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Lieutenant Commander Evelyn H. Larson, U. S. Coast Guard Reserve, of New York City, right, is receiving the Armed Forces Reserve Medal from Rear Admiral Henry C. Perkins, USCG, Commander, Third Coast Guard District.

Lieutenant Commander Larson, assigned to the Coast Guard Reserve

Training Unit in Brooklyn, N. Y., earned this award by having served 10 years
of honorable and satisfactory service in a reserve component of the Armed Forces
of the United States.

In making the presentation, Rear Admiral Perkins congratulated LCDR

Larson for this well-deserved recognition of devoted duty and adherence to the traditions of the Coast Guard.

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(Upper Left) Vi Hibbler of Kansas City, Mo., who during former service as a Yeoman Second Class beat the drum in a SPAR Band in Washington, D. C., takes up the drumsticks again to herald the 20th Anniversary of the Coast Guard Women's Reserve on November 23, 1962.

(Upper Right) These SPARs, who just completed a basic rifle training course at the University of Maryland, now hold certificates entitling them to memberships in the National Rifle Association which enables them to compete for medals and records. From left, Margaret Manning, Sea.lc, Port Henry, N. Y.; Doris Campbell Smith, Sea.2/c, Cleveland, O.; Edith L. Adams, Spec. (X) 3c, Austin, Texas; Grace O'Connor, Cox., Ronkonkoma, L.I., N.Y.; C. Udene Drury, Pharm. Mate 3c, Raton, N. M.; and Evelyn Smith, Yeoman 2c, Derby Line, Vt.

(Lower Left) Elizabeth A. Guilderson, Yeoman First Class, of Norwood, Mass., presently helps in the important job of selective matching of Coast Guard Reserve personnel with mobilization assignments. She serves as a member of a Reserve Training Unit in Boston, Mass., where on drill nights she is administrative assistant to the commanding officer.

(Lower Right) A mustering of members of a Reserve Training Unit in Toledo, O., for inspection by Captain Gordon A. Littlefield, USCG, Chief of Staff, Ninth Coast Guard District (Cleveland), counts a member SPAR present. SPARs attend drills at Reserve Training Units just as the males do.



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NEW YORK, Nov. 27 -- FAIR EXCHANGESPAR Lieutemant Commander Mary
Bachand replaces Times Square sign with SPAR Square November 23rd as
Commander Jane Mehl, Lieutenant Commander Jeanne Gleason and Chief Yeoman
Joan Burke (1. to r.) took on. Sign marks the 20th anniversary of founding
of the Coast Guard Women's Reserve.

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NEW YORK, Nov. 27 -- CUTTING UP...... SPAR Seaman Barbara Gregorini
prepares to out the birthday cake in celebration of the Coast Guard Women's
Reserve 20th Anniversary during a banquet at the Commodore Hotel here last
Saturday (Nov. 24). Looking on (1. to r.) are Rear Admiral James A. Alger,
USCG, Chief of Staff; Dorothy C. Stratton, who headed SPARs during World
War II; and Lieutenant Commander Mary Bachand of the 20th Anniversary
committee.

More than 500 former SPARs attended the New York reunion.

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NEW YORK, April 30 -- "THIS IS NEW YORK".....Elizabeth Anne Guilderson,
Yeoman First Class, a SPAR in the United States Coast Guard Reserve and Miss
Coast Guard of 1963, listens attentively as her escort, Yeoman third class
David Myers, USCG, points out the attractiveness of the New York skyline.

Miss Guilderson was in New York last week to preview plans for her stay here during Armed Forces Week, May 11-19.

She lives with her mother, Mrs. Irene Guilderson, at 245 Winter St., Norwood, Mass.

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REL. NO. 31-65 NEW CG SPAR ENLISTS IN PHILADELPHIA

Chief Engineman Eddie E. Arnold, USCG, a Coast Guard recruiter, enlists the first young woman from the Delaware Valley since World War II, Miss Maureen A. Thompson, 20, as a SPAR at ceremonies in Philadelphia, Jan. 14. Miss Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond M. Thompson of 13 Chester Creek Rd., Cheyney, Pa., will undergo 10 weeks of basic training in an all-SPAR company at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Md., starting Feb. 1. She is a graduate of West Chester High School, Cheyney, and attended Delaware State College.

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Subj: Ninth Coast Guard District Contributes to the SPAR Program

The Ninth District's contribution to the Coast Guard Reserve SPAR program are: Mildred M. Davis, Mary Sue Moran, Mary Ann Nicholson, and Mary Kathryn O'Leary. all of Syracuse.

These young ladies are enlisting in this program; they will receive two weeks ACDUTRA at Bainbridge, Md., then will assume Yeomen duties assigned to them at their Coast Guard Reserve unit.

Women shown in photograph are, at left; Mildred and Sue Moran as they are congradulated by CDR. R. B. Winship, CO of ORTUPS (0) 09-826, Syracuse, New York.





LCDR JEANNE N. LINDAMAN IN HER OFFICE AT USCG TRAINING STATION, GROTON, CONN. CURING THE SECOND SPAR CLASS TRAINING FOR STOREKEEPERS AND YOEMEN.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

REL. NO. 35-65 MARINE'S DAUGHTER JOINS CG'S SPARS

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 . . .

The Marine Corps gift to the Coast Guard is blonde, 18-year-old Drinda Lynn Figgis of East Northport, N. Y., who was sworn in today as a SPAR by Chief Boatswain's Mate William J. Ledoux, MSCG, head Coast Guard recruiter for New York City and Long Island. She was given away by her father, First Sergeant William Figgis, who is the ranking sergeant of the Inspector/ Instructor Staff for the Marine Corps Reserve at the Navy and Marine Corps Training Center, Huntington, N. Y. Displaying throe-and-a-half rows of service ribbons which have highlighted a 21-year career, the massive Marine reasoned that the Coast Guard's new enlisted women's program was currently the best one in the Armed Forces for his daughter. Drinda Lynn will report to the U. S. Naval Center at Bainbridge, Md., on Jan. 29 for 10 weeks of basic training, and then undergo 12 weeks of petty officer schooling at the Coast Guard Training Center, Groton, Conn. Graduating as either a yeoman or storekeeper, she will serve six months at Coast Guard Readquarters in Washington, D. C., or in a District Headquarters office in New You. Boston. Cleveland, St. Louis or Portsmouth, Va. The last half of her three-year enlistment will be served in a Coast Guard Reserve unit near her home. There aren't any more at home like the comely Drinda Lynn, but her six-year-old brother, Peter, will reach a moment of truth in about 12 years . . . whether to go "Semper Fidelis" --- or "Semper Paratus". The Figgis' live at 50 Grant St. East Northport.

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Mail Call is very important to men and women in the Armed Forces.

Here Coast Guard SPAR Kathaleen Marble of Route 1, Box 194, Troutdale,

Oregon, reads her mail from home. Kathaleen recently became one of

the first Coast Guard women trained since World War II. Enlisting for

three years, she will spend one year on active duty and two years in

her local hometown reserve unit.









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REL. NO. 464-65 CG SPARS CELEBRATE 23rd ANNIVERSARY.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 6

Candle blowing ceremonies in the Third Coast Guard District Office highlighted the 23rd anniversary of the SPARs. The participants (left to right) are: Renee' Dennerlein, SNYN, USCGR; Diane Denny, SNSK, USCGR; CAPT W. B. ELLIS, USCG, Third Coast Guard District Chief of Staff; LCDR Mary Bachand, USCGR-R; CAPT G. I. GARNER, USCGR, Third District Reserve Division Chief; Margaret DelPrado, SNYN, USCGR; and Maureen Thompson, SNYN, USCGR.

The four enlisted SPARs are part of a group of 21 young ladies who entered the Coast Guard Reserve last January (1965) in a special national pilot program. After completing "boot camp" at the Naval Training Center in Bainbridge, Md., the new SPARs attended yeoman and storekeeper schools at the Coast Guard Training Center in Groton, Conn. They are now finishing their one-year active duty enlistments at various Headquarters units and district offices throughout the country by undergoing six month's onthe-job training with regular Coast Guardsmen. In January (1966), they will return to their hometowns and be assigned clerical duties with nearby Coast Guard Reserve units for two years. They are the first SPARs since World War II to be recruited for extended active duty training. Their pilot program has been declared a success and a second group of young SPARs have recently been recruited for similar training. (12/6/65)Neg. No. 3CGD 112365-04 (mta)

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REL. NO. 197-65 SONIA SIMON REENLISTS

New York, N. Y., June 2-Blonde, beauteous Sonia Simon has become used to VIP treatment since she joined the Coast Guard three years ago. She was originally sworn in as a SPAR in Denver in July 1962 by Colorado Governor Steve McNichols - and she is shown here taking her reenlistment cath from the Commander of the Eastern Coast Guard Area - Rear Admiral Irvin J. Stephens, USCG. She also recently represented her service in the week-long Miss Armed Forces week pagentry in New York City. The hazel-eyed ex-farm lass is an executive secretary for United Air Lines in Denver when not performing first class yeoman duties for her local Coast Guard Reserve unit in the Mile High City.

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SPARs in review on graduation day at the U. S. Coast Guard Training Center, Groton, Connecticut.

(First three SPARs at left are officers, others in lineup are enlisted.)

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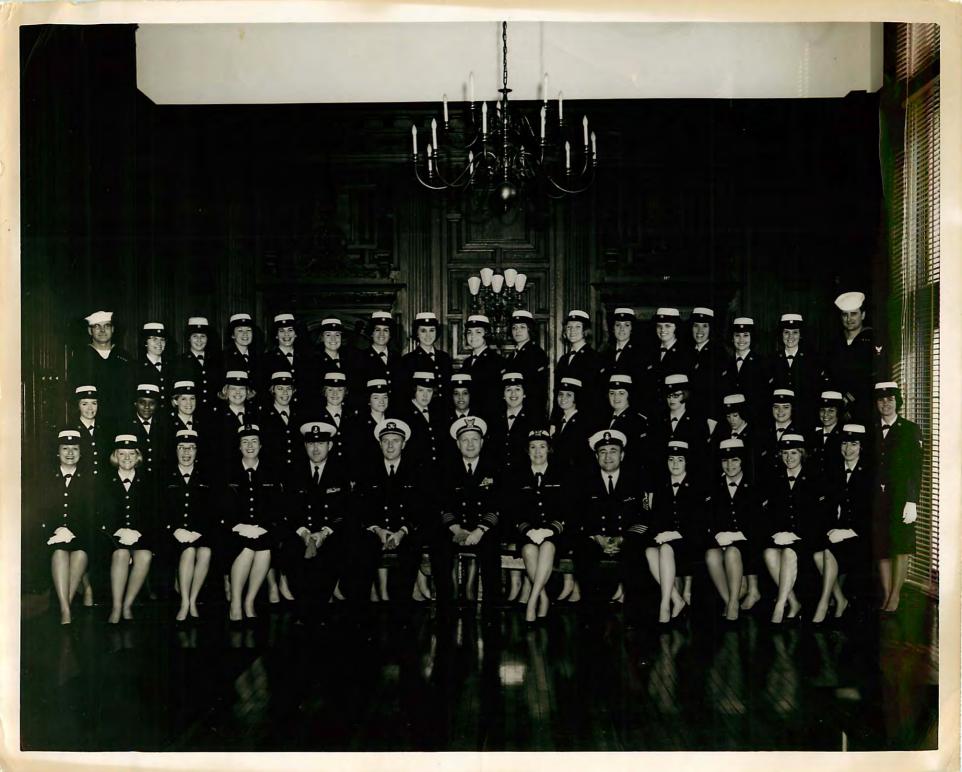
The first group of SPARS, to be trained since World War II pass in review at the Recruit Training Center, Bainbridge, Md. The 21-SPARS are led by Seaman Apprentice Nikki Nisco of 1100 Fifth Avenue, Seattle, Washington. Reviewing officer for the graduation ceremony was Coast Guard Rear Admiral Charles Tighe, Chief, Office of Reserve, Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D. C.





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NO. 172-64 CG SPAR CHIEF TO TAKE PART IN ARMED FORCES BANQUET

Coast Guard SPAR, Chief Yeoman Jayne F. Blair, USCGR, of 2401 Kenna

Ave., Wilmington, Del., will represent Coast Guard enlisted women at a special

tribute to Armed Forces personnel at the annual Armed Forces Day Banquet and

Ball at the New York Hilton Hotel, New York City, Saturday May 16.

Miss Blair is assigned to the U. S. Coast Guard Organized Reserve Port
Security Training Unit in Wilmington. This unit is responsible for developing
trained personnel to augment regular Coast Guard billets for port security in
the Delaware Bay area in the event of mobilization or other national emergency.

Serving on active duty as a SPAR in the Coast Guard from September 1944 to May 1946, Miss Blair went through basic training at Palm Springs, Fla., and served as a yeoman second class at Norfolk, Va.

Miss Blair is currently employed as a secretary by the DuPont Company,
Wilmington. She is the only woman in Delaware serving in the Coast Guard Reserve.

The Coast Guard joins the other four Armed Forces this week in the 15th annual observance of Armed Forces Week with its theme "Power for Peace."

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Editor's Note: Portrait of Miss Jayne F. Blair, USCGR.

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3RD, COAST GUARD DIST. NEW YORK 4, N. Y. Receiving the silver bars as a Coast Guard SPAR officer from the Commander,
Third Coast Guard District, Rear Admiral Chester L. Harding, USCG, is Miss Donna
M. Waugh at her swearing in ceremony in New York July 15, 1964. She had
accepted a direct commission in the Coast Guard Reserve.

Only last October 25, Miss Waugh, 26, stood before a full dress formation of more than 100 Coast Guardsmen at Coast Guard Moorings, New York, to receive the Nation's highest lifesaving award, the U.S. Treasury Department's Gold Lifesaving Medal.

Miss Waugh, a former Wall Street security analyst, was cited for attempting to save the life of a swimming companion in the Virgin Islands April 20, 1963.

On that date, off duty Navy frogman, Ensign John W. Gibson of Miami, Fla., was attacked by an eight-foot shark in the crystal clear waters of Magens Bay.

St. Thomas. Despite Miss Waugh's efforts Ensign Gibson succumbed to his injuries.

After a basic officer indoctrination course at the Coast Guard Reserve
Training Center, Yorktown, Va., Miss Waugh will be assigned to a Coast Guard
organized reserve training unit in Brooklyn, N.Y. She resides at 139 Henry St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

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"THE FITTING" Really not a 1930 uniform

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At graduation exercises Capt, Arthur Hancock, Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Reserve Training Center, Yorktown, presents a Certificate to SPAR YN2 Thelma O'heal of Fell City,

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Reserviat Chief Petty Office Virginia DeFoy of Houston, Texas, a member of the SPAR training stoff, answers a telephone query.

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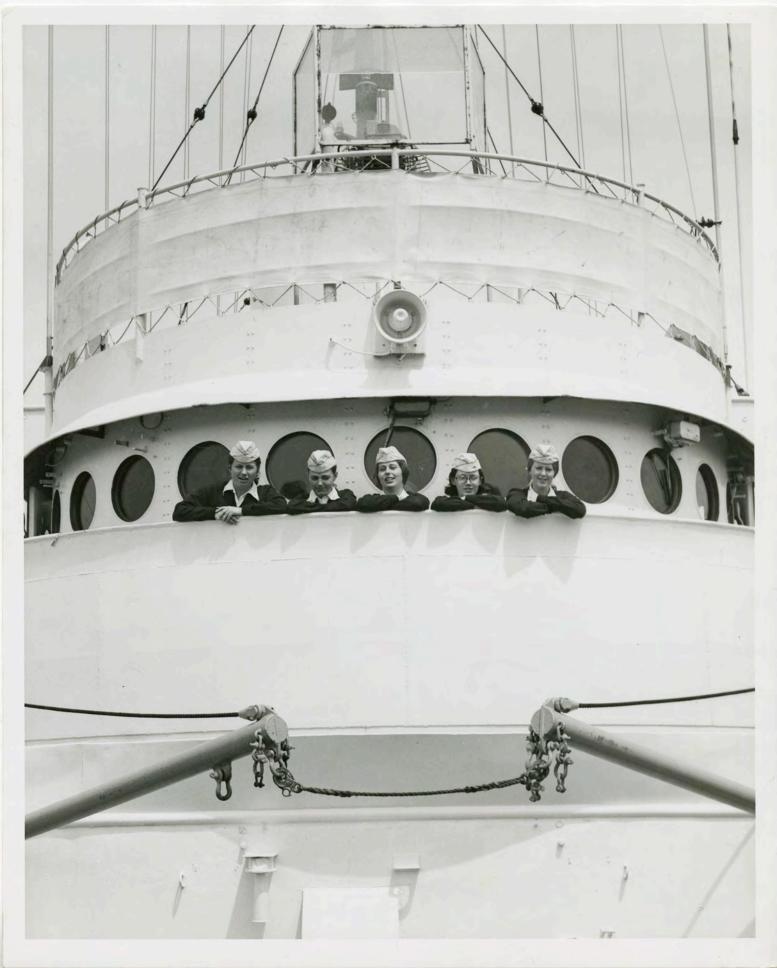
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WASHINGTON, D.C.-----Signing up as the first female

SPAR Dental Technician in the history of the Coast Guard Reserve,
is Joan Carol Watterson, wife of Coast Guard Commander Robert J.

Watterson (right), Chief Petty Officer Gerald Chambers of the
Alexandria, Virginia Recruiting Station looks on.

Joan, a native of Fremont, Nebraska, entered the Reserve with the rank of Second Class Petty Officer, and was sworn in by her husband. Joan will be performing her active duty at Coast Guard Headquarters, here in Washington, where her husband works as the Assistant Head, Operations Section of the Aviation Branch.

The Watterson's reside in Springfield, Va., with their four children.

In a somewhat similar ceremony out on the West Coast recently, Commander Watterson's sister, Marilyn, joined the Coast Guard Reserve. She was sworn in by her husband, Coast Guard LT. Comdr. R.E. Isherwood, a Marine Inspector in San Francisco. The Isherwood's have two children and reside in San Rafael, California.

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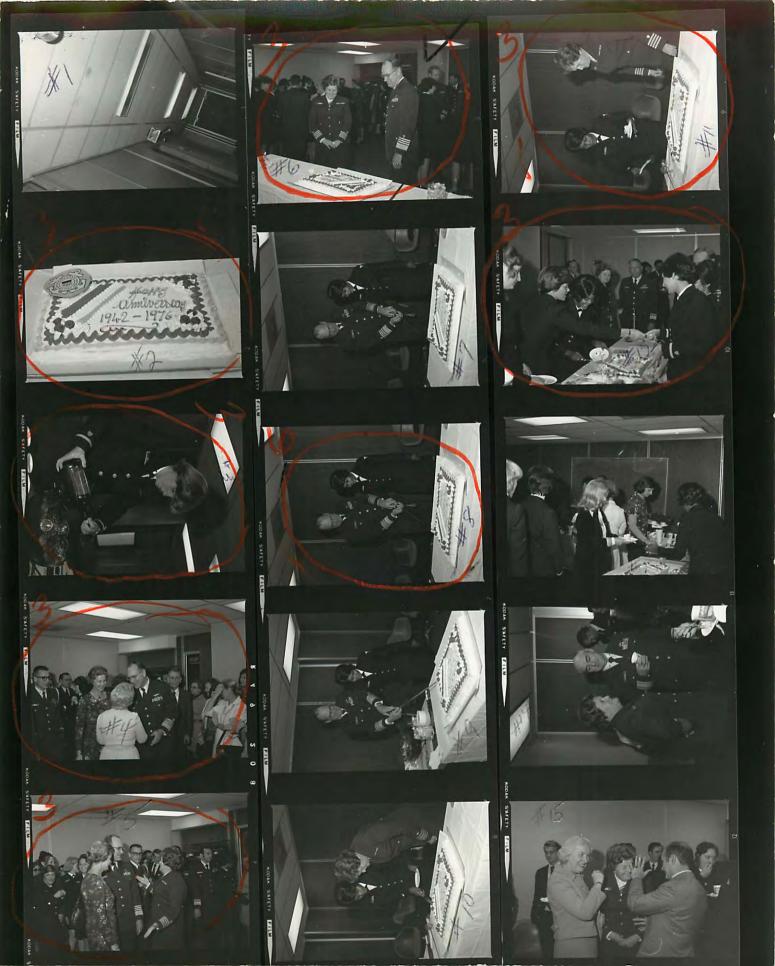
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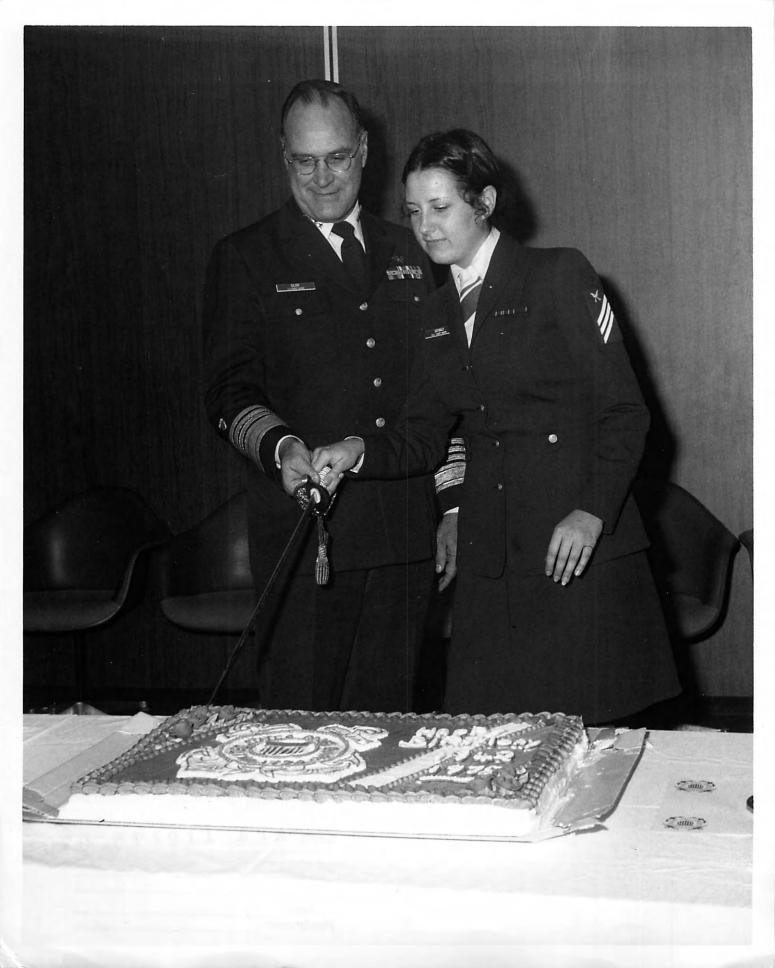
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Admiral Owen W. Siler, Commandant of the Coast Guard, is assisted by Seaman-Yeoman Marilyn Seebald in a cake cutting ceremony at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D. C., marking the 33rd Anniversary of the Coast Guard Women. Especially significant of this anniversary is the Commandant's approval and signing into effect a new uniform package for the women, designed by the famous Edith Head. Seebald presents the now official new look in basic dress blues. Seebald is a native of Buffalo, N. Y., where she was graduated from South Park High School in 1973. She is the daughter of Raymond C. Seebald of 79 Tudor Blvd. in Buffalo. Seebald entered the Coast Guard in January 1975, and is presently assigned as Administrative Aide to the Secretary of the Coast Guard Uniform Board.

When President Roosevelt signed Public Law 773 on November 23, 1942, during World War II, establishing the Women's Branch of the Coast Guard Reserve, the women became known as the SPARs. This term was coined by the war-time Director, Captain Dorothy C. Stratton, from the first letters of the Latin and English versions of the Coast Guard motto, "Semper Paratus-Always Ready," and from the four freedoms of speech, press, assembly and religion. With the changes that have transpired over the years, the term SPAR is seldom heard now. Today's young service women prefer to be known as Coast Guard Women. Women's lib has added new dimensions for the younger generation of the service women. Not only is the present corps comprised of Reserves but of Regulars as well, with anticipation toward including the first women to be accepted into the Coast Guard Academy in 1976.

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