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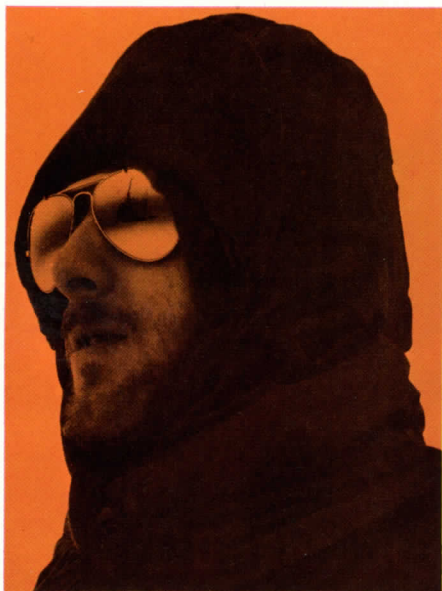


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If you have what it takes . . .



The Coast Guard sees action in both peace and war, operating under the Department of Transportation during peacetime and under the Navy when our nation is at war or when the President directs.

Its normal duties today encompass such varied operations as maintaining navigation aids, iceberg patrol, port security, lighthouse operation, weather patrol, emergency rescue work, and many other important humanitarian services.

In time of war, the world-famous cutters of the U. S. Coast Guard are mobilized as watchdogs of our country's thousands of miles of coastline, and Coast Guard men serve in fighting units of American task forces overseas.

When you join the Coast Guard, you become a member of your country's oldest continuous seagoing military service. The Coast Guard was inaugurated by one of the founding fathers of the United States, Alexander Hamilton, who ordered "ten boats" to put an end to the smuggling and piracy that harassed our shores back in 1790.

The Revenue Marine, as it was first known, was our only naval force for almost a decade, and it has been carrying on and expanding its vital function to safeguard life and property ever since.

With a noble tradition behind you, and a promising career ahead, you do yourself and your country a proud service when you join the colors of the United States Coast Guard.



...take the UNITED STATES COAST GUARD





Your career with the Coast Guard

begins when you raise your hand and take the solemn oath which makes you a member of the Armed Forces of the United States. The opportunities this career will offer you for learning, for self-development, for advancement, for leadership are as great as you are able and willing to make them.

The Coast Guard has many jobs, all of them important. It must do them with a relatively small number of men and do them well, because thousands of lives and millions of dollars worth of property are involved. That's why the Coast Guard only accepts men with outstanding qualifications. And that's why it gives these carefully selected men all the training they need to make full use of their native abilities in the jobs to which they are assigned.

You can be sure that as a coastguardsman you will receive the finest training available—either in school or on the job under the direction of experienced men. You will be given every opportunity to develop your skills—and your value to the Coast Guard.

The Coast Guard has no crowds for you to get lost in. Your performance on the job, your conduct, your qualities of leadership will be constantly observed by the petty officers and commissioned officers with whom you serve. If you deserve advancement to a higher rate and better pay, you'll get it. You won't be overlooked.

No two Coast Guard careers are alike. Individual men have different aptitudes. The needs of the service vary from time to time. But one thing is certain. The man who applies himself, who has the character to accept responsibility and to discipline himself, will enjoy an always interesting, frequently exciting and deeply rewarding career.

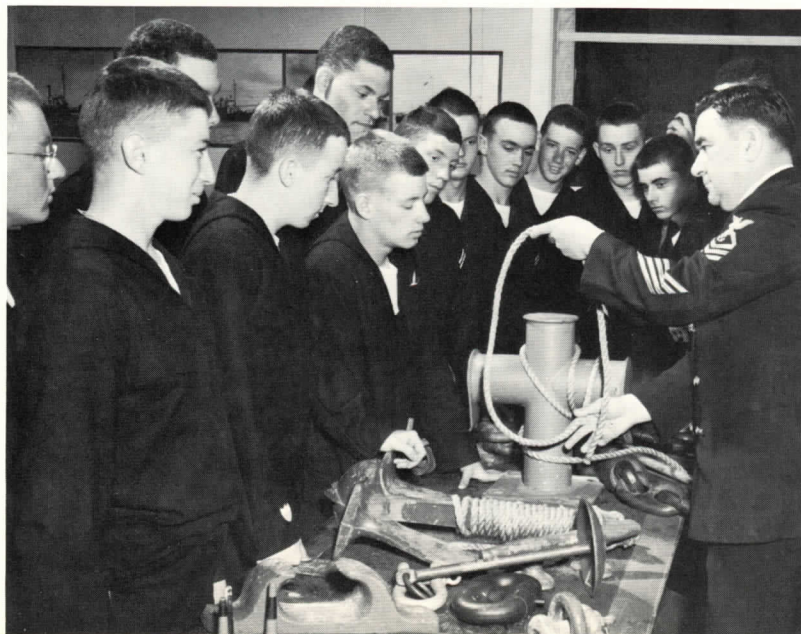






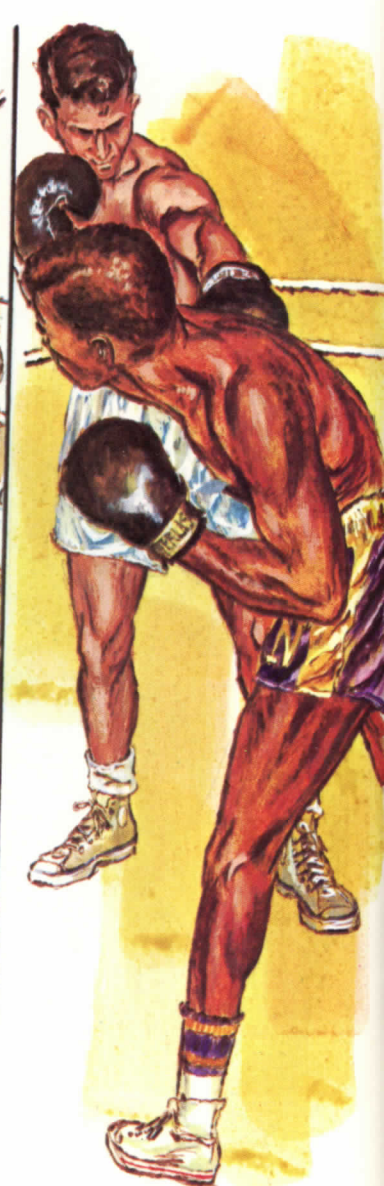
Boot camp

or recruit training is planned to help you make the transformation from civilian to coastguardsman. At the Recruit Training Center, you will be given your uniform and you will learn how to wear it, how to take care of it, and, most important of all, what it stands for. Here you'll acquire the basic knowledge you need to prepare you to learn your job in the Coast Guard. You'll learn boatmanship, visual signalling, infantry drill, personal hygiene, traditions and history of the Coast Guard, marlinspike seamanship. At the same time, a daily schedule of outdoor drills and exercise will put you in top physical condition and prepare you for the active, vigorous life of a coastguardsman. And at boot camp you'll find the solution to one of the biggest problems the average young man faces when he enters military service—how to live in harmony with others.



Take a break!

Boot camp isn't all work, although it may seem to be for the first few days. You will have leisure time. To help you spend it enjoyably, the Coast Guard provides facilities for all kinds of sports from basketball and boxing to billiards and table tennis. You'll find lounges for writing letters or for playing checkers or chess. Libraries are stocked with a variety of fiction and non-fiction as well as with up-to-date magazines and newspapers. Snack bars provide an opportunity for you to appease your growing appetite between meals and to relax over a soda or shake with your friends. If you are a movie fan, you'll enjoy the newly-released motion pictures that are shown regularly. Boot camp will not interfere with your religious practices. Protestant, Jewish and Catholic services are held regularly.



You can further your education

Your free time in the service also provides you with an excellent opportunity to further your education through correspondence courses or classroom training at civilian institutions.

The Coast Guard operates a correspondence course institute. Its courses are mainly designed to increase your professional value to the Coast Guard and facilitate promotion in your rating. Correspondence courses are also available through the other Service Institutes and the U.S. Armed Forces Institute (USAFI). Hundreds of courses may be taken directly from USAFI in elementary, high school, college, and technical subjects. In addition, correspondence courses are available through USAFI from the extension divisions of many leading colleges and universities.

The Coast Guard also offers tuition assistance for classroom training at civilian institutions, when duty assignment permits and funds are available.

The Commandant encourages and is anxious for personnel to pursue higher education and offers assistance when possible. Coastguardsmen have received high school diplomas and college degrees while in the service.

Your opportunity to acquire a skill

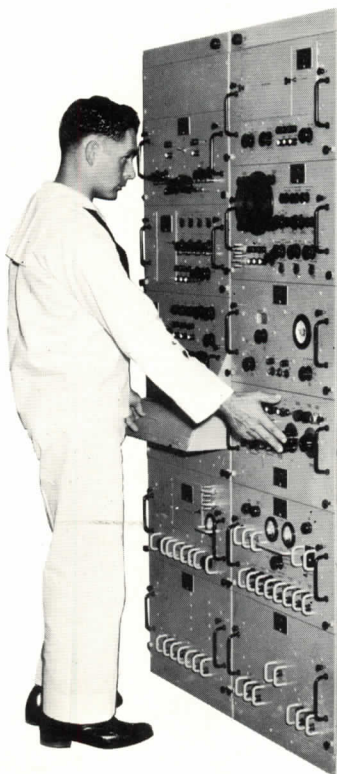
The Coast Guard is a service of specialists. It takes specialists to perform the many duties to which the Coast Guard is assigned. You will be of greatest value to the Coast Guard if you become one of these specialists—an expert in one particular field.

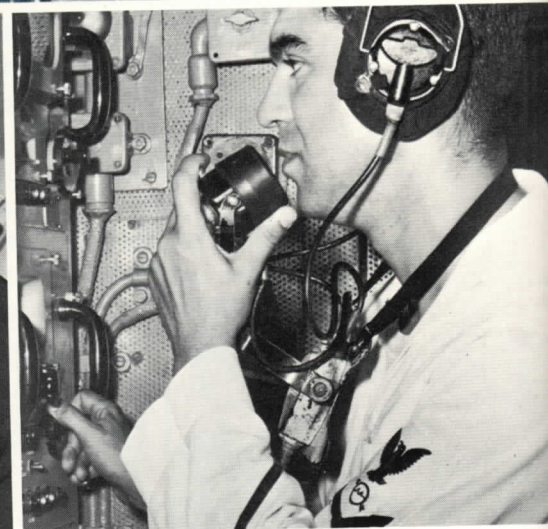
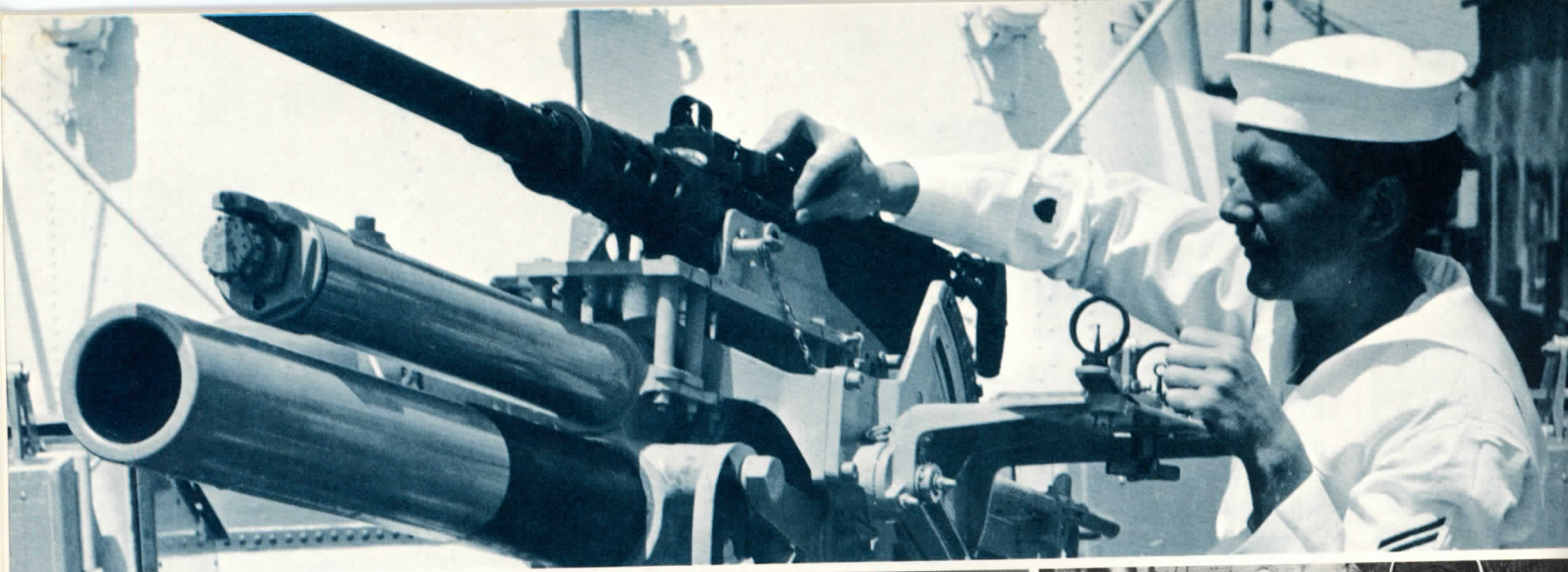
You don't have to have a skill when you join. The Coast Guard will teach you one. At boot camp, you will take aptitude tests to determine what your talents and interests are.

After you leave boot camp, you have the opportunity to continue training at one of the Coast Guard's advanced schools, or "on-the-job" at your ship and station. In addition, the Coast Guard Institute furnishes correspondence courses covering the requirements for advancement in practically all ratings. Described on the following pages are some of the ratings you are eligible for as a member of the United States Coast Guard.* The rating you wear on your arm signifies your achievements in a chosen specialty.

Your rating is as valuable in civilian life as it is in the service; it will qualify you for excellent jobs after you retire or after your enlistment has ended.

**In addition, the following schools are available to qualified personnel: Aviation Electronics, Engineman, Damage Controlman, Storekeeper, Commissaryman, Sonarman, Fire Control Technician, Aviation Electrician's Mate, Aviation Structural Mechanic, Parachute Rigger, Boilerman, Aerographer, Dental Technician and Journalist.*





Gunner's Mate. Gunner's mates hold the important responsibility for all armament and ammunition. They supervise the gun crews in practice and in battle. They can take apart small arms or large armament and put them together again blindfolded. They are also qualified as demolition experts.

Related civilian occupations: Ammunition Foreman, Firearms Assembler, Firearms Inspector, Gunsmith, Armorer, Locksmith and Shell Assembler.



Yeoman. The Yeomen are the Coast Guard's office force. They type and file official correspondence, operate office machines, prepare reports, and keep manuals, records and other documents up to date. Yeomen are entrusted with the "business" details essential to efficient service operation.

Related civilian occupations: Clerk, Office Manager, Executive Secretary, Administrative Assistant.



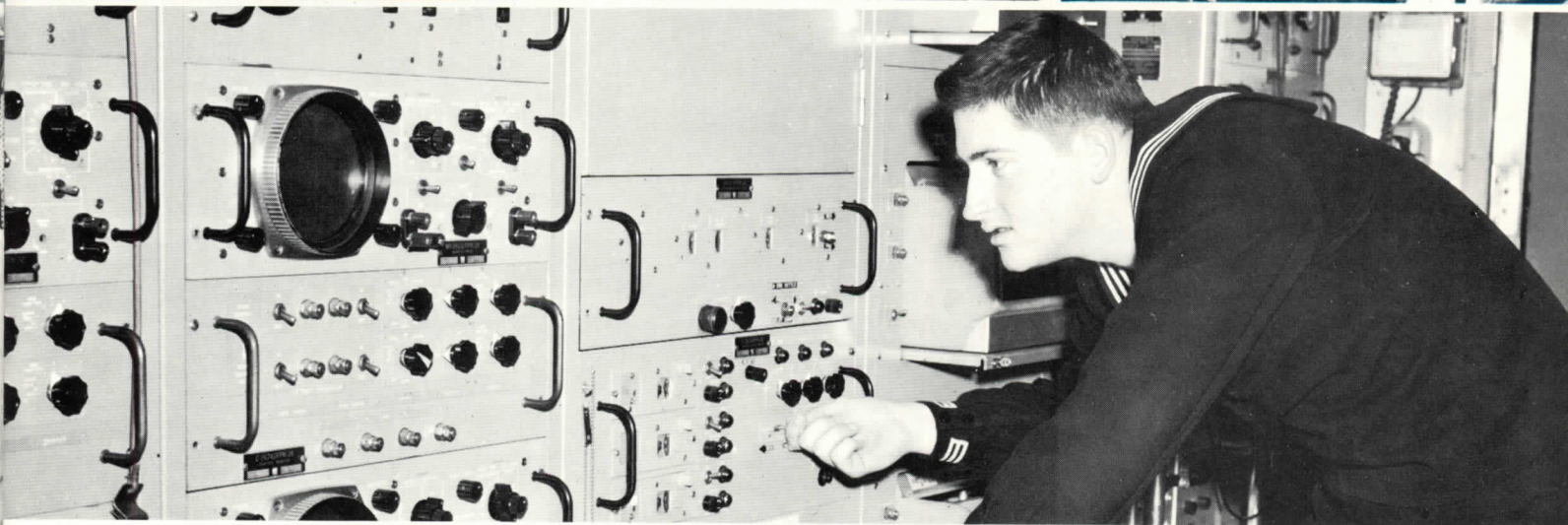
Boatswain's Mate. The Boatswain's Mate is a jack of all trades on ship and ashore. He is familiar with everything that happens on deck. He knows how to use hoisting gear to pick cargo off a dock, lower it into the hold and stow it safely away. The Boatswain's Mate also takes charge of small boat crews, directing them in landing and rescue work.

Related civilian occupations: Motorboat Operator, Tug Boat Captain, Pier Superintendent, Able Seaman, Canvas Worker, Rigger, and Cargo Winchman.



Radarman. Radarmen are specially trained in the operation of equipment used to guide ships and aircraft. In darkness and fog, the Radarman serves as the eye of his ship or plane, watching for obstacles on his screen. He can "steer" a plane in for a safe landing, or he can "see" hidden dangers in a ship's path.

Related civilian occupations: Aircraft Traffic Control.



Quartermaster. Quartermasters understand and use all navigational instruments. They direct helmsmen, plot the course and take soundings. They are experts on all signals and visual communications, and can "talk" to other ships or stations by means of semaphore, blinker light, flags, whistles or bells.

Related civilian occupations: Second Mate, Third Mate, and Quartermaster aboard Merchant Ships; Deck Cadet, and File Clerk (drawings, charts, graphs, etc.)



Electronics Technician. On the shoulders of the electronics technician lies the responsibility for keeping intricate electronic equipment in good condition. Sonar, radar, loran—he is an expert on them all, and must be prepared to make instant repairs in battle or emergency.

Related civilian occupations: Electronics Technician, Junior Electronics Engineer, Technical Representative.



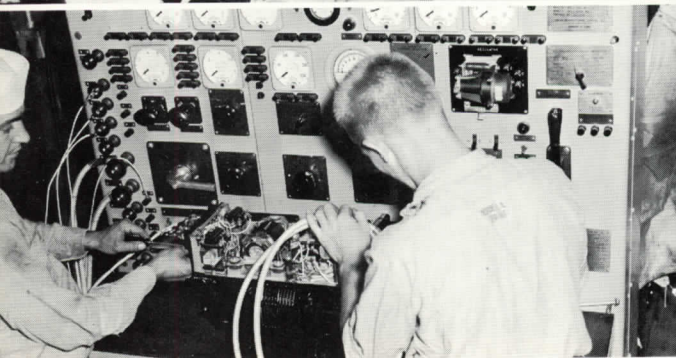
Aviation Machinist's Mate. The Aviation Machinist's Mate may be flight engineer on a Coast Guard plane, or he may be assigned to an air station where he checks, repairs and overhauls aircraft engines. He has an opportunity to work on many different types of planes, from huge patrol craft to helicopters.

Related civilian occupations: Machinist, Airline Mechanic, Airline Maintenance.



Radioman. Radiomen are key personnel aboard all ships and in shore radio stations. They send and receive messages, and keep their radios in top operating shape. They also operate the Coast Guard's radio direction finders, and make necessary repairs and adjustments.

Related civilian occupations: Broadcast Technician, Marine Radio Operator.



Machinist's Mate.

The Machinist's Mate is an expert on everything below decks. He looks after ship engines, pumps, compressors, valves, and other equipment. The ship's steering mechanism also receives his skilled attention. Machinist's Mates are trained in all aspects of engine operation and maintenance.

Related civilian occupations: Machinist, Stationary Engineer.



Hospital Corpsman.

The Coast Guard Hospital Corpsman is a skilled technician in the medical and dental fields. On small craft he is actually "the doctor," while on larger ships and stations he is the doctor or dentist's right-hand man. The Hospital Corpsman rating provides excellent experience for anyone interested in the medical or dental profession.

Related civilian occupations: Pharmacist, Medical Laboratory Technician.



Photographer's Mate.

Here is one of the Coast Guard's most specialized rates. The Photographer's Mate works with the finest equipment available. He takes still and movie pictures of the Coast Guard in action and in port. He also becomes an expert in developing and printing these films.

Related civilian occupations: Commercial Photographer, News Photographer, Photo Laboratory Technician.



Electrician's Mate.

The Electrician's Mate is an important man "behind the scenes." All electrical equipment aboard ship and at shore installations comes under his supervision. He also maintains and repairs telephones and other communications.

Related civilian occupations: Electrician, Telephone Installer and Repairman.



You may qualify for training as a petty officer

and begin the climb through the enlisted rates to more responsibility and better pay. To qualify for such training you must meet the minimum scores on the classification tests. You must have a good conduct record. And you must receive the recommendation of your commanding officer, which he will give only after careful evaluation of your working habits and attitude.

At school you will receive both theoretical training and actual practice in laboratories or shops. At the end of the course you may be rated as a third class petty officer or designated a striker. The strikers designation means you have qualified in the theoretical knowledge required and all you need now is experience on the job.



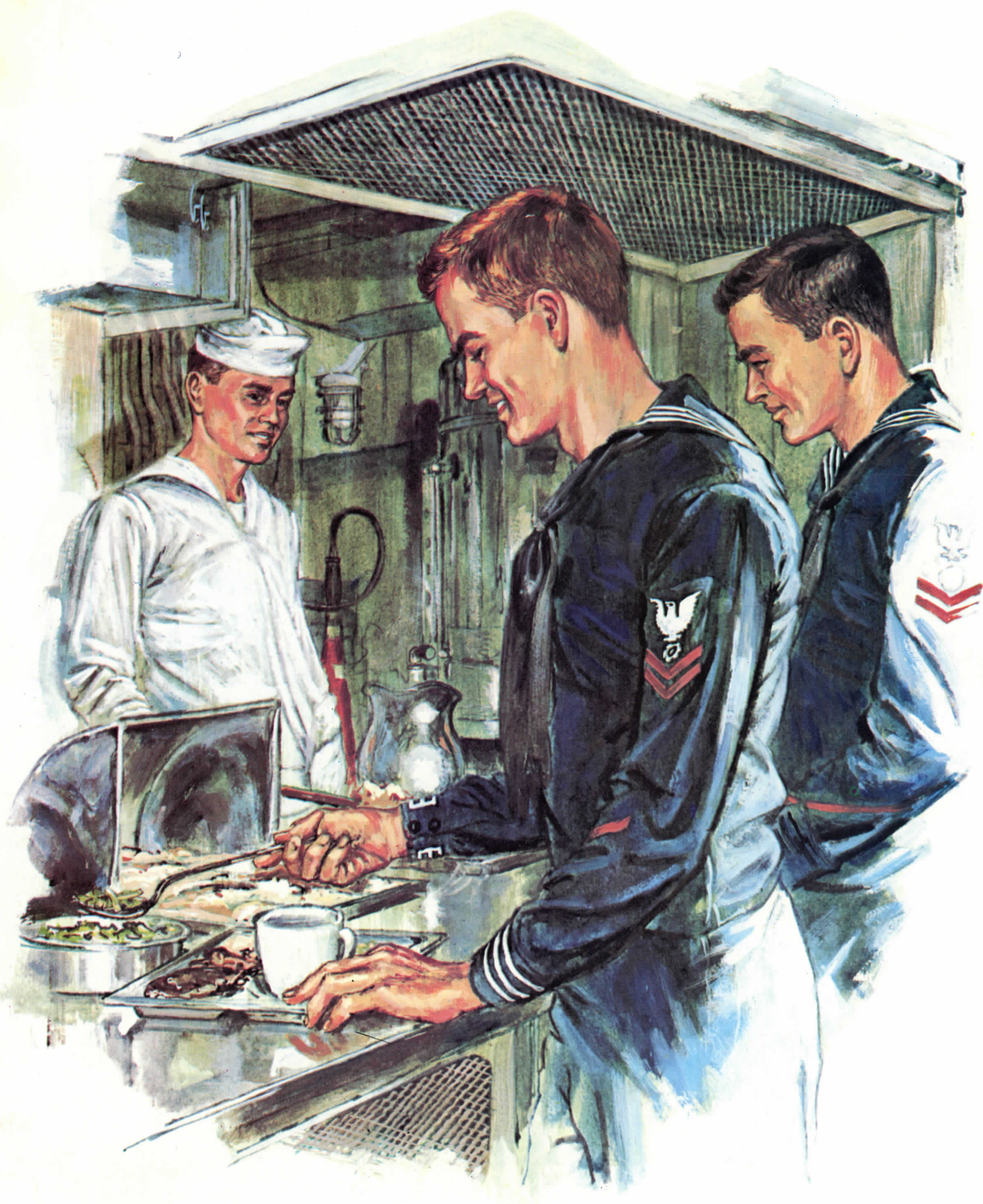
Or you may be selected for Officer Candidate School or the Coast Guard Academy and earn an ensign's commission

As an enlisted man in the Coast Guard, you will have the opportunity to qualify for Officer Candidate School. If you succeed, you will go to Yorktown, Virginia for 17 weeks of instruction in navigation, seamanship, antisubmarine warfare, law enforcement and military drill and will graduate with an ensign's commission.

You will also have the opportunity to qualify for admission to the United States Coast Guard Academy at New London, Connecticut, which offers a full four-year college program as preparation for a career as a commissioned officer in the Coast Guard.

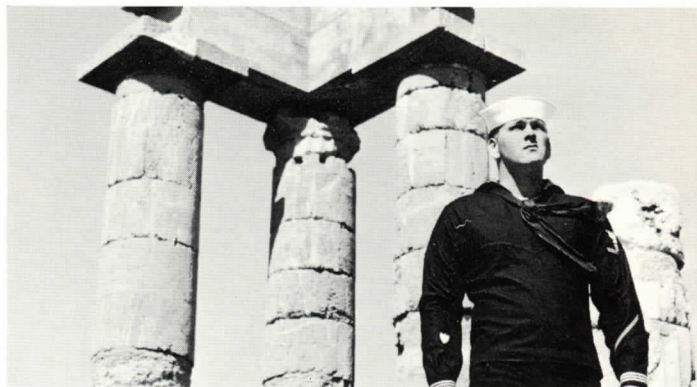






Come and get it!

Whether you serve on a ship or on shore, you'll find that the Coast Guard maintains a standard of cleanliness that isn't surpassed anywhere. No matter how strenuous or exhausting your duty during the day, you'll sleep in a clean, comfortable bunk. Mess facilities and people who handle food are inspected several times a day. The food you eat will be prepared by competent, experienced personnel and will make up a healthful, well-balanced diet. And that's not all—the food is delicious and plentiful. Hard work and fresh air will give you a great appetite, and you'll look forward with pleasure to every meal.



Twice a month you draw your pay

—and good pay, too. And in addition you get extra allowances for clothing, sea duty, dependents and other special conditions. You will be provided with medical-dental care at no cost. The medical facilities of the Coast Guard are provided by the U. S. Public Health Service, which operates hospitals in many of the major parts of the U. S. Many large cutters have physicians on board. Large shore activities have both physicians and dentists. Mobile dental clinics regularly visit smaller Coast Guard Stations.

Other benefits? 30 days leave with pay each year. Generous retirement pay after 20 years. And an opportunity to see some of the most beautiful and interesting places in the world.





In time of peace . . .

. . . the Coast Guard is a Department of Transportation agency responsible for law enforcement, aids to navigation, port security and safety at sea. At the same time it must keep in a state of readiness for the important role it must play as a service in the Navy in time of war or national emergency.

While the name Coast Guard suggests a limited area of operation, Coast Guard units serve all over the world—from the Mediterranean to Japan, the Philippines and Southeast Asia—from the Arctic to the Equator and, at times, the Antarctic.

Much of the work of the Coast Guard is carried out with little publicity. Such important jobs as maintaining more than 40,000 aids to navigation, inspecting merchant marine ships for safety, keeping the sea lanes free of ice, enforcement of safety regulations in ports have a significance fully appreciated only by



those who go to sea. But in time of catastrophe, the valiant rescue work of Coast Guard cutters and aircraft receives considerable public acclaim. And well it might. In a recent year, the Coast Guard saved 15,000 lives and close to 1.9 billion dollars in property.



And in time of war . . .

. . . the Coast Guard fully lives up to its motto "Semper Paratus," which means "Always Ready." During the First World War, Coast Guard cutters made countless crossings of the stormy Atlantic protecting Allied shipping from German subs.

In World War II, coastguardsmen hit the invasion beaches at Guadalcanal, North Africa, Normandy, Tarawa, Saipan, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, where their brave deeds will never be forgotten. Douglas Munro, a signalman, was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor. He heads a long list of coastguardsmen who were cited for courage and skill in action.

More recently, Coast Guard cutters participated in the blockade of Viet Nam. In the words of the Coast Guard song:



*"Aye, we've been 'Always Ready'
To do, to fight, or die
Write glory to the shield we wear
In letter to the sky.
To sink the foe or save the maimed
Our mission and our pride,
We'll carry on 'til Kingdom Come
Ideals for which we've died."*





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