



Retiree Newsletter

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21st Annual All-Service E-9 Golf Tournament

Coast Guard retired E-9's are invited to play in the Twenty-First Annual All-Service E-9 Golf Tournament, to be held at Andrews AFB golf course,



Camp Springs, MD, on 23 June 2000. In this event, which is held as a day of fun and inter-service camaraderie honoring the senior enlisted members of the armed forces, teams of 20 players from each service compete for ownership of a perpetual trophy. Individual prizes are also awarded.

This year the tournament is sponsored by the Coast

Guard. We are looking to field a full and competitive team! Players do not need to have an established handicap; the Callaway handicapping system will be used.

Entry fee is \$55.00, which includes greens fees, cart, continental breakfast, lunch, beverages and prizes.

For more information, call the tournament

coordinators at Coast Guard Headquarters, MCPO Linda Reid (202-267-6891) or MCPO Debra Thompson (202-267-2397). (Toll-free 1-800-842-8740; ext.76891 or ext.72397) or turn to page 21 of your newsletter for the entry form and mailing address.

Entry deadline is 1 June 2000.

And the lucky number is.....



It has come to our attention, that many retirees may not have updated their personal phone books and roledex's over the years to reflect the correct number to reach RAS by phone. Please ensure that you

have our correct telephone number in all of your "secret" places. If you are ever in doubt as to how to reach us, please refer to the back pages of your latest Retiree Newsletter. We print "Directory Assistance" in the

back of each issue with the most updated information. You may tear off and keep the pages by your phone. Our current telephone number is:
1-800-772-8724

About your dental program

the DeltaSelect USA
TRICARE
RETIREE
DENTAL program

When you choose to enroll in the TRICARE Select Retiree Dental Program, you are making an agreement directly with Delta Dental to have your premiums for dental insurance withdrawn from your retired pay. We receive many calls from retirees who want us to stop their payment to Delta Dental. It is not possible for your pay technician to stop this deduction. You do not start an allotment with us when you enroll in the plan. You authorize Delta Dental to deduct the money for your premiums. Therefore, in order to change the amount of payment or to cancel, you must contact Delta Dental directly. When you enroll in the plan you also authorize them to deduct any yearly increase in

their premium from your retired pay.

If you have any questions concerning your dental plan, please contact Delta Dental for assistance.

If you have access to a computer, Delta Dental has an excellent web site at:

www.ddpdelta.org

The following are other means of contacting Delta Dental if you have questions about your coverage or billing:

By Phone:
Enrollment **(888)838-8737**

Customer Service
(888)336-3260

By Mail:

DDP*DELTA
P.O. Box 537008
Sacramento, CA 95853-7008

By Email:

Enrollment **ddpenroll@delta.org**
Customer Service

ddpservice@delta.org

Billing

ddpbilling@delta.org



“Tom’s Run 2000” to kick off 9 June

Tom's Run 2000 – In honor of CWO4 Tom Brooks, USCG, Retired, is a non-competitive relay fun run to raise awareness of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, also known as ALS or Lou Gehrig's Disease. It is a fundraiser for the National Capital Chapter of the ALS Association. Teams of 10-20 people run the length of the C&O Canal in relay fashion: one runner with one bicycle escort at a time. Teams include runners, bikers, and support personnel. Night time running and

biking is part of the fun. The run is coordinated by the Office of Reserve Affairs (G-WTR), and sponsored by the Chief Warrant Officers Association Washington DC Chapter.

The starting point is Cumberland, MD, Friday morning, 9 June, (a spaghetti dinner will be held in Cumberland the night before). Each team's start time is based on their esti-

mated team pace. The goal is for all teams to finish together approximately 190 miles down the canal at Ft. McNair Army Base, adjacent to Coast Guard Headquarters at 1100, Saturday, 10 June. For additional details and registration forms, send an email to:

toms_run@yahoo.com

Entries are restricted to Coast Guard members: Active Duty, Reserve, Auxiliary, Civilian, Retired and Family.

To get more information, send

your email today to:

toms_run@yahoo.com

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The Retiree Newsletter is a publication containing news of general interest, suggestions, and information to keep Coast Guard retirees and their dependents informed of recent developments. This publication shall not be considered authority and is non-record material.

2000 Coast Guard Mutual Assistance fund raising campaign

The annual Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA) fund raising campaign will run from 1 March through 30 April 2000. This is the only fund raising campaign that is truly: "Coast Guard people helping Coast Guard people".

CGMA has been providing financial assistance to our members since 1924, when the CGMA was originally established as the *League of Coast Guard Women*. Since then CGMA has provided over \$93,000,000 in financial assistance to our members!! Everyone associated with the Coast Guard, including Active Duty and Retired military personnel, Civilian employees, Reservists, Auxiliaries and Public Health Service Officers serving with the Coast Guard, is a CGMA member and eligible to receive financial assistance from CGMA.

Through circumstances beyond their control, some of our members find themselves in financial need. In 1999, CGMA provided in excess of \$5,900,000 of assistance, in the form of loans and grants to 7,800



members of our Coast Guard family! Financial assistance was needed for a wide array of reasons, including financial and personal loss due to floods and hurricanes, funeral expenses, emergency travel, medical bills not covered by primary or supplemental insurance, pay problems, major car repairs, rental assistance, budget counseling and education expenses.

During 1999, CGMA increased dollar limits and expanded the scope and eligibility for most of our education programs, while adding two new education programs – the *Supplemental Student Loan Program* and the *Federal Direct Student Loan Reimbursement Program*. These changes were based on the recommendations received from our members.

Now CGMA can use your help! CGMA asks for your support in the form of charitable contributions during the campaign, particularly, by starting or increasing payroll allotments. Your tax-deductible contributions will allow CGMA to continue meeting the financial needs of our

members, and create opportunity to expand current assistance programs and add new ones. These enhancements may be accomplished through your generous support.

A CGMA 2000 Fund Raising Campaign brochure, Contribution/Allotment Authorization Form (CAA Form) and a bookmark were sent by direct mail mid-February to all Retired military personnel. We hope you have read the brochure and have sent your contribution using the self-addressed envelope to: **CGMA, P.O. Box 97261, Washington D.C., 20077-7185** (Aside from the campaign, contributions to CGMA may be made at any time by sending them to the same address).

We thank you in advance for your generosity and invite you to visit our CGMA web site at: **www.cgmahq.org** or call CGMA-HQ at: **1-800-881-2462**, if you have any additional questions.

“We look after our own”



“Veteran’s Café” radio program in Leesburg, FL is a success with veterans, retirees, widows & families

Ronald V. Regan (aka The Old Sarge) is the creator and host of WLBE’s smash hit radio program, “Veteran’s Café”. He had for years visualized a need to inform all veterans, retirees, their widows and families of the latest developments in national, state, and local veterans affairs and personal issues.

Regan contacted his local radio station with the idea and his dream became a reality. The show had its debut on 29 July 1999 which was Regan’s 65th birthday.

The program is dedicated to inform, educate and entertain its listeners and covers a wide variety of topics related to veterans rights, new legis-

lation, policies and procedures with interesting and informative guest speakers.

In recent months Regan has hosted many guests including Mr. Ron Pemberton, director of Florida’s National Military Cemeteries; Congresswoman Corrine Brown and Congressman Cliff Stearns; Florida’s Governor, Jeb Bush and Miss America 2000, Miss Heather Renee French of Kentucky. Miss French is the daughter of a disabled Vietnam veteran and is a staunch supporter of veterans rights.

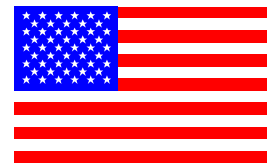


Employment Opportunities



- ◆ Evergreen Helicopters, Inc. seeks rotor wing pilots for personnel transfer and hoisting operations to and from vessels. Must have a minimum of 2,000 hours in helicopter time. Overwater, night, IFR, and hoist experience required. Must be willing to relocate to Northwest Oregon. Agusta experience, Coast Guard and Navy Training a plus. Salary is \$45,000 per year plus full Evergreen benefits. Equal Opportunity Employer. For additional information and application procedures call 1-800-383-5338.
- ◆ Evergreen Helicopters, Inc. seeks hoist operator for personnel transfer and hoisting operations to and from vessels. Must have minimum of 200 overwater hoists, with 50 at night. Must be willing to relocate to Northwest Oregon. Agusta experience, Coast Guard or Navy training a plus. A & P desired. Salary is \$26,000 to \$42,000 per year/DOE plus full Evergreen benefits. Equal Opportunity Employer. For additional information and application procedures, call 1-800-383-5338.
- ◆ Purchasing Agent: Salaried position available 1 July 2000. Williamsburg Landing, Inc., located in Williamsburg, Virginia, is a large, upscale retirement community situated on a 135-acre home campus. It is home to 500 residents and employees over 300 staff. Annual budget is multi-million dollar. This is a new position, ideal for a self starter, capable of working with minimal direct supervision. Responsibilities include: purchasing, bidding, contracting and inventory control. Competitive salary. Attractive benefits package includes health care, life insurance, 401K plan with company contribution, annual pay increases and three weeks leave annually to start. If interested, forward resume' with detailed background of Coast Guard assignments, responsibilities and highest pay grade achieved to: Capt William A. Doig, USCG (retired), 5700 Williamsburg Landing Drive, Williamsburg VA 23185.

Military Coalition asks U.S. Supreme Court to help veterans



Alexandria, VA – On 7 February 2000, The Retired Officers Association and 29 other member associations of The Military Coalition, filed a friend-of-the-court brief asking the U. S. Supreme Court to hear a case about military retiree's right to military health care.

The original suit was brought in 1997 by the Coalition of Retired Military Veterans, an independent group headquartered in South Carolina. The suit alleges that those serving a full career in the military were promised health care benefits that the government is not providing.

Currently, when military retirees reach Medicare-eligibility at age 65, they lose access to the military's health care program, called TRI-CARE. At that point, they must enroll in Medicare and may receive care in military hospitals only on a space-available basis. Post-Cold War cut-

backs, however, have reduced significantly the availability of such care. In addition, Medicare does not offer a pharmacy benefit.

On 9 August 1999, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit affirmed the district court's decision that, notwithstanding the plaintiffs' dissatisfaction with the cutbacks in medical treatment, any relief must come from Congress and not from the courts.

TROA and The Military Coalition disagree, stating that the "very integrity of the Government is at stake when an express promise, relied upon by millions in choosing to serve their country throughout their careers in the uniformed services, suddenly is abrogated during retirement, long after such benefits have been earned".

According to Colonel Paul Arcari, Director of Government Relations for

TROA and Co-chair of The Military Coalition, "We have numerous horror stories of brave decorated people who served their country for a career. They were told they would have health care in military facilities for life. They're not getting it, and that's not right. The country has broken its promise to these dedicated men and women, and regrettably this broken promise is having an adverse impact on the services' recruiting. Retirees have always been among the services' best recruiters, but today many of them decline to recommend to young people that they consider a career in uniform".

For more information on these organizations, visit their web sites at:

"www.themilitarycoalition.org/" & "www.troa.org"



Reunions & Notices



**** Please Note:** Due to the amount of Reunion/Event notices and requests for assistance that we have received over the past several months the following is a comprehensive list of all of these categories.

- ◆ U.S.S. VESUVIUS (AE-15) - WWII and other shipmates welcome: Reunion 27 September thru 1 October 2000 in Ashville, NC & Fall of 2001 in New Orleans, LA. Contact CMDR Alan C. Moore, 2807 NW 83rd Street – Cottage Place #16, Gainesville, FL 32606. Phone: (352)372-2037 or (828)733-8863.
- ◆ U.S. Coast Guard National Association of Former Stewards and Stewardmates Inc. invite all members and friends to attend their Eleventh "Reunion" to be held 18-20 August 2000 at the Sheraton Atlantic City West Hotel in Atlantic City, NJ. Please contact: BMCN Robert Hammond, 97 Curtis Avenue, Piscataway, NJ 08854. Phone (732)752-2512.
- ◆ "AE" Sailors Association reunion is scheduled for 27 September thru 1 October 2000 in Ashville, NC. All members of the "AE Fleet" are invited which includes the USS ACTUAN, BUTTE, CHARA, DIAMOND HEAD, FIREDRAKE, FLINT, GREAT SITKIN, HALEAKALA, KILAUA, KISKA, LASSEN, MAUNA KEA, MAUNA LOA, MAZAMA, MOUNT BAKER, MOUNT HOOD, MOUNT KITMAI, NITRO, PARACUTIN, PYRO, RAINIER, SANGAY, SANTA BARBARA, SEATTLE, SHASTA, SURIBACHI, VESUVIUS, VIRGO, WRANGELL. If you are interested, please contact: Ralph A. Gaul, Secretary, "AESAs", HC 63 – Box 32, Mifflintown, PA 17059. Phone: (717)436-6814.
- ◆ Cutters MCCULLOCH, MENDOTA, NORTHWIND, PONTCHARTRAIN, WINNEBAGO, CAPE UP-RIGHT, POINT WARDE, plus LORSTA Carolina Beach, Station Wrightsville Beach and COTP/MSO Wilmington will be having a reunion scheduled for 13-15 October 2000 in Wilmington, NC. For information contact either: Vince Monfalcone at phone: (910)395-0987 or email: vinmonjr@worldnet.att.net OR contact Danny Buck at phone: (910)259-2679 or email: darby4rd@aol.com.
- ◆ The 9th Bi-annual Reunion of the USCGC INGHAM (WHEC-35) Association will be held 2-6 August 2000 in Holland, MI. All hands who served on the INGHAM during the 52 years (1936-1988) are welcome to attend. For more information contact: CAPT J.R. Hearn, USCG(retired) at 103 Sequoia Road, Portsmouth, VA 23701. Phone: (757)405-3032.
- ◆ All Coast Guard, CG Reserve, CG Auxiliary, CG Friends and Family Reunion is scheduled to be held at the Drawbridge Inn, Fort Mitchell, KY (near Cincinnati, OH) on 22-26 October 2000. For information contact CWO4 Baker Herbert, USCG(retired) at P.O. Box 544, Westfield Center, OH 44251 or email at: uscwg64@aol.com.
- ◆ Greenland Patrol – Coast Guard, Navy, Army: The Greenland Patrol 2000 reunion will be held in Branson, MO 1-5 October 2000. For information contact John Pearse, 1382 State Highway Y, Forsyth, MO 65653. Phone: (417)546-4499 or email at: pearsejohn@tri-lakes.net. You may also contact Fountain Head Travel, Branson, MO at 1-800-334-2723 or via email at: gobranson@aol.com.
- ◆ The Bering Sea Patrol – Alaska Veterans Reunion Association will be holding it's 25th reunion aboard Holland American Line MS Westerdam on a cruise to Alaska though the Inside Passage. This seven day cruise departs Vancouver, BC 16 September and returns 22 September 2000. If you would like to join the members, their guests and friends on this cruise, contact Chairman Jim Loback, Phone: (714)968-8964, Fax: (714)968-9223, or Email: LOB96JM@aol.com.
- ◆ The Mobile Chapter of the Chief Petty Officers Association will be hosting the 32nd Annual Convention in Mobile, AL during the week of 28 August thru 1 September 2000. It will be held at the Clarion Hotel, the room rates will be \$48 plus 10% tax. The Convention is being held in conjunction with the Chapters 22nd Annual Old Timers Picnic on 2 September. Look for more information on the convention in the coming

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issues of Chiefs Magazine. The registration forms for the hotel and convention will be in the April edition. For further information please contact BMCS Jack Crowley, USCG(retired) at (334)649-8800

- ◆ USS GENERAL M.C. MEIGS(AP-116) - USCG Manned Troop Transport will be holding a reunion 28 September thru 1 October 2000 at Norfolk, VA. Please contact R.E. (Buzz) Sawyer at P.O. Box 6020, Suffolk, VA 23433. Phone (757)238-3439.
- ◆ Warren Bonner is in the process of writing a comprehensive book on the USCGC EASTWIND. He is looking for past officers, crew and family who have information they would like to contribute to the history of this great ship. If you would like to contribute information, contact Warren Bonner at 222 N. Shasta Street, Orange, CA 92869-3432. Phone: (714)639-0377/0623 or Email: wdbonner@pacbell.net.
- ◆ The Commanding Officer of Naval Support Station Newport – Newport, RI will host the 28th Annual Retiree Seminar on Saturday 15 April 2000 from 0900-1220 at Spruance Hall – Naval War College. If you have questions or require further information, please contact the Naval Station Newport Coordinator EMCS(SS) Joseph R Balcher, USN at (401)841-2283, or the Retired Activities Office at (401)841-4089.
- ◆ The Military Retirees Council of the Watervliet Arsenal in Watervliet, NY will conduct a Military Retirees Appreciation Day on Saturday 10 June 2000 between the hours of 0900 – 1500 at the New York State Police Academy on the Uptown State Office Campus, 1220 Washington Avenue, Albany NY. Those who plan to attend or who need additional information, can write to: Military Retiree Office – Watervliet Arsenal, ATTN: SLOWV-RSO, Watervliet, NY 12189-4050 or by phone: (518)266-5810. The Military Retiree Office, located in Building 21 provides on-site personal service on Wednesday & Thursday between the hours of 0900 – 1500.
- ◆ Richard Goldstein is writing a book on the July 1956 collision of the ocean liners Andria Doria and Stockholm and the following rescue effort by the Coast Guard, Navy and civilian ships. He is interested in hearing from former Coast Guardsman who were aboard any of the eight cutters involved in the search and rescue, and who might have recollections for use in the book. He is particularly eager to interview (via phone) anyone who was aboard the Hornbeam, which removed the Andrea Doria's Captain and Senior crewmen, and the Evergreen, the on-site Commander. You may contact him at 34 Reynal Road, White Plains, NY 10605. Phone: (914)684-0270. Email: rgoldst@aol.com.
- ◆ The Great Lakes Retiree Activities Office, Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, IL is sponsoring a retiree seminar open to all branches of the military on 23 September 2000. For information call: (847)688-3603, ext 118 or toll free 1-888231-0714. FAX:(847)688-2827. Their hours are Monday – Friday 0900-1500
- ◆ Attention all Coast Guard Coxswains – If you served as a coxswain, regular or reserve at Coast Guard Station New London and would like to have your name engraved on the brass plaque to be displayed in Station New London, please send a copy of your coxswains letter, certificate, or any document verifying your certification, rate/rank to: Auxiliarist Vincent F. Yannone SO-AUG, Coast Guard Station New London, C/O Fort Trumbull, New London, CT 06320-5593.
- ◆ Retired Activities Office, Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, 800 Seal Beach Boulevard, Seal Beach CA 90740-5000 Phone: (562) 626-715 - FAX (562) 626-7154 Email: rao.nwssb@sbeach.navy.mil.com is hosting a Retiree Seminar on Saturday, 28 October 2000. Retired military personnel from all services are invited to participate. The seminar will focus on "Local Services Available for the Military Retiree". We will have representatives from, and information about, a majority of area organizations. If you have any questions or wish to receive more information feel free to contact us.
- ◆ Telephone Technician (TT/EMT) – Enlisted, Officers, & any others that are or were associated with us, are invited to a reunion to be held 8-11 September 2000 at Marty & Pat Nilson, 309 Lawrence Lane, Colonial Beach VA 22443. For additional information contact Marty at (703)971-9131, BO Stapleton (757) 340-3732, or Ray Snow (540)368-0677.

Chief Petty Officers needed now to join CPO's world-wide

The International Chief Petty Officer's Association was founded by U. S. Navy Chief W.C. "Bill" Nolte in February 1992, and is incorporated in the State of Nevada as a non-profit, charitable veterans organization. Tax exempt status has been granted under Section 501, of the Internal Revenue Code.

The ICPOA is an organization of Active Duty, Retired, Reserve and former Chief Petty Officers of the Worlds Sea Services. The majority of our members have served in the United States Coast Guard and Navy. We also have members from Australia, Canada, the Republic of Singapore and the United Kingdom. The International Chief Petty Officer's Association has issued 1,185 Membership Certificates to date.



The ICPOA's goals are: To enhance the image of the Chief Petty Officer and to promote camaraderie between Chief Petty Officers of all nations; to encourage our members to establish "Chiefs Mess" in their area of the United States and throughout the world; to make available an annual scholarship grant of \$500.00 as an incentive to the young people of today to pursue a higher education degree in the fields of Math, Science or Engineering; and to hold annual conventions. The ICPOA has held 5 successful

conventions, with this years convention scheduled for Las Vegas, NV – 11 thru 15 May 2000. This years convention keynote speaker will be ICPOA member, MCPO Vincent W. Patton III, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard.

The ICPOA has chartered the first ICPOA Mess in Las Vegas, NV in honor of the founder of the ICPOA Chief W.C. "Bill" Nolte, who passed away in 1998.

Membership information and applications are available from:

RDCS John R. Hawkins, USCG(ret)
Membership Records Administrator
4205 Tanglewood East – #335
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 22410-4147

Phone: (561)630-0775

FAX: (561)630-3083

Email: coastie73@worldnet.att.net

Join us today!!

Charleston Naval Base Memorial planned



Greater Charleston Naval Base Memorial, Inc is an organization dedicated to the purpose of ensuring that an appropriate memorial is placed on the grounds of the former Charleston Naval Base, acknowledging all civilian and military personnel who were attached to and served at the various naval commands, units and activities during the period from when the Base was originally established until its closing.

If you would like additional information on this project and to be added to the organization's mailing list, please fill out and mail the form below.

Yes, please add me to your mailing list:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Send to: Sandra Hubbert, Project Assistant
Greater Charleston Naval Base Memorial, Inc.
P.O. Box 190016
N. Charleston, SC 29419-9016

Calling Retiree & Annuitant Services

If you need to speak with your Retired Pay Account Technician, you may select the appropriate number on the menu when you call, or you may press the # and dial their extension directly. The following is a current list of our pay account technicians, the letters of the alphabet they service, and their extensions for your use.

Chief, Retiree/Annuitant Services
Nancy Hawkins Ext 3460

Assistant Chief, Retiree/Annuitant Services
CWO4 Bonnie Abendschan Ext 3416

Retiree Accounts
Pay Team 1 – Supervisor: Terry Rogers Ext 3423

A & B, GR-GZ	Kyla Huitt	Ext: 3419
C & F	Linda Frank	Ext: 3418
	Michelle Foster	Ext: 3417
D & E, GA-GQ	Saundra Ayers	Ext: 3428

Pay Team 2 – Supervisor: Bill Weakly Ext 3432

H & J	Rachel Ferrer	Ext: 3427
I, K, L, N, O	Gayle Gardner	Ext: 3430
M	David Drummond	Ext: 3449
	Thad Wages	Ext: 3442

Pay Team 3 – Supervisor: Karen North Ext 3438

P, Q, R, U, V	Paula Leach	Ext: 3413
T & W	Dona Trueblood	Ext: 3435
S, X, Y, Z	Tony Cervantes	Ext: 3431
	Paula Meggison	Ext: 3443

Retiree & Annuitant Deaths/Annuitant Accounts

A – D	Pat Biszantz	Ext: 3424
E – H/O – Q	Lloyd Hatfield	Ext: 3436
I – N	Rick Stadler	Ext: 3440
R – Z	Jeff Guerrero	Ext: 3446

Reserve Retirement Processing
Supervisor – YNC Kelly McAdams Ext 3414

Ret 1	YN2 Brent Swanson	Ext: 3434
Ret 2	YN3 Mike Adair	Ext: 3433

Call us toll-free at:

1-800-772-8724



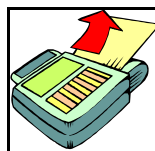
Reporting telephone problems

As we work to improve our service to you, your concerns play a vital part in our success. If you would like to provide comments or concerns pertaining to our telephone system you may **write, fax, call, or email your comments to Ms. Caroline Kern** at:



WRITE YOUR COMMENTS TO:

USCG HRSIC (RAS)
444 SE QUINCY STREET
TOPEKA KS 66683-3591



FAX YOUR COMMENTS TO:

(785)295-2639



PHONE YOUR COMMENTS TO:

TOLL FREE

1-800-772-8724, EXT 3439

COMMERCIAL

(785)357-3439



EMAIL YOUR COMMENTS TO:

ckern@hrsic.uscg.mil

*Please note * Be as specific as you can when describing any problems you may experience in order for us to address the problem adequately in the minimum amount of time. As always, we appreciate your patience and assistance.*

Coast Guard Exchange System's Western Region – Available to serve you



The Western Region is quite diverse. It stretches from Southern California to Washington, North to Alaska and south to Hawaii. There are many unique gifts at these exchanges because of the uniqueness of each area. If you want to check them out along with many other good deals in electronics, sporting goods, and more, here are their addresses and phone numbers....

USCG ISC

1300 Stedman Street
Ketchikan, AK 99901-6698
Phone: (907) 225-4528

USCG ISC

P. O. Box 195024
Kodiak, AK 99619-5024
Phone: (907) 487-5113

USCG ISC

Coast Guard Island – Bldg. 22
Alameda, CA 94501-5100
Phone: (510) 437-5622

USCG Air Station

2710 N. Harbor Drive
San Diego, CA 92101-1079
Phone: (619) 683-6325

USCG Exchange

583 Crescent Drive
Hamilton Field
Novato, CA 94949
Phone: (415) 883-3006

USCG Group Humboldt Bay

1296 Chestnut Street
Eureka, CA 95501
Phone: (707) 443-7796

USCG Training Center

599 Tomales Road
Petaluma, CA 94952-5000
Phone: (707) 765-7257

USCG ISC

P. O. Box 8
Terminal Island Station
San Pedro, CA 90731-0208
Phone: (310) 732-7557

USCG ISC

400 Sand Island Parkway
Honolulu, HI 96819-4326
Phone: (808) 832-2564

USCG Group Astoria

1240 W. Marine Drive
Astoria, OR 97103-5612
Phone: (503) 325-0108 x 13

USCG Marine Safety Office

6767 N. Basin Avenue
Portland, OR 97217-3929
Phone: (503) 286-3510

USCG Air Station North Bend

Coast Guard Exchange
1684 Ocean Boulevard
Coos Bay, OR 97420
Phone: (541) 888-5285

USCG Air Station Port Angeles

Ediz Hook Road
Port Angeles, WA 98362-0159
Phone: (360) 457-2285

USCG ISC

1519 Alaskan Way, South
Seattle, WA 98134-1192
Phone: (206) 587-0307



Test your knowledge: A Coast Guard Quiz

- By 1915, all cutters had a technological innovation that revolutionized search and rescue as well as the service's anti-smuggling duties. ***What was this invention?**
- In 1905, another technological advancement improved the Life-saving Service's capabilities. ***What was it?**
- Although the Act of March 2, 1799 required cutters to cooperate with the Navy when the president directed, legislation making our



service a part of the U.S. Armed Forces wasn't passed until ***what date?**

- On that date, two services, with a total strength of 255 officers & 3,900 warrant officers and enlisted men, were combined to form and take the name of the United States Coast Guard. ***What were the names of these two services?**

5. Lieutenants Elmer Stone and Norman Hall conceived of using aircraft for search and rescue in early 1915. Stone and five others attended flight school in 1916 while Hall studied aeronautical engineering. Later in 1916, Congress

authorized the Coast Guard to establish ten air stations, but this early effort to start a Coast Guard air arm failed. ***Why did it fail?**

- The President vetoed the law
- Congress failed to appropriate funds
- Naval aviators opposed the plan

*****Find the answers to these questions on the bottom right corner of page 12.**



Locator



RMC Doak Walker is trying to locate CWO Johnson who was stationed at CG Base, Support Center Boston, MA in 1976 and conducted bid inspections on the ES-CANABA W-64 between 1-26 Mar 76. Please contact me at P.O Box 33523, Juneau, AK 99803. Ph:(907)789-2579. Email: saad@ptialaska.net

MKC Clement E. Kem Banks is trying to locate YN2 Charles Hawkins who was stationed with him aboard the USCGC Acushnet. Please contact him at 6613 Eastridge Road, Black Hawk, SD 67718 or call (605)787-9474

Ronald D. Pearl would like to hear from MKCS Willie Smith who served at CG Station Grand Isle in 1965. Please contact him at P.O. Box 6, Arlington, AZ 85322

Fred Galosi would like to hear from any shipmates that he was stationed with at Base Ketchikan, Base St. Louis, USCGC Hamilton, MSO's Paducah, Toledo, Pittsburgh & LA/LB. Contact him at 163 Fourth Street, South Fork, PA 15956

BMC H.L. Hudson & DCC A.N. Hudson would like to hear from CDR E. S. Hutchinson who was the CO, CGC Sassafrass W-401 at Cape May, NJ 1968-69. Write to them at 6533 Mill Road, Egg Harbor Twp, NJ 08234

MKCS Dennis R. Larrabee would like to hear from RM Scott Morris. Please write him at 52 Loop Road, Topsham, ME 04086. Ph: (207) 725-7970. Email: dencin@gwi.net

GM1 Thomas Cartwright is trying to locate GMC Chuck Howerton, who he was stationed with aboard USCGC Rush WHEC-723. His last known location was Tombstone AZ in 1994. Please contact him at 42 Knollcrest Road, Norwich CT 06360

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- ◆ MKCM Donald M. Cook – After retiring 1 July 1986, I started working for a contractor that contracts to the U.S. Navy NAVSEA OOC (SUPSALV) maintaining pollution and salvage equipment at Cheatham Annex, Williamsburg, Virginia. I have responded on oil spills at Palmer Station Antarctic, Prince of Wales Alaska, and EXXON Valdez – Prince William Sound Alaska, Bayonne New Jersey, Long Beach California, Puerto Rico, Roatan Honduras, and Houston Texas. I have also done training on pollution equipment on the islands of Mauritius and Seychelles in the Indian Ocean; Guam; Jacksonville, Florida; Seattle, Washington; Providence, Rhode Island; Fort Dix, New Jersey; Mobile, Alabama; Wilmington, North Carolina; Anchorage; Homer; and Fairbanks, Alaska. I helped set up preventive maintenance on USCG pre-positioned pollution equipment for the National Strike Force Coordination Center in Elizabeth City, North Carolina.
On the salvage side, I supervised preventive maintenance on pre-positioned equipment in Aberdeen Scotland, Livorno/Pisa Italy and Bahrain. I helped set-up a salvage warehouse in Sharjah (U.A.E.) United Arab Emirates during Desert Storm. I have had an exciting and rewarding busy career since retirement from the Coast Guard and plan on retiring again in early 2001!!
- ◆ AECS John E. Van Houten – After retiring in September 1996, in December of 1999 I graduated from Ferris State University – Michigan with a Bachelor of Science from the College of Pharmacy. Would love to hear from old shipmates. Anyone

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wishing to contact me may do so via email at canoern@netonecom.net

- ◆ LCDR Robert J. Bush – In the 26 years since I entered the Retired Reserve, I have continued to use my quarter century of Navy and Coast Guard experience in Civil Service work, my public affairs writing position, and in teaching. Still doing the Manual of the Sword as KOC Council/Fourth Degree representative, I escort at local armed services local celebrations and military funerals (recently CDR Glazner and MB2 Billie Connor-USCGR) as well as U.S. veterans and MIA remains being returned to Alabama. I serve in the Funeral Honor Guard Escort for the Knights of Columbus in Mobile, Alabama. I continue to enjoy, as well, my membership in The Retired Officers Association (Gulf Coast Chapter).

Still a summertime guy, I recently visited old RESTRACEN Yorktown and marveled at the Club York transformation from former wooden barracks, ships and '03 rifles which then produced iron men...to its present campus configuration. I look forward to the Yorktown Reunion 2000. After raising five children and still tending grandchildren, I reminisce that teaching CG officer trainees was almost recreational by comparison. I would enjoy hearing from old shipmates who owe me money or who still care to recall Chowning's and the Red Roach, so email Bobbyboy at "Cat&Mike@zebranet.com", or write me at 6 Crenshaw Street, Mobile AL 36605.

- ◆ CAPT Charles B. Hathaway – recently I completed a book on the history of the Coast Guard on Cape Cod which might be of interest to those retirees who served on units on the Cape or cutters

which worked in Cape Cod waters. After tracing the early days of the Revenue Cutter, Lifesaving and Lighthouse Services, the book entitled "From Highland to Hammerhead", goes on to discuss prohibition, World War II, buoy tender operations, the coming of the air station to Otis AFB, oil pollution and merchant marine safety matters and many rescues. Much of the book is based on the personal recollections of more than 30 retirees.

You may contact me by mail at 42 Lakeview Ave, Chatham MA 02633. Phone: (508)945-4042



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Purple Hearts honor lives lost aboard USS Tampa

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*Friday November 12, 1999
Arlington, VA -*

A somber ceremony on hallowed ground honors lives lost decades ago.

When the band began to play the Coast Guard Hymn on Thursday at Arlington National Cemetery, 82-year-old Mildred Blair softly sang along, holding the Purple Heart presented to her moments before.

Her eyes filled with tears as Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater held her hand and gave her the award her father earned 81 years ago. The Coast Guard falls under Slater's department.

Blair was just 1 year old when 2nd Lt. John F. McGourty and 129 other men died when the USS Tampa was torpedoed off the coast of Wales in World War I.

"It's an enormous pleasure that finally the recognition is here," said Blair, of Harrington Park, N.J.

Her son, Chris Blair, told the crowd, "If my grandfather were looking down on us this cold November day, he'd be very proud that his country still remembers him and honors him."

The Veterans Day ceremony – a posthumous awarding of the honor – took place in front of the Coast Guard World War I Monument, often called the Tampa Memorial.

Slater paid tribute to "the gallant men of the United States Coast Guard Cutter Tampa....who made the ultimate sacrifice" and to their families.

No one survived the September 26, 1918, sinking of the Tampa, just a few weeks before the war's end.

Thirty-six of the 130 who perished were from Florida, and 28 were from the Tampa Bay area.

Three pairs of brothers and a pair of cousins were killed when the German U-boat attacked.

Admiral James M. Loy, Coast Guard Commandant, praised the Tampa's service escorting ships carrying war materials and troops through European waters.

Providing protection from submarine attack, the Tampa escorted 18 convoys with more than 350 ships between Gibraltar and England.

"Tampa's service set a standard," Loy said.

Commander Jim Howe, the Commanding Officer of the present-day Coast Guard Cutter Tampa, was presented a plaque and framed Purple Heart to hang aboard the Virginia-based ship.

"Look at the dedication and bravery of these folks 81 years ago," Howe said. "All I ask of my men is, be as good as they were."

About one-third of the current Tampa's crew of 98 men took time off to attend Thursday's ceremony. Dressed in blue uniforms, the surrounded the pyramid-shaped memorial that bears the names of the men who lost their lives when the Tampa sank.

Of those lost, 111 were in the Coast Guard. Four Navy sailors, 10 Royal Navy men and five civilians also were aboard.

One of the names inscribed on the Tampa Memorial is "Jimmie Ross" - a testament to a Tampa immigrant's determination to serve his adopted homeland.

"Jimmie Ross" was the name adopted by young Vincenzo Guerriero when he joined the Tampa. And even after the mistake was discovered, a newspaper account at the time confused Guerriero with his older brother, Rocco, a mistake repeated in recent news accounts.

"He was a very young boy when he enlisted, and he didn't want his family to know, so he said he was Jimmie Ross," said 64-year-old Joann Gant, the granddaughter of Rocco

Guerriero.

"He was so young – he was only 16 or 17 years old. He was the youngest of three brothers" who emigrated from Naples, Italy, Gant said. "They were so proud to be in America, the land of opportunity. He just wanted to help."

A story handed down by the family says Guerriero was not supposed to be aboard ship the night of its sinking. He would have been on leave, but a friend messed up his bunk as a joke and the shore break was revoked, Gant said.

When word spread through Tampa that Ross was actually Guerriero, Gant's grandfather had an unexpected visitor – a former shipmate who had borrowed money from Guerriero.

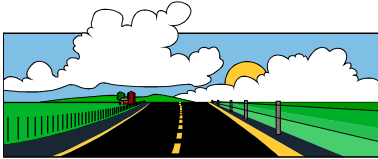
"When he found out (Guerriero) had gotten killed, he brought the money to my grandfather," Gant said. "Everyone thought that was a very honorable thing to do."

In addition to the Arlington monument, a memorial to the Tampa was placed at Gibraltar. The American Legion Post on Kennedy Boulevard is named after the lost cutter.

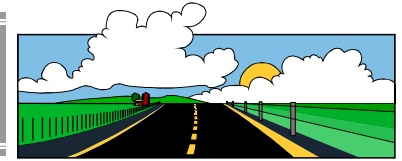


Answers to CG quiz-pg 9

1. radio
2. motor lifeboats to replace oar propelled boats
3. The Act of January 28, 1915 – creating the Coast Guard
4. Life-saving Service and Revenue Cutter Service
5. B. Congress failed to appropriate funds



Retirements



Name	Rank	Date of Retirement	Yrs Svc
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Name	Rank	Date of Retirement	Yrs Svc
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ADAMS, DONALD	AVI4	20000201	23
ALEXANDER, ZACHARY	GM1	20000101	20
ALFEO, ANNE	MK1	19991201	20
ALLEN, JAMES	MK1	20000201	20
ALLEN, SANDRA	YN1	19991201	20
ALMAND, JAMES	EM1	20000101	20
ALSBERRY, VALERIE	SK3	19991123	05
ALSTON, WILLIAM	DC1	19991201	20
ANDERA, KENNETH	QMC	20000201	24
ANTHONY, RICHARD	PERS4	20000201	29
ARMSTRONG, KENNETH	CDR	19991101	22
ATHERTON, MICHAEL	MK2	19991216	24
ATWOOD, THOMAS	CDR	20000101	31
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BAKER, JOHN	MAT3	19991101	21
BAKER, RICHARD	ENG4	19991101	23
BALDWIN, ELLIOTT	ELC4	20000101	28
BALTIMORE, ANTHONY	MKC	20000201	23
BARNES, SYLVIA	FS3	20000201	03
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BAUER, WARD	PSS3	19991104	41
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BLANCO, PEDRO	DC1	20000201	20
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CHUNN, QUEZRYTH	HS1	20000201	20
CLARKE, STEVEN	MKC	20000201	20
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COMBS, MICHAEL	DC1	19991201	20
CONNOLLY, ROBERT	CDR	19991002	42
COVINGTON, DARYL	EMC	19991101	20
CROOKS, RAY	MST1	20000101	28
CROOM, MILES	CDR	20000201	26
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LAVARNWAY, WILLIAM	MKC	19991201	20	PHANEUF, RICHARD	MKC	20000101	20
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RACINE, NORMA	YN1	19991015	19	TREUBIG, JEFFREY	MKC	20000101	26
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REIDYS, HENRY	QMC	20000201	24	UVA, JOSEPH	BM2	20000201	20
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RIGGINS, JOHNNY	MK1	20000201	21	VANWERRY, NANCY	SK1	19991201	20
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BARRY	ROBERT	CDR	991227	LARCHMONT	NY
BASLEY	ARTHUR	YNC	991224	ELLSWORTH	ME
BERLIN	KENNETH	ADC	991126	PORT ANGELES	WA
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CARTER	CLINTON	CAPT	000118	SAN ANTONIO	TX
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YOUNG	ROBERT	CWO3	991104	ORLEANS	MA

Dependent TADs

Anne L. Butler , wife of Capt William P. Butler	26 Jan 00	Miami, FL
Viola E. Carawan , wife of CWO4 Joseph W. Carawan	13 Nov 99	Vienna, VA
Jo Anna Casper , wife of QMC Merrian L. Casper	8 Feb 00	Norfolk, VA
Anne M. Cross , wife of CS1 Norman Cross	9 Jun 98	Williamsburg, MA
Maxine M. Cunningham , wife of Capt Bill G. Cunningham	10 Jan 00	Walnut, IA
Carolyn Lois McKee , wife of ATCM David E. McKee	11 Feb 00	Temple, TX

TRICARE Senior Supplement Demonstration Program "Let the enrollment begin"

The TRICARE Senior Supplement Demonstration (TSSD) program will soon be off and running for military Medicare eligible beneficiaries age 65 and older who reside within designated zip codes in specified areas near Santa Clara, California and Cherokee, Texas. The enrollment period begins 1 March 2000. The demonstration is scheduled to end 31 December 2002, with coverage beginning 1 April 2000.

Dr. Sue Bailey, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, said, The TRICARE Senior Supplement Demonstration is a test program designed to reach our Medicare-eligible beneficiaries who use Medicare and are established with their own physicians. The supplement demonstration offers them secondary coverage to Medicare plus some benefits that Medicare does not offer, all at a very reasonable costs.

To be eligible for the TSSD program, an enrollee must be a retired member of the Uniformed Services, a family member of a retired member of the Uniformed Services, or a survivor of a member of the Uniformed Services who died while on active duty for a period of more than 30 days. The enrollee must also be age 65 or older, eligible for Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance), enrolled in Medicare Part B (Supplemental Medical Insurance), and reside in one of the demonstration sites.

The TSSD provides an affordable TRICARE supplement to Medicare, which includes a pharmacy benefit, for those who enroll. Enrollees in the TSSD may not receive health care in military hospitals or clinics, including pharmacy services, while they are in TSSD.

The program, which offers enrolled members benefits similar to TRICARE Extra and Standard, serves as a secondary payor for Medicare coverage, reducing or eliminating most out of pocket expenses, and provid-

ing reimbursement for some services not covered by the Medicare Program. Benefits of enrollment include: access to National Mail Order Pharmacy (NMOP), use of TRICARE civilian network pharmacies, coverage for certain diagnostic and preventive services, extended mental health coverage, and coverage for health care services delivered outside the Continental United States (OCONUS).

The enrollment fee is \$576.00 per enrollee and can be paid in full, annually, or by quarterly installments of \$144.00. To enroll in the TSSD program, the member must return an enrollment application form accompanied by a copy of his/her Medicare card indicating Part A and Part B coverage and the enrollment fee to the Iowa Foundation for Medical Care (IFMC), Customer Service Center (CSC). Enrollment may occur at any time during the demonstration period. Enrollees are eligible to disenroll at any time by contacting the CSC. Eligibility for space available care for members who are disenrolled from the TSSD will be reinstated on the date the member is officially disenrolled from the program.

Dr. Bailey stated that, "This demonstration is one of several that the Department is exploring to find the right combination to serve our senior beneficiaries." The other Defense demonstrations include TRICARE Senior Prime, Federal Employees Health Benefit Program, and a pharmacy benefit.

Customer Service Representatives (CSRs) of the IFMC are available via a toll-free phone number 1-877-DoD-TSSD (1-877-363-8773) Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM CST, to answer questions on eligibility, enrollment, benefits, payment options, and other aspects of the demonstration program. Information is also available by visiting the TSSD web site at:

<http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tssd>

Send TRICARE related questions to: QUESTIONS@TMA.OSD.MIL



Chairman of the Joint Chiefs rallies for health care improvement

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, 8 February 2000 -- Calling the military medical system "not user-friendly," the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said TRICARE "must be fixed and the over-all health-care system must be improved."

Army Gen. Henry H. Shelton told the members of the Senate Armed Services Committee Feb. 8 that he thinks America has broken its commitment to military retirees to provide health care.

TRICARE is one of the quality of life initiatives DoD will stress in the fiscal 2001 Defense budget request. Defense Secretary William S. Cohen and Shelton will work together in the coming year to change TRICARE.

"While service members and their families are normally very pleased with the care that they receive once they enter into the system ... they are very frustrated with TRICARE as a system," Shelton said. "It is quite frankly immensely complex, administratively confusing and not very customer-friendly. Our service members and their families deserve better."

The fiscal 2001 DoD budget request

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makes some changes. In TRICARE Prime, the request eliminates co-pays for active duty service members who must get treatment in civilian facilities. The request also eliminates the co-pay for family members enrolled in TRICARE Prime Remote.

Shelton said in an earlier speech that DoD must fully fund and place more emphasis on the Defense Health Program. He also has said the medical plan deserves the attention of command at all levels.

Taking care of military retirees' health needs is also a priority for Cohen and Shelton. "I think that the first thing that we need to do is make sure that we acknowledge our commitment to the retirees for their years of service and for what we basically committed to at the time they were recruited into the armed forces," Shelton told the Senate committee.

He told the senators that DoD has recruiting posters that vividly state that not only would the services provide medical care upon retirement, "but that their families would be taken care of," Shelton said. "In their minds, we have broken that commitment. And I think we have."

He said the Joint Chiefs are proposing a plan that would provide some type of national pharmacy benefit with no enrollment fees for Medicare-eligible retirees. He said the chiefs are also examining a MediGap type of insurance for retirees 65 and older. "Both these are rather expensive programs, but we've got to somehow find a way to start providing more than we have in the past," Shelton said.

Defense officials agree that the programs will be expensive. DoD Comptroller William Lynn said during a Pentagon news conference that the cost could be from \$2 billion to \$8 billion more per year depending on what program is adopted.

"At the end of the day fixing TRICARE is not only the right thing to do, it is the smart thing to do," Shelton said. "It sends a very strong signal, not only to those serving today, but all those that are considering a

career in our armed forces as well.

"And it keeps faith and keeps the commitment to those that have served and retired. We need to get it right, and I know that together, we will."

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http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Feb2000/x02072000_xbudget.html

Complaints spawn discussions on the military healthcare system

By Linda D. Kozaryn
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- Complaints about TRICARE have not fallen on deaf ears. Defense leaders say they have heard about service members' frustrations, and plans are under way to fix the system.

Defense Secretary William S. Cohen told reporters in early January he would soon make a major announcement on how DoD plans to improve military health care. He and Army Gen. Henry Shelton, C chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, have both pledged that the improvement of health care is one of their top priorities in the year ahead.

Service members receive quality health care, but related business practices are causing headaches, Mary Gerwin recently told the American Forces Press Service. After she visited troop bases in Italy and the Balkans, Deputy Assistant Defense Secretary for Health Affairs said access to health care is a major concern to service members.

"Even though our surveys find that people are very happy and satisfied when see the doctor and get the care they need, there is a problem getting appointments," Gerwin said. People

complain about having to hold for long periods when they call to make an appointment and that it takes too long to get to see a doctor, she said. People feel that "access standards" allowing patients to be seen within a few days or a few weeks are not being met, she said.

DoD officials are determined to fix these types of problems. Dr. Sue Bailey, Assistant Defense Secretary for Health Affairs, has directed that military treatment facilities adhere to established access standards and to have more of a standardized appointment system. Officials want to make it easier to get appointments and to ensure patients are directed to the right caregiver, Gerwin said.

"What we find sometimes is that patients will have a lot of their time wasted because they're sent to the wrong clinic," she said. A patient with a shoulder injury, for example, may be sent to a knee specialist. "They're sent to the wrong clinic because the person making the appointments from a centralized appointment system is not familiar with the actual clinic and what it does. So that's very frustrating from the patient's standpoint."

Service members also say they're having a difficult time getting claims paid, Gerwin said. Families are getting notices that the doctor bills have not been paid or, in cases where they paid the bill up front, service members are not getting reimbursed. Incorrectly completed claim forms are being returned to the provider, she noted, thereby delaying payment.

"We're working hard to fix the claims processing system so that a service member and his or her family will never get a notice that says the bill was not paid," Gerwin said. "That is our goal so that service members don't have the feeling that they're going to get bad credit because they had an unpaid bill."

DoD health affairs officials are addressing these problems in several ways. "We're reforming the claims process so that we're paying our claims in a shorter period of time," Gerwin said. "We're also trying to

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simplify the process so that it's easier for providers to submit claims."

Service members' concerns about care after retirement affect recruitment and retention. When they hear claims about broken promises from retirees in their communities, service members naturally question whether health care will be there for them when they retire," Gerwin explained. DoD is now exploring ways to best extend coverage to people over age 65. "At age 65, you're no longer eligible for CHAMPUS," she said. "That's why we have to find other ways of doing it."

DoD officials are particularly concerned about caring for service members' families when units deploy. Service members should not have lingering concerns about their families' care, Gerwin said. "We have to try harder to get those bills paid on time, because health care is a high quality of life issue for our troops."

Many service members acknowledge that TRICARE is still fairly new and getting used to it is taking some time, Gerwin said. Commanders, in particular, say they need more education -- more help in being able to explain the program.

"We've got a big education effort under way," she said. "Our job is to simplify the system as much as possible and then educate commanders and people within the community so they're able to answer service members' and their families' questions."

Families can sign up for one of three health care options, Gerwin said. The first is TRICARE Prime, DoD's managed care plan that resembles civilian HMOs, she noted. Enrollees get a primary care manager, and there are set access standards.

The second option is TRICARE Standard, which is basically the old CHAMPUS program. Service members and families use any participating provider they wish, but pay higher out-of-pocket expenses for the privilege. They have to submit claims forms and are responsible for providers' charges that exceed TRICARE's payment schedule.

The third option is TRICARE Extra, which limits families' expenses whenever they use "preferred providers" -- a limited list of caregivers who meet certain standards and accept the TRICARE schedule as payment in full. Co-payments are 5 percent lower than TRICARE Standard's.

Health care is complicated, Gerwin said. "We're trying to simplify the message as much as possible. We really encourage people to get good briefings when they sign so they know who to call for care and how that care is going to be delivered," she said.

Military and civilian consumers are dealing with many of the same health care issues, Gerwin noted. These include high prescription drug costs, claims processing snafus, a

more complicated health care system, and patients having to do more to manage their own care.

"We can only go as fast as the overall health care industry does," she remarked. "What we can do is make sure we've adequately budgeted for our program, so we have enough to give that very good level care."

"A good example of that is our prescription drug costs. Much like the rest of the overall health care system, we have prescription drug costs that are skyrocketing. We have to make sure we put enough dollars in the system so the drugs are available for individuals."

DoD's goals, she said, are to "get the onus off the beneficiary" and make the system as easy to use as possible. "The major initiatives are to make sure those phones are answered, that people are able to get their appointments on time, that they get their claims paid, and that they feel they have the access to the care they deserve."

The TRICARE Web site entry point is www.tricare.osd.mil.

Twenty-First Annual All-Service E-9 Golf Tournament – June 23, 2000

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Why stay with the Coast Guard? Then & Now

The following article was submitted by LCDR James Montgomery – Chief, Force Optimization & Training, ISC New Orleans.

So, Why did you join the Coast Guard?

Why did you stay in long enough to retire?

For most, the reasons center around a few basic concepts:

- Love of the water and seagoing vessels
- Spirit of community service
- Making a difference
- Protecting the environment
- Saving lives

These are certainly factors I considered when I joined over 30 years ago. More importantly, these are the reasons I stayed so long. Across my career, I have had the opportunity to drive small boats and participate in rescues. I've worked at a Marine Safety Office and boarded commercial ships to check stowage plans and toiled at cleaning up oil spills. I've taught children water safety and boarded hundreds of fishing vessels to check for safety equipment. I've conducted regatta patrols and checked aids to navigation to ensure they worked. These things were done in that time I like to refer to as "the good old days." You remember those days too, don't you? When work was exciting, results were personally rewarding, and there was anticipation to the next day.

Then came chief petty officer, and then a commission. Gone were the good old days of driving a small boat and boarding of ships. Now I drove a desk and my boardings were to

countless meeting rooms. On an intellectual scale, I was aware that my actions were now broader and that I was fully supporting those in the field. On a personal scale, I missed the adventure and dealing directly with the public.

Then came my introduction to the Coast Guard Auxiliary. I found the majority of the members joined for the same reasons I had joined the active duty and Reserve sides. The only difference is that whether they had been in for 1 year or 20 years, they were still able to perform those missions that give such personal satisfaction. Even as Auxiliary members advance in the organization, they maintain that close contact with the general public that makes participation so rewarding. The Commodore may be directing a regional conference for 6 states one day, and will still be conducting free recreational vessel examinations that weekend.

Through Auxiliary involvement, I have the opportunity to "recharge my batteries." During the week, I push paper and warm chairs at meetings. Evenings and weekends, I have the opportunity to teach boating safety courses to adults, visit schools to teach boating and water safety, and participate in hands-on activities. While I can't participate in the full range of activities while on active duty, there is more than enough to send me home with a sense of satisfaction at a job well done.

Part of the satisfaction I receive is from the contributions I can make to the Auxiliary organization as a result of being on active duty. My experiences, like yours, bring the active duty and Reserve perspective to the volunteer portion of Team Coast Guard. While not a military organization, Auxiliary structure benefits

greatly from having someone with traditional enlisted or officer Coast Guard experience. The more interaction that takes place between the elements of Team Coast Guard, the more effective the team will be in the future.

You have the opportunity to stay involved in the missions of the Coast Guard and work when you have the time and inclination. In exchange for the mission experience and military bearing you will bring to the Auxiliary, you will receive that high level of personal satisfaction that you felt when you first joined the Coast Guard. The amount of respect that you will receive when you first walk in the door will astound you, as the volunteer force is aware of the knowledge you will bring to them.

If you want to go back to the "good old days" of your Coast Guard career, give the Auxiliary a try. You can find out whom to contact by checking the Auxiliary website (www.uscgaux.org) which will give you the closest flotilla to your home. Or, if you can call me if you don't have an Internet connection and I will get the information for you. My number is (504) 845-8848 and I can provide both the closest flotillas and an information package for your convenience.

We want to help you...

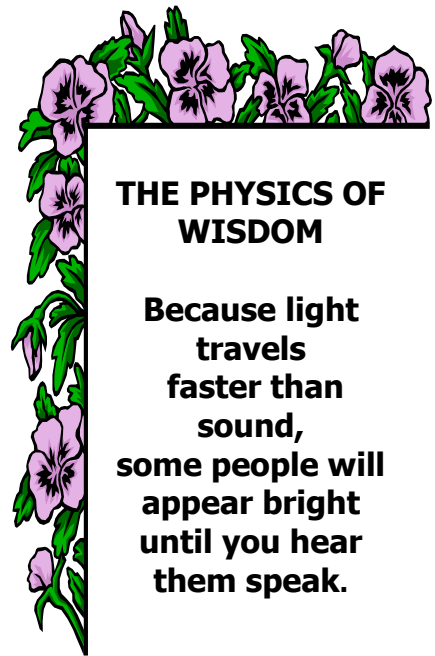


WHEN YOU CALLED US AND LEFT A VOICE MESSAGE --- DID YOU LEAVE YOUR FULL NAME, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER???

Each day HRSIC (RAS) receives many phone calls from retirees and annuitants that have left a message for someone to return their call. We would, if we could. These people did not leave their name, a phone number, nor any information that would help us decipher who called.

When you call RAS and leave a

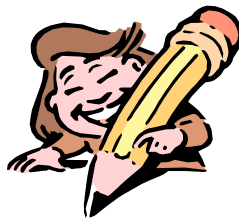
message - PLEASE leave your full name, social security number, and telephone number along with any other information that will help us take care of your needs. There is no time limit to our voice mailboxes so you don't need to hurry through your message. Please speak clearly and remember to leave your name and telephone number.



THE PHYSICS OF WISDOM

Because light travels faster than sound, some people will appear bright until you hear them speak.

Notes from the Editor



Dear Readers,

Thank you for all of the cards, letters and other information you have sent to us in support of the Newsletter. All of the information and comments we receive contribute to making a better and more informative Newsletter. Please help us by including your full name, social security number, address (email if available) and phone number when submitting articles or comments for the Newsletter. This helps if we need to reach you with questions. We receive lots of great information and unfortunately can't print everything due to space limitations but we'll do our best. Our Newsletter is printed in January, April, July and October of each year. In order to meet publication deadlines please submit your articles as early as possible, but no later than 2 months prior to the publication date. Please keep your articles and comments coming. We sincerely ap-

preciate your interest.

On another note, this issue of the Newsletter has a printed listing of telephone extensions for RAS on page 8. This listing is to help you route your call directly to our staff that can help you with your questions. Many of the calls concerning pay issues (i.e. allotments, federal and state taxes, SBP, etc.) are routed to the Newsletter Editor and then must be re-routed. These issues are best answered by one of the pay technicians or their supervisor. We are working to make our telephone selection menus more user friendly. But meanwhile, please keep in mind that you can over-ride the menu system and go directly to your parties extension by pressing the # key and dialing their 4 digit extension. If you reach a voice mail at that extension you may leave a message or press the # key again and try another pay technician or the supervisor. Any pay technician or supervi-

sor will be happy to assist you. If you do leave a message please state your full name, social security number, number where you may be reached, and a brief description of your questions or problem so we may provide you with the best possible service.

In addition the last two pages of the Newsletter provide you with "Directory Assistance". These pages not only provide basic instructions on who to call here at HRSIC, but who and how to contact several other organizations you may need information from such as the VA, the National Personnel Records Center (for items from your military records such as your DD-214). Beginning with our January 2000 issue we also started providing web site information for those of you who are on-line. Please contact any of the staff at HRSIC RAS if you have any questions. We thank you for your continued support.

Semper Paratus!

The Web: It's there to help you!

Increasingly, more and more information is available at your fingertips on the internet. Virtually all military and government organizations have their own web sites and many of these sites not only contain information, but automated programs that can provide you with cost estimates, allow you to request goods and services, and enable you to send in your questions and get quicker answers. Below is a list of some web sites that may be useful to you in conducting your personal business with a brief description of what is contained on each site. Happy Surfing!

www.dogpile.com – this site is a group of search engines. Type in any subject and hit "fetch". This site will provide you a listing of every site it could find with information about your requested subject.

www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsep/eomain.htm – this site is maintained by the Air Force Personnel Center. It contains a retired pay calculator which will give you a retired pay estimate. Additionally, available on the page is an SBP estimate calculator.

www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afretire/ - this is the Air Force Retiree web page maintained by Air Force Personnel Center.

www."name".af.mil – if you are looking for information about lodging, Space-A travel or base facilities for any Air Force Base, just type "www.(the name of the Base).af.mil". This will take you to that Base's web page. Many of the Bases now have programs where you can sign-up for Space-A travel or lodging on line when you are travelling.

www.irs.ustreas.gov – ever wonder how to get those forms you needed for your taxes? Ask a tax related question? Check on your income tax return? This is the site for you!

www.uscg.mil – this is the Coast Guard's Home Page. On this page you will find links to a variety of CG sites. You can find the telephone and address for all of the CG units world-wide, contact the CG Historians office for information and read the latest news releases on what the CG is doing now.

www.dmdc.osd.mil – this is your information center for DEERS and RAPIDS when you need help.

www.tricare.osd.mil – this is the site to go to for the latest information pertaining to TRICARE and its programs. Who to contact? Where to go? Questions? You name it and you can find it here.

www.nara.gov/regional/mpr.html – this is the site to go to for the forms and information to request copies of military records such as copies of your DD-214, personnel records, and medical & dental records.

www.ssa.gov/SSA_home.html – this is the site for information on Social Security or to obtain forms you may need.

www.va.gov – this page will connect you to the VA's main site and link you to the VA nearest you also. Provides a wealth of information on how best to use the VA health care system and their policies, procedures and forms.

www.uscg.mil/hq/hrsic – obviously, this is the direct link to our Home Page here at HRSIC. You'll find everything here. How to contact us, forms, CG publications and of course your Retiree Newsletter!

www.fredsplace.org – what? You haven't visited "Fred's Place"? Retired himself, "Fred" has a great site to look for old shipmates, pursue a wealth of other CG memorabilia and contributions from folks just like you!



www.militaryreport.com – want to look at the 2000 pay tables, read about legislation in the Congress and Senate that pertain to your military benefits then this site will be very good for you.

web1.whs.osd.mil/icdhome/DDEFORMS.HTM – need a Department of Defense form? Look here. This is the Office of the Secretary of Defense's forms library.

www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/2673/phone.html – looking for an old friend or a business in another state....okay, another country? Look on this site. Here is the World's Phone Books with both the Yellow and the White pages. Just go to the state you want and use the search engines provided to search the phone book.

www.whitehouse.gov – you guessed it. This is the Whitehouse site. You can read news releases pertaining to current events. See what Bills the President signs or is considering. Yes, you can even email the President from this site!! Additionally, it contains links to a variety of government agencies and links to the Senate and Congress web sites.

www.senate.gov – here is your Senate in action. Find out what the agenda is for today, who voted how and email your Senator.

thomas.loc.gov – here is your Congress. Find out what legislation is currently in the House. Email your Congressman.

The Palm Beach Maritime Museum needs your help

January 31, 2000

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West Palm Beach, Florida 33407
561 842 8202

Commanding Officer (RAS)
United States Coast Guard Human Resources
Services and Information Center
444 SE Quincy Street
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

Sir:

The Palm Beach Maritime Museum is a non-profit institution newly established in 1992 to preserve maritime history and educate the public. The main museum is located on Peanut Island the site of the old Coast Guard Station Lake Worth, Florida. The site features the restored Kennedy Bunker, Station House, and Boat House. We currently operate guided tours Thursday through Sunday four times each day from our ferry dock at Curry Park. We are working toward completing a historical timeline for the station and the Kennedy Bunker. We are looking for individuals that may have been stationed at Lake Worth Inlet Station during the years the Kennedy Bunker was in operation. (1961 thru 1963). I thought a note in the Retiree Newsletter may yield more information during that era. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. The point of contact for the project is LCDR Mike Hart (ret) (561 743 2654). (mikehart@msn.com) Mike retired from the Coast Guard Reserve in 1998 and is volunteering his time as a tour guide and historical researcher.
Email Address: maritimpeb@aol.com

Dr. Charles Smith
Curator
Palm Beach Maritime Museum

Revisions to 38 CFR cause confusion concerning dental for VA and veterans alike

In the January 2000 issue of the Retiree Newsletter on page 12, we printed a story received from The Retired Sergeants Major & Chiefs Association (TRSMCA). Apparently this story has generated a tremendous number of inquiries for the VA pertaining to veterans eligibility for treatment. At the request of the VA's Deputy Director for Dentistry, the following clarification information is provided to help resolve any questions you may have.

Ms. Klein:

Per numerous calls we have received concerning the recent confusion over dental eligibility, I am attaching the following explanation from our office in Headquarters. It was presented on a February conference call to our Dental Service Chiefs in the field.

Whatever you could do to help clarify this issue to your readers would be very helpful. This has become a rather confusing situation to not only our veterans but to some in VHA (Veterans Health Administration) as well.

C Richard Buchanan, DMD, FICD
Deputy Director for Dentistry

“VBA's Compensation and Pension Office in VA Headquarters recently updated information for their regional offices concerning performing dental ratings. The guidance was recently incorporated into 38 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations), Chapter 3. The recent guidance has created confusion in the field. Numerous regional offices and veterans think VA dental eligibility has been expanded. Many individuals have the misconception that if veterans ever had dental treatment performed while they

served in the military, they are eligible for VA dental care. Unfortunately, that is not correct.

Chapter 3 pertains to veterans' benefits issues and does not provide/cover VA medical and dental eligibility guidelines.

38 CFR, Chapter 17, provides guidance concerning medical and dental eligibility issues. There have been no recent changes to 38 CFR, Chapter 17 concerning dental eligibility guidelines.

This information has been addressed with the Acting Under Secretary's for Health Office and has been forwarded to VBA's C & P's (Compensation & Pension) Policy's section at VA Headquarters for their assistance to resolve this issue.

Bottom line:

There have been no recent changes or expansion of VA dental eligibility guidelines.”



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Coast Guard Retired Pay & Annuities



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 444 SE Quincy Street
 Topeka, KS 66683-3591

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FAX (785)295-2639



You must write or FAX us for requests to:

- Change allotments
- Start allotments
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- Change SITW
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 Topeka, KS 66683-3591

Or FAX to:
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To report the death of a Coast Guard, NOAA retiree/annuitant, or a Lighthousekeeper call: 1-800-772-8724

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Commercial: (785)357-3415
 FAX: (785)295-2639



DEERS

Find DEERS & RAPIDS information on the web at:
www.dmdc.osd.mil



Call your local ID issuing office or call:
 Toll Free: 1-800-538-9552
 In CA: 1-800-334-4162
 In AK & HI: 1-800-527-5602



TRICARE/Medical Benefits



Call your CG Health Benefits Advisor at:

1-800-942-2422



Visit the TRICARE web site at:

"www.tricare.osd.mil/"

Final Active Duty Pay

Visit the "SES web page at:
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For information on Severance Pay, Separation Pay, Disability Severance Pay, LES's, IRS Form W-2, while on Active Duty prior to separation/retirement call or write:

Commercial: (785)357-3550
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Coast Guard Human Resources
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Service Records



For copies of DD214's, personnel records, medical & dental records, and service medals - requests must be in writing and include complete name, rank, SSN, dates of service and date of birth. Write to:



National Personnel Records Center
9700 Page Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63132-5200

Commercial: (314)538-4141



Visit the National Personnel Records Center web site at:
"www.nara.gov/regional/mpr.html"



Social Security

Visit the Social Security Administration's web page at:
"www.ssa.gov/SSA_home.html"



For information about Social Security benefits contact your local Social Security Office or call Toll Free:

1-800-772-1213



VA Benefits



Visit the VA's web page at: "www.va.gov/"

For information about available VA benefits contact your local VA office or call Toll Free:

General Information: 1-800-827-1000
Insurance Information: 1-800-669-8477
Headstones: 1-800-697-6947



Veteran's Group Life Insurance (VGLI)

Find information on insurance coverage for veterans including VGLI on the VA's website at:
www.va.gov/benefits/insurfaq.htm

For information on VGLI coverage costs and renewal options write or call:

OSGLI
213 Washington Street
Newark, NJ 07102

1-800-419-1473



Travel Claims



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