7878
or exdir@seahistory.org

National Museum of Naval Aviation
Located aboard NAS Pensacola, Pensacola, FL. Web: <www.naval-air.org>

Naval Institute (USNI) and USNI Press
Check out their publication listings at <www.nip.org>

Naval Enlisted Reserve Association (NERA)
POC: G. Wallmark 703-426-9643 or bsdn@ndw.navy.mil
Check out new NERA Comm Center on their website
POC: HQ 703-534-1329/800-776-9020
Web:<www.nera.org/nera>

Naval Militia Association, Inc. (NMA)
POC: 516-333-2000 ext 130

Naval Order of the United States (NOUS)
POC: LT Adelaar, 212-582-7368

Naval Reserve Association (NRA)
POC: Captain Gibbons, NYNM 631-277-1404
Web: <www.navy-reserve.org>
POC: 703-548-5800

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Naval Reserve Forces (NRF)

Web: <<http://www.navy.mil/navresfor>>
Reserve career opportunity info through Reserve Personnel Management (NPC-9) Web: <www.persnet.navy.mil/codes/pers9/home01.html>

Naval War College

Website <www.nwc.navy.mil>

Navy League of the United States (NLUS), New York Council

POC: 212-399-4440/(Fax)212-399-4405
c/o INTREPID Sea-Air-Space Museum,
One Intrepid Square, Pier 86, NY, NY 10036

Navy League of the United States (NLUS)

POC: Navy League offices 703-528-1775
Web: <<http://navyleague.org>>

Navy Lodge

Web: <www.navy-nex.com>

For reservations 1-800-NAVY-INN

Navy SEABEE Veterans of America

Veteran SEABEE's and USMC SEABEE advisors invited/contact:
Navy SEABEE Veterans of America, PO Box 1077, West Seneca, NY, 14224

New York Guard (NYG)

POC: COL Michael Stenzel 518-786-4970 or stenzelm@ny-smtp.army.mil or LTC Sidney Baumgarten 212-233-1925, auragenics@aol.com, liaison to NYNM

New York Institute of Technology (NYIT)

POC: Sharon Conklyn 516-348-3078/
(FAX) 516-348-0327

Old Guard of the City of New York

POC: 212 724-9268

Project Liberty Ship

Project Liberty Ship Chairperson,
POC: Helen Bentley, PO Box 25846
Hightstown Station, Baltimore,
Maryland 21224 (PH) 410-661-1550

Reserve Officers Association (ROA)

POC: Ms Grace White, 202-479-2200
Web: <www.roa.org>

Respect for Law Alliance (RFLA)

POC: Arthur Gerwin, 212-486-0543

Sampson WW-2 Navy Museum

Sampson State Park, Romulus, New York (no admission charge)
POC: 315-585-6392/800-357-1814

Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem (SMOTJ)

POC: Captain Liam Murphy, NYNM 914-231-1683 or WJMWPNY@aol.com
(COL Wayne McGrath)

Soldiers', Sailors', Marines and Airmen's Club

Rates for Reservists at this Lexington Avenue address in Manhattan (located between 36th and 37th Street) are from \$25-\$35/night, tax free.

Reservations: 800-678-8443

Website <www.ssmclub.org>

State University of New York Maritime College (SUNY)

POC: 718-409-7278

T*A*P*S

Organization for survivors of Military personnel

Web: <www.taps.org>

US Navy Association (USNA)

POC: LCDR William R. Seidenstein, USNR (Ofc) 718-250-2703, (H) 516-489-9847

USMC Combat Correspondents Association

POC: GYSGT M. Reynolds 516-793-2715, semperfi@nassau.cv.net

United States Navy Public Affairs Alumni Association (USNPAAA)

e-mail: <jnemer@erols.com>

United Services Organization (USO)

POC: USO 212-448-0455/e-mail: usonyc16@aol.com
GEN Douglas MacArthur Memorial Center, 283 Lexington Ave., Suite A, NY, NY 212-448-0496

United War Veterans Council of New York County

Website: www.unitedwarvets.org or 212-693-1476

USS Slater (DE 766) Museum

Last surviving DE of WWII
Hours Thur-Sun 1100-1600/Closed 10/31-3/31, POB 1926, Albany, NY 12201-1926, 518-431-1943
www.dmnna.state.ny.us/slater

Veterans Bedside Network (Veterans Hospital Radio and TV Guild)

POC: Wallace Green 914-699-6069

West Point Club

USMA Club at West Point
POC: Armand DiPoalo 914-938-5120
Fax 914-446-0749 www.usma.edu/dcfa

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quality health care.

Guard and Reserve family members who choose not to enroll in either the Tricare Prime or TPRADFM program may still use the Tricare Standard and Extra benefits, with applicable cost shares and deductibles. Guard and Reserve sponsors need to verify that DEERS information for themselves and their family members is accurate and up-to-date. They are encouraged to contact DBERS at the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office toll free at (800) 538-9552. Sponsors and family members may also update their addresses in DEERS on the Tricare Web site at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/DEERSAddress/>.

Future updates regarding benefits for members of the Guard and Reserve and their family members will be posted on the Tricare Web site at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/reserve>.

The interest rate for Military Star charge cards issued by military exchanges has been dropped from 9.5 percent to 9.0 percent, the lowest it has been since the card was introduced.

HEROIC RECOVERY EFFORT MADE ON THE HUDSON RIVER AFTER PATROL BOAT GOES DOWN DURING SEVERE WINTER STORM ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas morning 2002, aboard the NYNM CUTTER PRIVATEER began with certain trepidation when the daily weather forecast was reviewed.

It was certain that a severe winter storm, commonly known as a Nor'easter, was going to move into our area of operation at Indian Point by late afternoon. Safety for the crew, our BDE National Guardsmen, and for our boats was critical.

As it turned out, these men were about to encounter a "Mini Perfect Storm" on the southern sector of the Hudson River.

The CUTTER PRIVATEER and its small 23-foot Patrol Boat, P-231, was ordered to moor at a pre-selected site across the river South of Jones point.

The CUTTER PRIVATEER is a 30-year old, 46-foot, 22-ton Coast Guard buoy tender. The P-231 is a former NY State Police boat that had recently been acquired from NY Parks and Recreations.

As predicted, the storm began to energize at around 1400 hours. Snow began to fall and winds accelerated to 25 knots with gusts to 40 knots or near gale conditions out of the North. By 1600 hours the storm was at full rage. Winds had increased to a sustained 60 knots (near 70 MPH). Sea states increased in both wave height and frequency, and sea foam mixed with heavy snow blew across the deck. Suddenly, at approximately 1654 hours the PRIVATEER lost all electrical power.

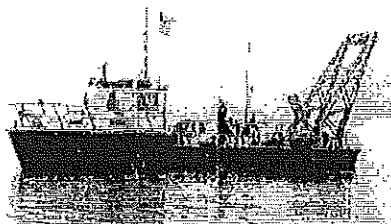
Shortly thereafter, at approximately 1715 hours, the P-231 was taking on water. A series of waves had broken over the side of the P-231, quickly

filling the stern cockpit and the engine compartment. By the time all hands had rushed to the deck the P-231 rolled on its side and went straight down. The only thing keeping the P-231 from sinking completely to the bottom were three small lines used to secure the boat to the PRIVATEER.

The crew, with help from the National Guardsmen, quickly put extra lines on the P-231. The only presence of the small boat was about 6 inches of the bow sticking out above the water.

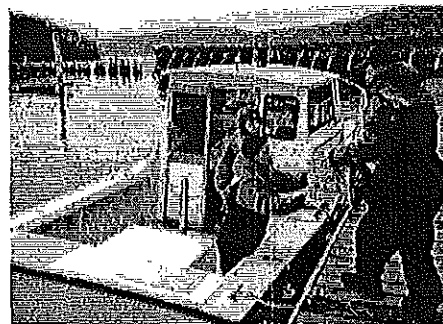
The Cutter PRIVATEER is an old Coast Guard buoy tender that has extending off of its stern an A-frame lifting rig - a rig that can lift 10,000 lbs.

Working as a team, under very hazardous conditions, the crew and Guardsmen were able to hook the A-frame winch cable to the pad eye on the



NYNM Cutter Privateer on Patrol

bow of the P-231, and hauled in on the winch. This procedure served two purposes: it brought the bow out of the water, and then righted the boat. It took over one hour to accomplish this task. At approximately 0300 hours, the boat became completely stable and members of the team went aboard to bail the remaining water out, and to inspect for damage.



On the P-231, BM2 Beth Spain and SPC Hasley take aboard provisions from QM2 Nick Griffo

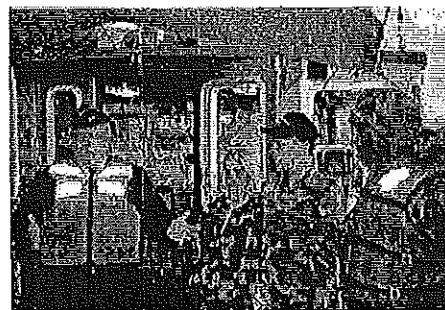
The P-231 had been underwater for over 9.5-hours. The damage control crew reported loss of the engine hatch, the cabin door was cracked at the bottom, and all engine gauges on the command console were full of water.

After working non-stop for several hours under very hazardous conditions the team succeeded in getting the P-231 operational. All systems were working! The crew made their first run into Charles Point Marina for shift change and much needed hot chow.

The Boat Captain, his crew and our National Guardsmen exhibited an outstanding performance of duty - a true TEAM effort that led to a successful conclusion without injury to personnel or loss of the P-231. They are all to be congratulated. Each person, who fought the elements that day, most certainly brought great credit to himself and to his respective Service...they survived the "Mini Perfect Storm" of Christmas Day on the Hudson River.

Submitted by:

Maj Willard F. Lochridge, IV
OIC NYNM Naval Forces Attached
Team Indian Point



TAG, MGEN Thomas P. Maguire, Jr., visits the Privateer. Looking on, L - R, are SN Dawn Burgess, QM2 Nick Griffo, and National Guardsman SPC Butler.

Sheila McNeill of Brunswick, GA, will become President of the Navy League next year.

She will be the first woman to hold the office

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION

In Westchester County, emergency preparedness information can be obtained from the **Office of Emergency Management (OEM)**, 4 Dana Road, Valhalla, NY 10595-1548, or by phone at (914) 231-1731, or visit the OEM website at:

www.westchestergov.com/emergserv/oem.htm

<<http://www.westchestergov.com/emergserv/oem.htm>>

Web addresses that may provide helpful emergency planning information:

Don't be afraid ... Be Ready

<<http://www.ready.gov/>>

The Department of Homeland Security has created a web site to help anyone with questions. The site explains the different types of threats and how to prepare for emergencies, including lists of items important to emergency preparedness, and links to other useful web sites. This site should be recommended to all citizens/residents.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

<<http://www.fema.gov/>>

FEMA - Are You Ready?

<<http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/>>

New York State Emergency Management Office (SEMO)

<<http://www.nysemo.state.ny.us/TrainingHome.htm>>

FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI) has recently released three new Independent Study Courses.

IS-111 Livestock in Disasters

IS-208 State Disaster Management

IS-292 Disaster Basics

Information on these courses can be found from the Independent Study Program website at <<http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/>>

Center for Disease Control and Prevention

<http://www.cdc.gov/>

American Red Cross +

<http://www.redcross.org>

<http://www.redcross.org/news/ds/terrorism/030214wmd.html>

The American Red Cross have a variety of useful documents, accessible through their basic web site. This site, <<http://www.redcross.org>>, should be recommended to all citizens/residents.

Department of Homeland Security

<<http://www.dhs.gov/>>

Emergency e-mail Notification

<<http://www.emergencyemail.org/>>

<<https://disasterhelp.gov/portal/jhtml/index.jhtml>>

**"Guide to the Special Needs of People with Disabilities,
for Emergency Managers, Planners & Responders"**

Emergency Preparedness Initiative of the National Organization on Disability

www.nod.org

There are FREE federal publications available to individuals who request same by calling toll-free numbers; they are recommended for all citizens/residents.

**"Preparing Makes Sense, Get Ready Now"
1-800-BE READY**

**"Are You Ready?" (FEMA Publication H-34)
1-800-480-2520**

The American Red Cross in Westchester has begun a train-the-trainer program, **"Preparing for the Unexpected,"** to help individuals, families and communities be better prepared for emergencies, including terrorism. The Red Cross is also the lead agency in assisting municipalities becoming more self-reliant through preparation of **Shelters** and Disaster Reserve Partner Groups. For additional information, including information on Train-The-Trainer programs, contact: **The American Red Cross,** Emergency Services, 106 North Broadway, White Plains, NY 10603-3797 (914) 946-6500 "Emergency Services" <CannP@usa.redcross.org>

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ORDER OF BATTLE AS OF MARCH 14, 2003

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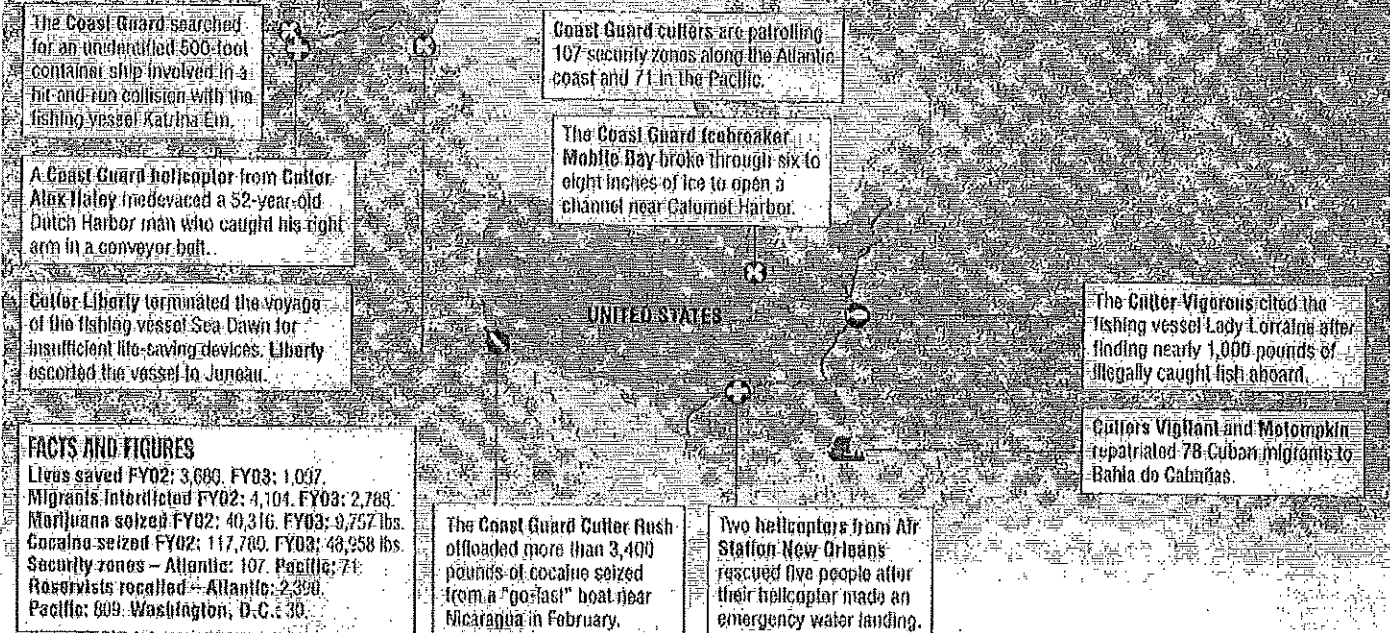


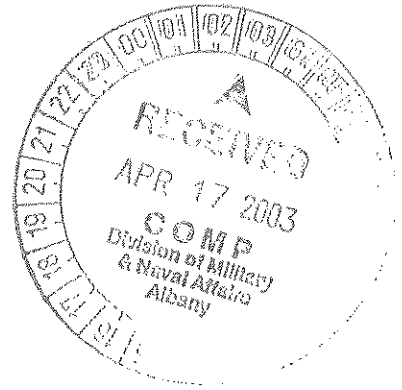
Sources: Defense Department, GlobalSecurity.org, news reports. All numbers are approximate.

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A snapshot of the Coast Guard as of March 11





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