THE NAVAL Reservist

NEWS OF INTEREST TO THE NAVAL VETERAN

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HOCKEY TEAM organized by Reserve Surface Battalion 1–8 at Providence, R. I., is well into a successful first season, playing both naval and college teams.

NR Units To Be Inspected By Reviewing Board

Annual inspection of Naval Reserve units will begin soon to determine their standings in each naval district and their national rating.

District inspection boards are scheduled to visit all organized surface and submarine divisions to ascertain the state and efficiency of their training. The reviewing boards will inspect officer and enlisted personnel, buildings, equipment, and training facilities.

Drill attendance and participation by a unit's personnel in annual training duty will be considered as factors in rating a unit.

The Reserve division with the highest standing in each district will be selected for review by the Naval Reserve Inspection Reviewing Board, which will be convened by BuPers, to determine their national ranking.

Volunteer electronic warfare companies and platoons will be reviewed by inspection parties which include at least one staff member of the naval district. The top electronic warfare units will also be ranked by the Reserve Inspection Reviewing Board.

Inspection of other Volunteer and Organized Reserve units will be on a smaller scale. These units will not be rated this year on a national basis.

Million Dollar Cargo Rescued By Evansville NR

A million-dollar cargo, abandoned in the ice floes on the Ohio River, was rescued by Reservists of Organized Battalion 9–8, Evansville, Ind.

Twelve barges loaded with new automobiles, which were left to the mercies of the frozen Ohio for two days, were saved by the battalion's training ship, the LCI 962.

Using the craft as an ice breaker, the Reservists under the command of Lieutenant Commander J. G. York, USNR, plowed their way through two miles of ice, half a foot thick, to rescue the craft.

Splitting the ice into large sections, the volunteer crew formed a slot to free the icebound barges. Operations began early in the morning, and by evening the cargo was moved to safety.

Battle Reports Published By GPO

Battle histories of World War II may be obtained by Reservists from the Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., which has published the following action reports, with the prices listed: *Guam*, 35¢; *The Admiralties*, 40¢; *Papuan*, 50¢; *Omaha Beachhead*, $1.50; *Small Unit Actions*, $1.25; *Salerno*, 55¢; *Volturno*, 35¢; *Capture of Makin*, 35¢; and *To Bizerte*, 45¢.

Reservists Join In Atlantic Fleet Tactical Exercises

Six hundred Reservists participated with 16,000 Regular Navy and Marine Corps personnel in the tactical training exercises of the Atlantic Fleet in the western Atlantic and Caribbean areas during the period 8 February to 9 March.

Two destroyer divisions, the amphibious flagship *Taconic* and service force ships carried the Reserve officers and enlisted crews during the extended training exercises, which included coordinated maneuvers by ships, aircraft, and submarines, and featured an amphibious landing by Marines in the Vieques-Culebra Caribbean areas.

Approximately 500 Reservists from the Atlantic coast and midwestern naval districts boarded ships of Des Div 61 and 62, fleet oilers and AKAs at Norfolk, Va., to join the Atlantic fleet. The remaining 100 Reserve personnel embarked with the regular crew of *Taconic*.

The exercises were under the overall command of Admiral W. H. P. Blandy, USN, CincLant. Two aircraft carriers operated with the force of three cruisers, 15 destroyers, three submarines, three amphibious ships, and miscellaneous vessels, while Navy land-based and carrier aircraft covered the Marine landings.

Reservists received active-duty pay for the entire period of the cruise. Following the landing exercises the vessels pulled into Caribbean liberty ports, including Haiti, Panama, Havana, Jamaica, Trinidad, Martinique, Guadeloupe, St. Thomas, and Puerto Rico.

Course On Radiological Safety Given By Naval Medical School

A course on radioactivity and its medical aspects, given by BuMed in conjunction with the American College of Physicians during February, provided Reservist medical officers and regular Army and Navy doctors with training on radiological safety.

The process of making the atomic bomb explode was included in the discussions during the 10-day course at the Naval Medical School, Bethesda, Md. Lectures were given on methods of detection of radiological hazards, the clinical effects of radiation, possibilities of protection and avoidance, and hematology, the study of blood.

VOLUNTEER recruiter LCDR George S. Barker, USNR, has his hands full with two jobs, after setting up NR recruiting station adjoining his office in factory plant. He is shown above discussing enlistment details with new applicant.

Two Jobs Keep Reserve Recruiting Officer Hopping

Setting up a Volunteer Reserve recruiting office in his own factory in order to keep up daily contact with recruited personnel, an enthusiastic Reservist, Lieutenant Commander George S. Barker, has both hands busy with two full-time jobs.

Head of a Norristown, Pa., pipe-fitting company, Barker provided a recruiting headquarters in the building adjoining his own business office where he has easy access to both of the jobs he has taken on.

The recruiting unit is located on a heavily trafficked downtown street, with posters prominently displaying the Naval Reserve. Mr. Barker takes time out from his regular civilian duties to talk to all prospective recruits from Norristown and the nearby Bridgeport area.

A number of retired warrant and chief petty officers have aided in establishing a recruiting unit with high morale. The office is equipped to supply all required information on the Volunteer Reserve.

The conveniently located office and the energy of its head have brought about the enlistment of a large number of Reservists.

Reserve Training Aboard LSTs Begins At Little Creek Amphibious Base

An LST training course aboard two ships stationed at the Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek, Va., will begin on 5 April with five additional classes scheduled for Reservists until July.

The training program will consist of one week of organized instruction, supervised watch standing and routine maintenance aboard the LSTs, and may include limited underway training with trips to a nearby liberty port during the second week.

Complete crews from a single district will be selected for training in order to provide competent ranks and rates to man the vessels at sea.

Twenty officers and 150 enlisted personnel from 4th, 6th, and 9th NDs may be accommodated during the training period. Following the opening class on 5 April, training classes will begin on 19 April, 3 and 17 May, 7 and 21 June.

They will be ordered to report on the Sunday preceding date of their class.

Admiral Denfeld Reports On Naval Reserve Program

Today's Navy is a "hard-hitting, three-dimensional fighting force capable of waging warfare equally well on, above, or below the surface of the sea," according to the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, USN.

Commenting before Washington, D. C., newsmen on the role played by the Navy and the Naval Reserve in the over-all program of readiness, Admiral Denfeld stated that more than 300 NR training stations are being established in centrally located communities throughout the country.

"Approximately 170 vessels from the Reserve fleet have been assigned as training ships for Reserve activities," he said. "Eighteen subs also are participating in this program. Twenty-three Naval air reserve training bases will protect the Navy's wartime investment in training of flight and maintenance crews.

"There are now 900,000 officers and men in the Naval Reserve. The authorized strength is 1,150,000, and it is my hope that before long we shall have acquired and will maintain this authorized strength.

"The Navy now has around 300 combat ships in the ready operating forces," the Admiral said. "These are being kept in the highest state of readiness that our economy will allow. We also have 2,400 vessels in reserve, evenly divided between our Atlantic and Pacific Reserve fleets. The time it takes to get the Reserve fleets in action will depend, in the main, upon how long it takes us to get trained crews together and put them aboard."

Stating that emphasis is placed upon "keeping the Navy ready to go," Admiral Denfeld said that the Navy is thus doing its part in helping to safeguard the peace.

Naval Air Reserve Unit Commissioned At Akron

Newest addition to the nation-wide chain of Naval Air Reserve activities is NAS Akron, Ohio, which was formally commissioned in January.

Bringing combat planes, rockets, guns, and the latest training facilities to the individual Air Reservist's community, the new station serves personnel in the densely populated Cleveland-Akron-Youngstown-Canton areas, and makes it possible for Reserve personnel to keep up their proficiency in wartime jobs.

The new Reserve station has its own plant and leases use of the taxiways, runways, and tower facilities of the Municipal Airport. The Administrative offices, ground training facilities, shops and hangars of the station are all under one roof, a converted airplane factory built during the war by the Defense Plant Corporation and obtained by the Navy without cost through the War Assets Administration.

Plans call for the immediate activation of one CVL air group and one basic CV FASRon. As the number of Organized Reservists increases, it is expected that the station will eventually have a CVB air group, a patrol squadron, transport squadron, and supporting FASRons. A total of 32 planes are now being made available to NAS Akron.

Six Wave Volunteer Reserve Units Activated In New York, Connecticut

Six Volunteer Reserve Wave units have been established in the third Naval district for the purpose of enabling Waves on inactive duty to keep pace with developments in their war jobs.

The new divisions are located in New York City, Syracuse, Buffalo, and Scotia, N. Y.; and Noroton Heights and New Haven, Conn. The women Reservists attend regularly scheduled meetings which include lectures, movie and training classes.

The Reservist program for women is under the supervision of Lieutenant Commander Laura C. Geddes, USNR.

NR Radio Hook-Up Links Isolated Arkansas City

Isolated by a blanket of solid ice which put all power and communication lines out of commission, the city of Camden, Ark., was without contact with the outside world following a heavy winter storm until the Naval Reserve's radio station at Nav Ammo Depot, Shumaker, Ark., came to the rescue.

Providing vital links for Camden's telephone company, Western Union telegraph offices, railroads, power and light companies, the Red Cross and city newspapers, Reservist volunteers manned their radio station, N8ABL, for 44 hours without rest until communications could be resumed.

Following the heavy downpour in late January, Camden's telephone lines, heating and power facilities were destroyed, while icy roads halted traffic to and from the city.

Advised of the situation, members of the Naval Reserve in Camden immediately commenced "Emergency Communications Plan" operations. Lieutenant (junior grade) H. S. Steele, commandant's representative for the Reserve in Camden, took charge of operations and handled all outgoing and incoming traffic.

With the able assistance of Thomas Q. Turner, RM1; Hershal Speer, ACETM; James A. Croom, BM2; W. E. Hughes, CRM; W. H. Coleman, Y1; F. B. Ferguson, M1; and J. E. Collier, RDM2, the radio unit received and delivered 77 emergency messages, and transmitted an additional 71 messages.

The job required setting up an emergency power system, changing radio frequencies, checking and adjusting transmitting and receiving equipment while the messages were going through.

To assist the Shumaker unit in relaying messages, the Naval Reserve radio station, N8NAA at Little Rock, Ark., joined the emergency network, manned single-handed during the entire period by Franklin Burt, CRM.

Pay For VR Instructors Continues Until End Of Fiscal Year

Pay for instructors of Volunteer Reserve units, which was authorized in January, will continue in effect until the end of the present fiscal year 30 June 1948.

The Navy's decision to pay certain VR instructors stemmed from an experiment conducted at the Naval Gun Factory in Washington, D. C., where courses in engineering, navigation, operational command, electronics, gunnery and pilotless aircraft have been organized. The classes, containing more than 150 members, meet twice a month.

To qualify for instructors in a pay status Volunteer units must show sufficient interest to warrant the expenditure of funds. A minimum of 25 Volunteer Reservists in a unit must indicate their willingness to attend instruction periods regularly, maintaining an attendance of better than 75 percent in their classes.

Appropriations for the Navy's 1949 budget do not include funds for paying Volunteer Reserve instructors. However, should any appropriations earmarked for the Organized Reserves exceed requirements, the money left over may be used for the Volunteer Reserve.

Mine Disposal Is Studied By Reservists At Indian Head

Mine and ordnance disposal training classes have been set up for Reservist personnel through June 1948 at Naval Powder Factory, Indian Head, Md.

The Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit, which is conducting the annual 2 weeks training courses for Reservists with previous experience in these fields, is equipped with the latest technical facilities and highly qualified instructors.

Upon completion of the review course all officers and enlisted men will have a thorough review of old ordnance, training in newly developed ordnance, and a general knowledge of the trends in their specialized fields.

INSTRUCTION in operation of main feed pump on destroyers is received by Reservists at NRTC, Altoona, Pa.

123 Seabee Companies To Be Set Up In Reserve

A total of 123 companies of the Organized Naval Reserve CB Component will be established soon in the naval districts of continental U. S., and PRNC, each forming the nucleus of a construction battalion which can be expanded to full strength in the event of national emergency.

Space for the newly organized CB units will be assigned in Naval Reserve Training Centers where officers and enlisted personnel of the units will meet for weekly drills in a pay status.

Each Seabee company has a quota of five officers and 40 enlisted personnel. Age limit for officers below the rank of commander, during the interim period while the component is being set up, will be under 45 years. All officers must be physically qualified for active duty.

Seabee Reservists interested in joining the new component should write to their district commandants.

SEAL OF APPROVAL is given by sea lion Elma as Bill Harlan, her trainer at San Francisco zoo, joins Reserve.

NAVY VETERAN Jack Benny, who stopped counting past age of 38, "almost" qualifies for enlistment with Denver NR.

VERSATILE MUSICIANS of Organized Battalion 4–2, Camden, N. J., have formed one of the first Reserve bands in the country, perform at dances as well as drills.

Familiarization Training Set Up In Reserve Fleet

Familiarization with units of the Reserve fleet of the Navy, which initially will be manned largely by Reservists in the event of an emergency, is included in the program for annual two weeks training duty.

A high priority has been placed on training in the Reserve fleet in order that Reservists may become familiar with these units and with the procedures necessary for activating and putting them in commission.

Training will consist primarily of study of the manner in which the hull, machinery and armament have been preserved, the methods of maintaining ships in a good state of preservation and plans necessary to get the ships back in commission.

Each Reserve officer and enlisted man will be assigned to an opposite number of the regular group personnel, who will act as individual instructors.

Reservists will be quartered with regular crews in SubGroup accommodation ships. Each continental naval district and PRNC will set up quotas and facilities for Reserve fleet training in its area.

Change Of Name By Waves Must Be Filed With Navy

Waves on inactive duty in the Naval Reserve whose names are changed, due to marriage or divorce, are instructed to notify naval authorities immediately so that the changes may be recorded in their official files.

Wave officers are required to submit an official letter requesting change of name on all official records to the Chief of Naval Personnel, via the command which has custody of their records, either their district commandant or the Chief of Naval Air Reserve Training. Enlisted women shall submit their requests for change of name directly to their commandant or CNAResTra.

A copy of the marriage certificate or divorce decree certified to under seal by the clerk of records of the place where it was issued is to be submitted as an enclosure to the request for change of name.

Changes in the records will be effective from the date of approval by the cognizant authority, and personnel will be notified when records are corrected.

The procedures previously outlined for Waves on active duty whose names have been changed due to marriage or divorce will continue in effect.

Two All-Reserve Cruises Featured By 8, 13 NDs

Two all-Reserve training cruises were sponsored during February by the 8th and 13th NDs.

Departing from Seattle, 191 Reservist officers and enlisted men aboard the destroyer escort *Rombach* made a 14-day cruise to San Francisco, under the command of Commander H. Duff, USNR.

The cruise was the second in a series of 13th ND all-Reserve voyages. Practical experience in each department of the ship, including gunnery and other specialized training, was provided.

PCE 842, carrying 100 Reserve personnel of the 8th ND, headed into the Gulf from New Orleans. During the cruise Reservists disembarked at Miami, Fla., for a 2-day liberty.

Similar training cruises are scheduled through June, with ships departing from Lake Charles, Beaumont, Galveston, Corpus Christi, Gulfport, Port Arthur, and Pensacola.

Admiral Whitehead Named Chief Of Air Reserve

Rear Admiral Richard F. Whitehead, USN, a former Naval Reserve officer who was commissioned in the Regular Navy shortly after World War I, has been appointed the Chief of Naval Air Reserve Training.

He succeeds Rear Admiral Edward C. Ewen, USN, now Navy Director of Public Relations.

Admiral Whitehead has under his command the administration of 23 naval air stations and air reserve training units located throughout the United States where the training of officer and enlisted personnel of the Air Reserve is being conducted.

NR Dentists To Study Technique Of Constructing Plastic Ears, Noses

A course for Reservist dental officers on the technique of constructing plastic noses, ears, and other lost or disfigured parts of the body will be conducted during the period 19 to 30 April.

Labeled as instruction in maxillofacial prosthesis, the class will also study new procedures for making coverings for artificial hands.

One Reserve officer from each continental naval district and PRNC will be accepted in the class, which will be considered as annual 2-week training duty.

A request should be submitted to the commandant of the naval district in which the officer maintains his official residence.

MARDI GRAS camel is ridden by Texas Reservists Juan Vera and Richard Guerrero who take time out from training duty in New Orleans, La., during carnival.

Reservists See Orient On 2-Month Cruise

One of the choicest Reserve training cruises, a 15,000-mile voyage to Australia, China, and other oriental ports has been completed by a group of Naval Reserve officers and enlisted men of the 14th ND.

The two-months' cruise was made by 29 Reservists assigned to Task Force 38, aboard the USS *Valley Forge*, and the destroyers *Lawe*, *Wood*, and *Thomas*.

Departing from Pearl Harbor, the Navy vessels stopped at Sydney, Australia; Hongkong, and Tsingtao, China, before returning to Hawaii.

Reservists making the cruise ranged from apprentice seamen to lieutenant commanders. Honolulu employers cooperated wholeheartedly in granting leave. The Reservists received two weeks training duty pay in addition to their subsistence for the entire voyage.

564 Electronic Warfare Units Organized In NR

The rapidly growing Volunteer Reserve component of the electronic warfare program now numbers a total of 564 units, according to a survey report, making up a nation-wide system of stations which provide training and experience in radio, radar, loran and the associated fields of electronics.

Extending to Hawaii and Alaska, where the smallest EW group of four Reservists has established a radio station on Kodiak Island, these units range in size up to 200 officers and enlisted personnel.

Over 5,000 Reservists are enrolled in 422 Volunteer EW companies, 137 platoons and five officer units, with the largest number centered in 9th ND where 211 EW units have been established.

Organized Reserve units at NRTCs have also set up electronic warfare groups for weekly drill training.

Operating radio stations which train personnel with the latest equipment and are on call in the case of disaster and national emergency, the Volunteer EW component also conducts courses in electronic theory and practice, including communications, sonar, the newer types of radar, loran, and such related subjects as guided missiles and nuclear physics.

In addition to the electronic warfare facilities established in all NRTCs, the Navy provides financial assistance as well as technical equipment for the establishment of smaller units in communities where no Reserve training centers are available.

The Reserve's electronic warfare plans calls for the establishment of several hundred additional Volunteer units. Associated with these will be a network of individual Naval Reservists' radio stations, licensed as radio amateurs, which will bring the Navy into close contact with nearly every community in the country.

VR Dental Component To Train 7,000 Reservists

The organization of 7,000 Reservist dental officers and enlisted personnel in 100 units of the Volunteer Reserve Dental Component has been authorized in NRMAL 7–48.

Purpose of the newly activated component is the establishment of an adequate trained force of dental officers and allied enlisted ratings available for mobilization in the event of a national emergency.

The units, each containing 25 dental officers, 44 enlisted ratings and one member of the Medical Service Corps, are so planned that all the personnel of a single volunteer unit may be ordered to duty individually, as from a personnel pool, or ordered together for assignment as the complement of a dental clinic in a large naval establishment.

Quotas of Volunteer dental units have been assigned to all continental naval districts and PRNC.

Dental officers and technicians of all ranks and ratings will be trained in professional, technical, and administrative duties. Each naval district will assign a district dental officer as the immediate representative of the commandant for the formation and adminstration of Volunteer dental units.

Organized NR Units Move Locations

Changes in the location of various units of the Organized Reserve have been approved by the Secretary of the Navy.

Surface Divisions 3–37 and 3–38, and Battalion staff 3–11 have been moved from Passaic to Clifton, N. J. Three surface divisions and one battalion staff, formerly located in Cleveland, Ohio, have been transferred. Division 9–179 is now located in Decatur, Ill.; Division 9–180 is in St. Joseph, Mo.; Division 9–181 and Battalion 9–48 are located in Rockford, Ill.

Two new surface battalion staffs have also been set up with the establishment of 9–53 in Decatur, Ill., and 9–59 in St. Joseph, Mo. Submarine Division 11–44 has moved from Terminal Island to San Diego, Calif.

FLOATING CLASSROOM, submarine *Tautog* is accepted for NR training at Milwaukee by RADM J. C. Jones, USN.

Floating Classroom Trains Submarine Reservists

A floating classroom for submarine Reservists, USS *Tautog* has been assigned for training members of Division 9–227 at Milwaukee, Wis.

The "Terrible T," which earned its nickname during the war when it sank or damaged a record 189,706 tons of Japanese shipping during 13 war patrols, was turned over officially by Rear Admiral J. Cary Jones, USN, commandant of 9th ND, to Captain G. A. Parkinson, USNR, commanding officer of the Milwaukee Naval Reserve brigade.

Tautog will be berthed in the Milwaukee River where classes have been set up aboard the undersea fighter, providing Reservist training and refresher courses.

A WINTER DIP is enjoyed by these Naval Reserve pilots who braved subzero temperature to test a new Navy immersion suit at Squantum, Mass., air base.

SHIP-TO-SHORE communications are set up in picket boat of Div. 8–24, Lafayette, La., for flood rescue work.

Crew Of Radio-Equipped Picket Boat Trained For Flood Rescue Work

Preparing for a possible repetition of last year's spring floods, Organized Reserve Division 8–24, of Lafayette, La., has equipped its picket boat with a TCS radio transmitter-receiver equipment which maintains ship-to-shore communications with the NRTC radio station.

During the 1947 emergency the unit was instrumental in preventing a railway bridge from being washed away, when volunteer personnel used their 38-foot picket boat to move barge loads of concrete slabs for the reinforcement of the flood-threatened bridge.

Also specially equipped to rescue persons stranded by river floodwaters, the services of this picket boat have been offered to the American Red Cross in case of another emergency.

Reservist radiomen and strikers are being trained in operation of the newly installed TCS, while deck and engineering ratings are instructed in navigation and Diesel-engine operation.

Veteran Students Receive Increased Allowances

Increased subsistence allowances have been authorized for veterans in schools, colleges, and universities pursuing full-time courses of education, under a law passed by Congress and signed by the President.

The new payments will be at the monthly rate of $75 for a veteran without dependents, $105 for a veteran with one dependent, and $120 for a veteran with more than one dependent.

Part-time students, apprentices, on-the-job trainees, and others who are not taking full-time courses are not entitled to the increases, which are effective beginning 1 April.

Eligible veterans who are now in school will not have to apply for the increased allowances, unless they claim the full $120 allowance because they have more than one dependent.

In the case of dependent children, photostats or certified copies of their birth certificates will be necessary. In the case of dependent parents, evidence of actual dependency must be submitted before revised payments are made.

19 New Organized Units Boast Full Complements

With the addition of 19 fully complemented Organized Reserve divisions, the total number having 100 percent of their enlisted strength is now 215.

The newcomers to the list of completely activated divisions are 1–16, Bangor, Maine; 1–22, New Bedford, Mass.; 4–62, Johnstown, Pa.; 6–30 and 6–31, Winston-Salem, N. C.; 8–16, Little Rock, Ark.; 8–22, Baton Rouge, La.; 8–54, Chattanooga, Tenn.; 8–81, El Paso, Tex.; 8–104, Sheffield, Ala.; 9–2, Chicago, Ill.; 9–100, Kalamazoo, Mich.; 9–106, Saginaw, Mich.; 11–6, Los Angeles, Calif.; 11–35, Burbank, Calif.; 11–36 and 11–37, Pasadena, Calif.; 11–48, Santa Monica, Calif.; and 13–28, Salem, Oreg.

PASSING THE WORD on Naval Reserve to likely recruits at NAS, Minneapolis, Minn., Chief Van Rickley refers to *The Naval Reservist* regarding training courses.

50 Merchant Marine Ships Fly Naval Reserve Flag

Since the postwar revival of awarding the Naval Reserve flag to qualified merchant marine vessels, a total of 50 ships have been authorized to fly the blue pennant of the Reserve, signifying that more than 50 percent of their officers and masters are Naval Reservists and that the ships are suitable for use as naval auxiliaries.

In January the largest American passenger vessel now in the South American trade, the SS *Argentina*, hoisted the Naval Reserve flag in an impressive ceremony before her first postwar voyage. The list of merchant marine ships on the Naval Reserve honor roll are as follows:

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NR Law Unit Formed In Denver

Reservist lawyers of Denver, Colo., have joined together to set up a Volunteer law unit, providing an organization through which legal officers can maintain contact with the Navy.

The unit will function on an informal non-drill and non-pay basis, with a night meeting scheduled once a month. Lieutenant Elmer L. Brock, Jr., USNR, a Denver attorney, has been named commanding officer of the unit.

Reserve Officers May Serve As Members Of Courts Martial

Reserve officers on active duty may serve as members of courts martial and deck courts, according to an opinion of the Judge Advocate General in its advance copy Court Martial Order No. 1, 14 Jan 1948. Eligibility is provided for in the Articles for the Government of the Navy and the Naval Reserve Act of 1938.

THIS modern NAVY

STREAMLINING of submarines has begun with the Navy's "Guppy" program, which is designed to increase the submerged speed of undersea fighters and incorporate results of recent Navy research and submarine development during World War II. An improved version of the "schnorkel," breathing tube apparatus developed by the Germans, and other improvements are being added to submarines.

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A NEW CARRIER of the 60,000- to 80,000-ton class is included in the Navy's future plans, the appropriations for which are awaiting approval by Congress. The program also calls for the building of a "killer" anti-submarine vessel, the modification of an *Essex* class carrier to accommodate larger aircraft, and the conversion of a fleet-type submarine as a tanker.

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THE FLYING STOVEPIPE, largest ram jet engine ever flown, has attained a speed far into the supersonic range in its first test flight at the Naval Ordnance Test Station, Inyokern, Calif. The ram jet is a duct, open at both ends, with no moving parts. A blast furnace was leased to obtain the large supply of air needed for the intensive combustion tests.

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AN ULTRA-CENTRIFUGE which spins a small steel ball at 1,800 miles an hour has been developed by the Navy in conjunction with the University of Cincinnati, to test the adhesive qualities of paint for high-speed aircraft. A small dot of paint on the spinning ball is used to measure the force required to pull off aircraft paint, which can cause dangerous disruption of airflow.

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A RECORD was established by NATS, the Naval Air Transport Service, which in 1947 flew more than 320,000 passengers a total of nearly 500,000,000 passenger miles with no fatalities. NATS has joined with ATC to form MATS, the new Military Air Transport Service of the armed forces.

TO THE EDITOR

Unofficial correspondence from within the Naval Reserve is invited. No personal replies can be made.

First Reserve Quintet

Sir: Organized Naval Reserve Brigade 9-14 in Milwaukee, Wis., commends the Jacksonville Reserve for the fine piece of work in bringing the quintet of Morgan brothers into the Reserve fold (*The Naval Reservist*, January 1948). However, we have a quintet of brothers here also; in fact, we have had them as members for more than a year, since 29 Jan 1947.

We claim that the Glynn brothers, not the Morgans, are the first brother quintet to join since the Sullivans. They are Edward, a Navy fireman; Earl, a radarman; Delbert, an Army private; Frank, an Army staff sergeant; and Kenneth, a war plant worker.

We only wish that all enlistments came five-of-a-kind, like the Glynns and the Morgans.—R. J. Meyer, Lieutenant, USNR, Milwaukee, Wis.

Congratulations to the Glynn brothers and the Milwaukee Reserve, whose claim to the No. 1 quintet stands until challenged.—Ed.

Naval Reserve Medal

Sir: What are the qualifications for the Naval Reserve Medal? Has a China Service Medal been authorized? I was on China duty aboard a destroyer from February to September 1947, and would like to know whether I am eligible for such a medal if and when it is issued.—L. L. Orcutt, GM3, USNR, Richmond, Va.

The Naval Reserve Medal is awarded for ten years' active or inactive service in the Naval Reserve. Application for this medal should be submitted to Chief of Naval Personnel, giving dates of service on which your request is based.

The China Service Medal has been extended for service in China subsequent to 2 Sept 1945 and to a date to be determined later. For a list of eligible units see NavPers 15787, copies of which have been distributed to all ships and stations, including recruiting stations and Naval Reserve training centers.—Ed.

Eligibility For Good Conduct Medal

Sir: During the war I spent a total of 28 months training in various college programs as an apprentice seamen, and at the end of that time, along with my classmates, I received my commission as an ensign. It has come to my attention via one of my buddies who took his commission in the Marine Corps, that we rate the Good Conduct Medal. Will you please clarify this question for myself and all those in my category?—R. J. F., ENS, USNR, New York.

The answer to your question is contained in BuPers Manual, article A-1046 (1) (a), which we quote: "Eligibility requirements for active service terminating on or after 15 Aug 1945: Service—any three years of continuous active service as an enlisted person in the Regular Navy, Naval Reserve, or as an inductee. Service in either a commissioned or warrant rank will not be included in computing time served, but will not be considered as an interruption in computing enlisted service."

Since you had only 28 months of enlisted service at the time you accepted a commission, you are not eligible at this time for the Good Conduct Award. In the future, if you should revert to enlisted service you would only have to serve eight months to have the required service, providing you maintain continuous service.—Ed.

Uniform Allowance in Reserve

Sir: I have held a commission in the Merchant Marine Naval Reserve since 1942, but have never been on active duty with the Navy. Recently I joined the Organized Reserve, Brigade 3-2, in Brooklyn, N. Y.

I have never received a uniform allowance and would like to know if I am entitled to one since becoming active with the Organized Reserve.—H. Schulman, Lieutenant (junior grade), USNR, Brooklyn, N. Y.

You are entitled to a uniform allowance, amounting to $100, provided (1) you are officially attached to, or associated with, a drilling unit of the Organized Reserve, and (2) you have attended 14 authorized drills.—Ed.

Certificate of Service

Sir: Will you please tell me where to write to obtain a duplicate copy of the Certificate of Satisfactory Service and Reserve Identification Card.

Where may I secure a record of credits obtained while going through the naval aviation training program?—J. Evans, Ensign, USNR, Alliance, Ohio.

Identification Cards are issued by your district commandant. Information on credits for training and copies of Certificates of Satisfactory Service may be obtained by writing to Bureau of Naval Personnel, Attn: Pers 82, Room 3054, Arlington Annex, Washington, D. C.—Ed.

Aviation Medical Course Grads

Sir: Are there any marks that could be attached to one's uniform to distinguish between a PHM and a PHM who has graduated from a Navy Aviation Medicine Technician's course?

My certification of graduation from Aviation Medicine Technician's School, NAS, San Diego, Calif., was destroyed. What must be done to obtain another copy?—F. C. Jenson, PHM, Boulder City, Nev.

There are no uniform specialty marks authorized by BuPers for Medical Technicians as such. A duplicate copy of your certificate of graduation from Aviation Medicine Technical School is being sent to you by mail by BuMed.—Ed.

Service Ribbons

Sir: For the benefit of all hands, would you indicate the proper order for wearing the following ribbons: Good Conduct Medal, Naval Reserve Medal, American Defense Service Medal, American Area Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Area Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon.—A. P. Davis, CMM, USNR, Binghamton, N. Y.

The ribbons should be worn in the order listed above.—Ed.

Amateur Radio Stations

Sir: Where can I get information regarding Naval Reserve radio stations and their connection with amateur radio stations?—J. R. Monege, CRM, V-6, USNR, Clifton, N. J.

Contact the district Reserve operational communication officer of your naval district. Headquarters of the Third ND are at 90 Church Street, New York City.—Ed.

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Medical Service Corps Vacancies Open For Reservist Doctors

The newly created Medical Service Corps has a small number of vacancies remaining open for Reservist doctors.

Officers having degrees from accredited schools in pharmacy, optometry, bacteriology, chemistry, serology, physics, pathology, medical statistics, biochemistry, entomology, physiology, pharmacology, radiobiology, virology, biophysics, psychology, parasitology, and sanitary engineering are eligible.

Officers who served on active duty during World War II for a period of 6 months, meet the age and physical requirements and were separated under honorable conditions may apply for permanent rank in the Medical Service Corps of the Regular Navy.

Naval Reserve officers with the education qualifications may request change in their classification to the Medical Service Corps of the Reserve.

Naval Air Reserve
Packs Peace Power

Forty-nine air groups of the Naval Air Reserve's organized component have now been assigned to its nationwide chain of 23 conveniently located air stations.

A total of 51 squadrons and 45 FASRons have also been assigned to the rapidly growing air component of the Organized Reserve.

NR Doctors May Take Annual Training Without Leaving Homes

Reservist medical officers may perform their annual two-weeks' training duty without leaving their communities.

According to Article H–5306(5) of BuPers Manual, Reservist doctors are permitted at the discretion of district commandants to take training of two weeks or less, with pay, at several conveniently located centers in each naval district, for the purpose of conducting the necessary physical examinations of Reservists residing in the vicinity.

In such cases the medical officers may remain in their home communities and continue to carry on their private practices during the training period so long as it does not interfere with naval duty.

At less convenient and far removed locations, Reservist doctors may be placed on short periods of training duty for a few days only, with the time accumulated credited as training duty.

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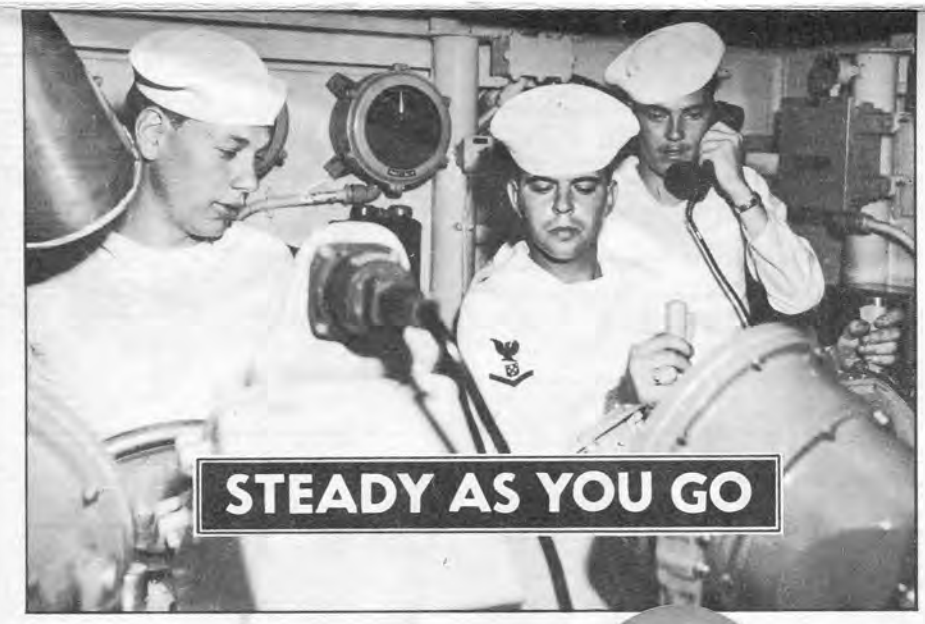

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