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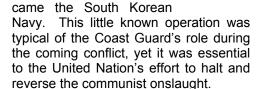
# 50th Anniversary of the Korean War

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On June 25, 1950 six North Korean Infantry divisions, supported by large armor and artillery forces, brutally atcaught South Korea, as well as much of the world, completely by surprise. As the Soviet-equipped divisions advanced

toward the capital of Seoul, Coast Guard members stationed on the peninsula received word they would have to evacuate. These members were based at the former Imperial Japanese naval facility located in Chinhae, South Korea. bers had been training the

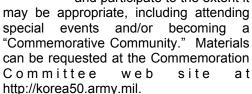


Congress has authorized the Department of Defense to organize the United States 50th anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration to ensure our Korean War veterans and their families know "a grateful nation remembers" their service and sacrifices of 50 years ago. The commemoration began June 25, 2000 - the 50th anniversary of the outbreak of the war. The commemoration will officially close November 11, 2003.

Military and civilian communities can become a commemorative community when they agree to develop annual programs and host a minimum of three events each year. These events focus

on honoring veterans and their families and supporting school programs that teach the history of the Korean War era. tacked South Korea. The onslaught With these programs, many more people are able to learn about this era and can work together to ensure that the results of our sailors' efforts during that historical

time is not only appreciated but will be continually upheld in a future world. This is, in essence, a grassroots community outreach and education program to honor our veterans. All Coast Guard units should make a special effort to become aware of com-The Coast Guard mem- Members of the U.S. Coast memorative events occurring in their area of responsibility nucleus of what later be- detachment team in Korea. during the three year period and participate to the extent it



Currently the following Coast Guard commands and individuals have signed on as commemorative communities: Public Affairs Detachment Kodiak: USCGC Ironwood; The Coast Guard's Last Active Korean War Veteran; and the Coast Guard Yard in Baltimore. These commands along with the Coast Guard Historian's Office and the Coast Guard Exhibit Center deserve high praise for their initiative and contributions.

Finally, it is fitting to remember the words chosen by our veterans who, more than anyone else, know the great price of liberty: "Freedom is not free."

ADM James M. Loy, Commandant



Guard advisory

# North Korea Repatriates 12 Sets of Remains

By Jim Garamone American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, July 25, 2000 – The remains believed to be those of 12 American soldiers missing since 1950 were returned to the United States July 22.

A joint US-North Korean team found the remains about 60 miles north of the capital of Pyongyang. The area was the scene of fierce fighting between U.S. and Chinese forces in November 1950.

Bob Jones, deputy assistant secretary of defense for POW/MIA Affairs, said he was extremely pleased with the results of the joint effort.

"These are very emotional affairs," Jones said during an interview. "We are welcoming back to American soil individuals who have been standing in the defense of their country for over 50 years. They have been lost, and we are beginning the process to return them to their loves ones."

The remains are believed to be those of men who fought with the 1st Cavalry Division, the 2nd Infantry Division and the 25th Infantry Division. This brings the total to 54 sets of remains repatriated from North Korea since the effort started in 1996, said Larry Greer, a spokesman for the POW/MIA office. Five sets of remains have been identified and 10 others are in the final stages of identification, DoD officials said.

"Chances of identifying virtually every one we find are pretty good," Greer said. "If, however, we need to use mitochondrial DNA (to identify remains) and cannot find a family link to a GI, it may make identifications more difficult."

But the remains from North Korea help the identification process, said lab officials. Most of those missing from Korea are ground losses. U.S. officials interviewed former prisoners of war and, sometimes, the soldiers who "buried their buddies in a battlefield

situation," Greer said. This enabled the recovery teams to pinpoint the locations to an extent.

The soil conditions in North Korea also preserve the remains, lab officials said. They said that in many cases forensic researchers are working with complete skeletons.

Another recovery team has moved into North Korea to begin searching for other sets of remains in the same general area, Greer said. They will leave the country August 19.

More than 8,100 service members are listed as missing from the Korean War. Most of those were lost in the North. Jones said the patient negotiations with North Korea are starting to pay off. In addition to the team already in North Korea, four more teams are due to go in this year.

"This is also a solid demonstration of our nation's commitment to those young men and women in today's armed force, that this nation is committed to ensure – no matter what the circumstances – that will do everything we can conceivable do to return them home," Jones said.



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# De Leon Renews POW/MIA Full Accounting Pledge

By Linda D. Kozaryn American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, June 29, 2000 -- Accounting for those missing from past wars is a matter affecting today's readiness not just payment of a debt come due, according to Deputy Defense Secretary Rudy de Leon.

Today's service members count on the nation's commitment to do all it can to find them and bring them home if they are captured, listed as missing in action or fall on the field of battle, he said. "Our men and women in uniform will only have faith in us, if we keep faith with those who went before," de Leon said in a June 22 speech to the National League of Families of POW/MIA in Southeast Asia.

De Leon reaffirmed DoD's pledge to account for veterans missing from World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War and the Vietnam War.

"... Behind each black slab on that wall of the Vietnam Memorial, stands the families that yearn for answers. ... And we will not waiver in our efforts to bring them home. We will continue our diplomatic efforts to discover the whole truth about those last seen alive and in captivity," he said.

He noted American teams arrived in North Korea, June 25, to conduct the first of five joint recovery operations slated to be complete by Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

This is the fifth consecutive year U.S. recovery teams have operated in North Korea, according to DoD officials. Since 1996, teams from the Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii, known as CILHI, have conducted 12 such operations and recovered remains believed to be 42 soldiers. Remains of another 10 soldiers are undergoing forensic review at CILHI's laboratory.

"I believe that with these efforts, augmented by the important work of the U.S.- Russian Commission on POW/MIAs, we can be more hopeful now than at any other time the last half century that we will finally be able to account for many of the over 8,000 still missing from the Korean conflict," de Leon said.

He saluted the teams who work on investigative, research and recovery operations. They include Joint Task Force Full Accounting based at Camp Smith, Hawaii, and Defense Intelligence Agency interviewers who now have a permanent space at Hickham Air Force Base, Hawaii. He also recognized scientists at the CILHI and the Armed Forces DNA Laboratory in Maryland, who do pioneering work with the latest state of the art technology for mitochondrial DNA testing. "I know how important these personnel are," de Leon said. "I am committed to protecting the resources that are so essential to our mission."

DoD is sending a team to CILHI to review their mission requirements, get their concerns about their manning levels resolved, and ensure that their organizational structure and resources fit the mission, he said. The Life Sciences Equipment Laboratory in San Antonio will be provided the resources they need to meet their critical supporting role, he added.

The deputy secretary is well aware of the lack of closure surrounding the missing in action. His uncle, a staff sergeant from Colorado, was a Korean War POW. "After 20 years of searching, two weeks ago I read the file on him from the Army Archives," de Leon said. "Reading that file today and looking at how we work with our families 50 years later, there are so many dramatic changes.

A simple telegram sent to de Leon's aunt reported his uncle as missing.

The years passed, the armistice signed, and there was still no word, he said. Finally, some prisoners released from North Korean camps reported that they'd seen her husband and they witnessed his death. The Army records simply say the cause of death was malnutrition and dysentery.

"In the file, I read the letter that his mother wrote to the Army saying, I'll do anything possible to have my son returned to me.' As I read this file, ... I could understand the stories that my mother had been telling me about my aunt, about how there was nowhere for her to go, about why she was so bitter -- a wife with two children living with her mother, my grandmother, untouched by any support system, such as the League offers today."

The National League of Families of POW/MIA in Southeast Asia has helped change the landscape "so that people like my aunt will never be alone again," de Leon said. "No matter what happens. No matter how difficult it is to trace what happened."

#### **WEB Sites of Interest:**

The Korean War Project http://www.koreanwar.org

Coalition of Families

http://www.coalitionoffamilies.org

**National Alliance** 

http://www.nationalalliance.org

Central Identification Laboratory (CILHI)

http://www.cilhi.army.mil

Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO)

http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo

Library of Congress http://lcweb.loc.gov

National Archives & Records
Administration

http://www.nara.gov/nara/nail.html



# KOREAN WAR SERVICE MEDAL AVAILABLE TO VETERANS



U.S. Veterans of the Korean War are now eligible to wear a medal initially offered to them more than 50 years ago, but was never issued.

In a May 13, 2000 letter to Defense Secretary William S. Cohen, Republic of Korea Defense Minister Seong Tae Cho formally announced that his government would provide the Republic of Korea War Service Medal (RODWSM) to eligible U.S. veterans of that conflict, or to their surviving next of kin. The medal will be provided at no cost to veterans. The U.S. Air Force has been designated the lead agency to receive and distribute the medals.

"On the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War," Cho wrote, "the ROK government decided to issue the ROKWSM to pay tribute to the Korean War veterans for their historic endeavors to preserve freedom of the ROK and the free world." The two governments will conduct fiftieth anniversary ceremonies throughout 2000–2003 and medals may be applied for at any time during this period. The war began on June 25, 1950 when North Korean forces

invaded ROK territory. The armistice on July 27, 1953 ended the fighting, although a formal peace treaty has never been completed.

The medal was originally offered by the ROK in 1951 to United Nations forces serving in Korea and adjacent waters. At the time U.S. law prohibited the U.S. military from wearing medals issued by foreign governments. Congress changed that in 1954, but by then most U.S. service members eligible for the medal had returned home.

In 1998 the government of the Republic of Korea renewed its original offer of the ROKWSM to U.S. military personnel. On August 20, 1999, the Defense Department approved the acceptance and wear of the medal. Approximately 1.8 million U.S. veterans of the Korean War are eligible to receive it. Next of kin to eligible deceased veterans can also apply for the medal.

To wear this medal on U.S. military uniforms, U.S. military personnel must have:

•served between the outbreak of hostilities, June 25, 1950, and the date the armistice was signed, July 27, 1953;

- been on permanent assignment or on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days; and
- performed their duty within the territorial limits of Korea, in the waters immediately adjacent thereto or in aerial flight over Korea participating in actual combat operations or in support of combat operations.

The ROK specifies the eligibility period and criteria. Only the ROK-provided medal is approved by the U.S. government to meet the U.S. criteria for wear on the military uniform.

Additional Information on how to apply for or request the medal can be found by contacting the Air Force Personnel Center, Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (CST) at (800) 558-1404, or the Awards and Decorations Section (210) 565-2432/2520/2516, fax (210) 565-3118, or by writing to HQ AFPC/DPPPRA, 550 C Street West, Suite 12, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas 78150-4714.

Source: Korean War Service Medal Available to Veterans website – <a href="http://korea50.army.mil/kwcc">http://korea50.army.mil/kwcc</a> service medal.html

# Want More Korean War Information?..

See the following web sites for more information related to the Korean War:

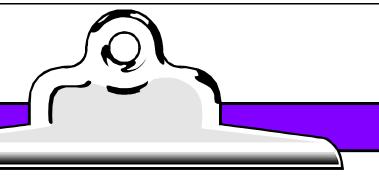
For more information on the Korean War Service Medal:

The Korean War Veterans Association www.piecesofhistory.com www.KWVA.org

**50th Anniversary of the Korean War** http://korea50.army.mil

Randolph Air Force Base www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/awards/

Korean War Service Medal Available to Veterans http://korea50.army.mil/kwcc service medal.html



# **Korean War Service Medal Application Fact Sheet**

## **Eligibility Criteria:**

- ⇒ Available to military veterans or primary next of kin
- ⇒ Period of service from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953
- ⇒ Area of eligibility within the territorial waters, landmass, or airspace over the Korean peninsula
- ⇒ Service must have performed

While on permanent assignment in the area of eligibility, or

While on temporary duty in the area of eligibility for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days, or

While as a crew member of aircraft, in aerial flight over Korea participating in actual combat operations, or in support of combat operations

Examples of Documentation Required for Verification of Eligibility:

(One of the following is mandatory)

- ⇒ DD Form 214, Certificate of Release/Discharge from Active Duty
- ⇒ DD Form 215, Correction to Certificate of Release/Discharge from Active Duty
- ⇒ NGB Form 22, Release from Duty

(One of the following is mandatory)

- ⇒ Assignment Orders to and from the Area of Eligibility
- ⇒ Temporary Duty (TDY) Orders and Travel Vouchers
- ⇒ Special Orders for Awards and Citation for Awards

**Documentation Sources:** (if you do not possess any of the above-listed documents, you must contact the following for copies):

National Personnel Records Center

(Military Personnel Records)

9700 Page Boulevard

St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

The above address covers, Army, Air Force, Navy, USMC, and Coast Guard records.

#### DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTATION...COPIES ONLY!

**Processing Procedures:** If you are eligible based on the above criteria and have a copy of the required source document(s), you should prepare your request using the example format provided and mail it to the address in the example on the following page. Additional information on how to apply for or request the medal can be found by contacting the Air Force Personnel Center, Monday – Friday, 0730-1630 (CST) at (800) 558-1404, or the Awards and Decorations Section (210) 565-2432/2520/2516, or by writing to HQ AFPC/DPPRA, 550 C Street West, Suite 12, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas 78150-4714 or by visiting the web site: http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/awards/. The organization's fax number is (210) 565-3118.

# **EXAMPLE REQUEST**

John Doe P.O. Box 000 Pleasantville, Virginia 00000 July 1, 2000

HQ AFPC/DPPPRK 550 C Street W, Ste 12 Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4714

Please send me a Korean War Service Medal for my service as a member of the United States military during the authorized period of June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953. I have enclosed a copy of a source document with my Social Security Number/Military Service Number/Foreign Service Number, which verifies my service. I understand that the enclosed copy of my source document will not be returned. Additionally, since this is a foreign service award, I understand this is a one-time issuance.

Please mail my Korean War Service Medal to the following address:

John Doe P.O. Box 000 Pleasantville, Virginia 00000

Sincerely,

John Doe

# **EXAMPLE REQUEST**



Commandant (G-I) U.S. Coast Guard

2100 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20093-0001 Staff Symbol: Phone: (202) 267-0734 FAX: (202) 267-4307

5700 23 June 2000

From: Commandant (G-I)

To: All Reservists, Auxiliarists and Retirees

Subj: BUILDING THE AUXILIARY, RESERVE AND RETIREE NETWORK

Ref: (a) Commandant (G-I) Engagement Plan 2000

- 1. The Commandant has established an imperative to raise the visibility of the Coast Guard's service to America. As one of this nation's five Armed Services, we are often overlooked in being recognized as a part of the military by the media, the administration, our elected officials and the public at large. Moreover, few people truly understand just how the Coast Guard impacts nearly every sector of America. A well-informed citizenry who understands the value of the Coast Guard serves as the necessary foundation to further build support that benefits the organization. As such, we need to keep the network of Coast Guard supporters informed so that they can step out and educate our community leaders and stakeholders on matters of concern when called upon. Raising the visibility of the Coast Guard is vital to the success of our organization in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- 2. We have been somewhat remiss in not taking full advantage of the significant network that already exists among the Auxiliary, Reserve and retired communities. We desire to change that paradigm through keeping that Team Coast Guard network informed so that they are available to reach out and educate key Coast Guard stakeholders across the country. This network serves as a logical extension of the communications outreach programs already underway in our *Engagement Plan 2000* field guidance publication.
- 3. However, in order to develop this network as a viable force multiplier, it is essential that the network be informed of current operational issues and developments in the Coast Guard. To that end, I invite all Reservists, Auxiliarists and Retirees interested in this program to contact the Governmental and Public Affairs Directorate via phone, fax or mail to the listings above, or email: <a href="mailto:slarochelle@comdt.uscg.mil">slarochelle@comdt.uscg.mil</a>. The Directorate will then include you in periodic mailings of information on current Coast Guard affairs.
- 4. Through a partnership between the Governmental and Public Affairs Directorate and the District Commanders, we will identify and embrace opportunities for the network to reach out and educate the public.
- 5. I am excited by the prospect of leveraging Team Coast Guard in a coordinated, structured program to raise the visibility of the Coast Guard's service to America. I pledge you my support in making this endeavor personally rewarding and ultimately successful.

# **Three More Fisher** Houses to Open

Two more Fisher Houses in the United States and the first one in Germany are scheduled to open by Spring 2001 to provide free lodging for out-of-town families visiting family members being treated at military medical centers. The 27th comfort house in the Fisher House network is scheduled to open at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas this Fall. A second house is planned for Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii next year. The first Fisher House built on foreign soil is scheduled to open by Spring 2001 at the Regional Medical Center in Landstuhl, Germany. More than 40,000 families of patients receiving care at major military and Veterans Affairs medical centers have stayed at Fisher House since the first comfort home opened More information about in 1990. Fisher Houses may be found on the Internet at www.fisherhouse.org or contact 1-888-294-8560, (301) 294-8562 or e-mail: FisherHouse@aol.com.



Experience is the worst teacher; it gives the test before presenting the lesson. Vernon Law

## **MORE Shipboard Life**

Due to the overwhelming response to the July issue's tongue in cheek look at ways to simulate shipboard life, we've brought you some example's from our Navy counterparts.

Submitted by "Tugboat" Ted Deems

- Buy a dumpster, paint it gray and live in it for 6 months straight.
- 2. Run all of the piping and wires inside your house on the outside of the walls.
- Pump 10 inches of nasty water into your basement, then pump it out, clean up, and paint the basement "deck gray".
- 4. Perform a weekly disassembly and inspection of your 18. Spend \$20,000 on a satellite lawnmower.
- Raise your bed to within 6 inches of the ceiling.
- 6. Have your next door neighbor come over each day at 5 am, blow a whistle, and shout "Reveille, Reveille, all hands heave out and trice up!"
- 7. Have your mother-in-law write down everything she's going to do the following day, then have her make you stand in the backvard at 6 am while she reads it to you.
- Submit a request form to your father-in-law, asking if it's OK for you to leave the house before 3 pm.
- 9. Invite 200 of your not-so-closest friends to come over. Then board up all the windows and doors to your house for 6 months. After the 6 months are up, take down the boards, and since you're on duty, wave at our friends and family through the front window of your home...you can't leave until the next day.
- 10. Shower with above mentioned friends.
- 11. Make your family qualify to operate all the appliances in your home (i.e. dishwasher operator, blender technician, etc.).

- 12. Walk around your car for 4 hours checking the tire pressure every 15 minutes.
- 13. Sit in your car and let it run for 4 hours before going anywhere. This is to ensure your car is properly "lit off".
- 14. Empty all the garbage bins in your house, and sweep your driveway 3 times a day whether they need it or not.
- 15. Repaint your entire house once a month.
- 16. Cook all your food while blindfolded, groping for any spice and seasoning you can get your hands on.
- 17. Have your neighbor collect all your mail for a month, randomly losing every 5th item.
- system, but only watch CNN and the Weather Channel.
- 19. Have your 5-year-old cousin give you a haircut with goat shears.
- 20. Sew back pockets on the front of your pants.
- 21. Spend 2 weeks in the red-light districts of Europe. Call it "world travel".
- 22. Attempt to spend 5 years working at McDonalds, and NOT get promoted.
- 23. Needle gun the aluminum siding on your house after your neighbors have gone to bed.
- 24. After everyone goes to sleep on mattresses set up on shelves in a closet, have someone go upstairs and start remodeling with a jack hammer.
- 25. Lock yourself in the house for 90 days straight, and have the neighbors turn the cable on and off at whim.
- 26. Disconnect the phones at random 6-hour intervals.
- 27. Turn the heat up 120 then put on three layers of clothes, and repaint the inside of the house with all the windows and doors closed.
- 28. Stand on the roof, in all weather, for four hour stretches with binoculars around your neck.

# **Armed Forces Recreation Centers**

Shades of Green (Orlando, Florida) Minutes away from the Magic Kingdom Park in the heart of the Walt Dis-World Resort. Shades of Green features spacious questrooms, twice the size of



tions contact, Shades of Green, PO Box 22789. Lake Buena Vista. FL 32830-2789, (407) 824-3600, fax: (407) 824-3665.

Hale Koa Hotel (Honolulu, Hawaii) "On the Beach at Waikiki" Paradise the Hale Koa Hotel features 815 spacious quest rooms, great views, tropical excitement, fine dining and a host of services. For additional information and reservations, contact Hale Koa Hotel, 2055 Kalia Rd, Honolulu, HI 96815-1998, 1-800-367-6027, reservations@halekoa. com.



Dragon Hill Lodge (Seoul, Korea) The Dragon Hill Lodge features 299 spacious guest rooms, fine dining, game rooms and a variety of stores and services. For additional information, contact Dragon Hill Lodge, Unit 15353, APO AP 96205-0427; 011-82-790-1576;

reservations@dht.korea.armv.mil.

AFRC Europe (Garmisch and Chiemsee, Germany) Located in Germany's Bavarian Alps, the Garmisch and Chiemsee hotel properties feature first-class American and European dining opportunities and exciting skiing, hiking, and sightseeing opportunities. Destinations of Munich, Austria, and Italy are within driving distance. For additional information, contact AFRC Europe, Unit 24501, APO AE 09053, 1-800-GO-ARMY-1; 011-4908821-72981; 011-49-8821-3942: vacation@afrc.garmisch.armv.mil.

National Park Reservation Service Planning a vacation at a national park? Contact 1-800-365-2267 for more information.

http://reservations.nps.gov

Source: Semper Fidelis Memorandum for Retired Marines, Spring 2000.

# Surf the **State Department Before You Fly**

Whether you're traveling to central London or the African plains this summer, you may want to check the travel section in the State Department's home page. International travel information is available at This site provides http://www.state.gov. health and safety regulations. The site offers advice on what to take, what to leave home and how to ensure you have a safe journey.

Source: Semper Fidelis Memorandum for Retired Marines, Spring 2000.



### **Important Address Change Information!**

Don't delay the prompt processing of your address change! Include your Social Security number. If you are an annuitant, include your sponsor's SSN. And most important -

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY!

## **Prescription Drugs in** Canada/Mexico

You will have no problem purchasing prescription drugs in Canada or Mexico, if you have a prescription written by your doctor and follow the guidelines to meet US Customs, CanadaRX, and Mexico's Health Ministry and Association of Tijuana Pharmacies guidelines. You should also check with the state requirements where you reenter the U.S.

#### **U.S. Customs**

- declare imported medications
- importer must be the person for whom the prescription was written
- prescription drugs must be in the originally-dispensed container
- be able to show the prescription, especially if the trade or chemical name does appear on the originally-dispensed container.
- Return with quantities only for personal use. The FDA generally describes this as a 90-day supply.

Canadian law requires Canada. U.S. prescriptions be endorsed by a Canadian doctor before they can be filled at a CanadaRx pharmacy. This is a one-time requirement. The pharmacy will arrange for your appointment with a doctor and will deduct the cost of the visit from your first prescription. To get an idea of whether this will save enough money to cover travel expenses, get a prescription quote. Check via the internet at www.canadarx.net/presfile. html.

**Mexico**. A prescription from a U.S. physician is not sufficient. Mexican law requires a prescription from a Mexican physician. This is generally done at the time you get your prescription so make sure you don't leave the store without a copy for customs.

Source: The Social; Security & Medical Advisor NOV 99 & RAO Los Angeles AFB Newsletter JUL-SEP 00

# SAFE BOATING WEEK

The New Orleans Metropolitan Area Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotillas celebrated National Safe Boating Week in typical New Orleans style - with the exception of a parade, beads and doubloons!

The celebration began with City of New Orleans Councilman Troy A. Carter, presenting a Proclamation that the week of May 20-26 be designated as Safe Boating Week in New Orleans. Accepting the proclamation was Director of USCG Auxiliary for the 8<sup>th</sup> Coastal Region, CDR Martin L. Phillips, and USGC Auxiliary Commodore for the 4th District, Ed Livingston. The Proclamation is proudly displayed in CDR Phillips' office and is thought to be the first Safe Boating Week Proclamation from the City of New Orleans.

Flotilla 43 arranged and accepted Safe Boating Week Proclamations from Jefferson Parish and the cities of Kenner and Harahan. Various auxiliarists also posted National Safe Boating Week posters at marine shops and businesses in the Greater New Orleans Metropolitan Area.

The weekend activities were arranged by Dan Hall, Safe Boating Week Coordinator, and his committee. They consisted of displays, vessel examinations, distribution of free materials on boating and boating safety. Attendees also enjoyed complimentary food and liquid refreshments from the Treasure Chest Casino. Also attending and participating in the activities were the rescue boats from local Sheriffs' Offices.

Safe Boating Week activities on the Northshore were also conducted, under the direction of Dave Keyser, a member of Flotilla 42. Their activities were the same as New Orleans, but added Mall Displays and elementary school appearances for educational purposes.

Mike Howell of Flotilla 43 joined WWL Radio for an interview which included questions and answers re-



Pictured left to right: Eric Paulsen, WWL-TV, Channel 4, USCG Lt. Jim W. Krezenski, and Sandy Dares, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Law Enforcement Division.

garding safe boating, proper life jackets and their use and boating while intoxicated.

The final activity of Safe Boating Week was the appearance of Lt. Jim W. Krezenski, Station New Orleans Commanding Officer and Sandy Dares of the State's Department of Wildlife & Fisheries, Enforcement Division. They were interviewed by Eric Paulsen during one of the Early Morning Edition shows on Channel 4, the local CBS affiliate. Topics discussed included proper life jackets and their use, multiple jurisdictions and the primary responsibilities of Station New Orleans as well as the Law Enforcement Division of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries.

The 2001 Safe Boating Week Committee is already in the planning stages and who knows, maybe a parade, beads and doubloons will be one of the added activities. Whatever is arranged and put into action, it is guaranteed to be "the best show in town."

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## **Donation Contract Signed Transferring Historic Battleship**

The Navy announced July 21, 2000 that Secretary of the Navy, Richard Danzig, signed the donation contract officially transferring the historic battle-ship New Jersey (BB 62) to the Home Port Alliance for USS New Jersey, Inc., Camden, NJ. Within the next few weeks, the Alliance plans to tow the ship from Philadelphia to a temporary berth in the Camden area to transform the ship into a memorial museum.

Before the Alliance's projected opening of the ship to the public late next year, it will perform interior and exterior restoration work, and construct a shoreside visitors center, and interpretive walkway, and a pier for berthing the ship near the New Jersey State Aquarium.

Source: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs) News Release

# VA Insurance Hoax Resurfaces on the Internet

A message on the Internet has caused some con-

fusion among veterans who have VA insurance policies. False information about dividends appear periodically. These announcements declare that Congress has recently passed a bill which entitles veterans and service persons to a dividend based upon their prior years of service, and are part of a recurring problem of misinformation that dates back to 1965. Unfortunately, this misinformation unnecessarily raises the expectations of veterans and service personnel and detracts from our ability to serve our veterans. The dividend "hoax", as we refer to it, had its origins in a special dividend that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), then known as the Veterans Administration, did pay to World War II veterans who had National Service Life Insurance policies. Approximately \$2.7 billion was paid in 1950 to over 16 million of these veterans under the "1948 special dividend." Some time in 1965, the special dividend news announcements of 15 years earlier resurfaced and were mistakenly published by several newspapers. The special dividend had already been paid out to virtually all eligible government life insurance policyholders and there was no new special dividend. VA moved quickly to educate the news media, but some well-meaning individuals and organizations began to publish the announcements in smaller publications, newsletters, and flyers. The actual scope of the original dividend became fictionalized and some publications declared the dividend available to all veterans (not just World War II) and even to those who never carried government life insurance while in the service. The latest rumor is that active service persons, reservists and personnel separated within the last few years

are eligible. The 1948 special dividend program required veterans to apply for the payment. Over the years the dividend story has prompted hundreds of thousands of veterans to write and "apply" for this benefit. Although the amount of letters has fluctuated, we have received as many as 15-20,000 inquiries per week about this dividend in the past. Because of the volume of these requesters for a nonexistent benefit, Congress passed a law in 1970 that prohibited payment of any special dividend declared prior to 1952 unless the application was received before 1954. There has been no recent legislation authorizing any "special" dividends. Dividends are not payable to current service members insured under Serviceman's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) or Veterans' Group Life Insurance (VGLI). SGLI and VGLI are group policies and therefore, do not pay dividends. For your information, VA continues to pay routine dividends on several policy series, but only to veterans who have kept their policies in force. These veterans receive their dividends automatically on the anniversary date of their individual policy. They do not have to apply.

Contact your local VA Regional Office for additional assistance by dialing our toll-free number, 1-800-827-1000.





# Great Web Sites for Reserve Information

USCG Reserve web site: http://www.uscg.mil/reserve

USCG Reservist magazine: http://www.uscg.mil/reserve/ magazine/magazine.htm

Retiree pay calculation info: <a href="http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsep">http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsep</a>

# Corrections to Retiree & Annuitant Services Telephone Menu Chart

In our last issue, we published a diagram to help guide you through our new phone system. Unfortunately, we left out some key information, so on the following pages you will find a corrected diagram of the new messages and a list of helpful extensions to assist you.

Again, we would appreciate hearing from you to let us know if these changes have improved our telephone service for you.

If you have comments, please call Caroline Kern at extension 3439.



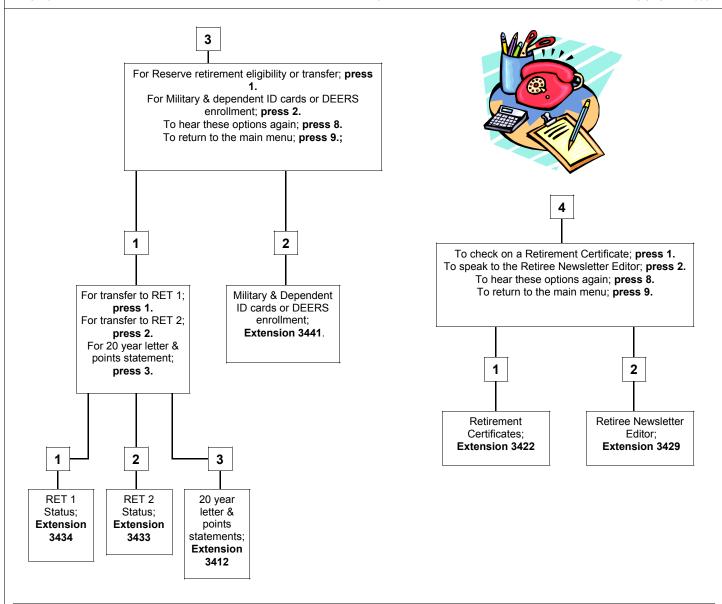
1-800-772-8724

OCTOBER 2000 Thank you for calling the Coast Guard's Retiree & Annuitant Services. We have streamlined our menu options, so please listen carefully before making a selection. If you know the extension number of the person you are trying to reach, you may press the # key and dial their extension number at any time For General Information, allotment, tax & address changes; please press 1. To Report a death, or be connected to a Pay Team; please press 2. For Reserve retirement eligibility, Military & Dependent ID cards, or DEERS enrollment; please press 3. For Retirement Certificates, or the Retiree Newsletter; please press 4. To hear these options again; please press 8. If you are calling from a rotary phone, please stay on the line. 2 If you are reporting the death of a retiree or annuitant; press If you are receiving a SBP annuity; press 2. If you are a retiree; press 3. If you are a former spouse; press 4. To hear these options again; press 8. To return to the main menu; press 9. For our business hours; press 1. To reach the correct extension, For allotment or tax change information; press 2. make a selection from the To make a change to your home mailing address, check address, or EFT; press 3. following; To hear these options again; press 8. If your last name begins with: To return to the main menu; press 9. A-C; press 1 D-G; press 2 H-M; press 3 2 N-R; press 4 1 3 S-Z; press 5 Changes to allot-5 1 2 3 ments, Federal or Our regular business Please wait while I State taxes, must be A-C D-G, N-R Н-М S-Z hours are 7:30 to transfer your call made in writing. 4:30 PM Central to the Pay Teams Ext. Ext. Ext. Ext. Please include your Time, Monday for assistance. 3424 3436 3440 3446 signature and SSN. through Friday For our Fax number, press 1. For our mailing address, press 2. To reach the correct Pav Team. make a selection from the following, If your last name begins with: A-G, press 1 2 1 H-O, press 2 P-Z, press 3 Our Fax number is: Our address is: 785-295-2639 Commanding Officer 2 1 3 (RAS) **USCG HRSIC** 444 SE Quincy Street Pay Pay Pay Topeka, KS 66683-3591 Team 1 Team 2 Team 3

H-O

A-G

P-Z



\* **Please note:** At any time during our menu, if you know the extension of the person you are trying to reach, you may press the # key on your phone and dial their extension. Below is a list of our most frequently used extensions.

Chi	ief, Retiree Annuita	ant Services		Pay Team 2	2		Retiree & Annuitai	nt Deaths
	Nancy Hawkins	Ext 3460	(La	st names beginnin	g with H-O)		Annuitant Acc	ounts
			Supe	rvisor: Bill Weakly	Ext 3432			
Asst (	Chief, Retiree Ann	uitant Services		-		A-C	Pat Biszantz	Ext 3424
	CWO2 Mike Mirsch	Ext 3416	H & O	Rachel Ferrer	Ext 3427	D-G/N-R	Lloyd Hatfield	Ext 3436
			I, K & L	Gayle Gardner	Ext 3430	H-M	Rick Stadler	Ext 3440
Re	tiree Newsletter W	/riter/Editor	M	David Drummond	Ext 3449	S-Z	Jeff Guerrero	Ext 3446
	Ext 342	9	J & N	Thad Wages	Ext 3442			
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A - B	Kyla Huitt	Ext 3419	P, Q U, \	<b>/</b> .				
С	Linda Frank	Ext 3418	X, Y, & Z	Paula Meggison	Ext 3443	20 yr lette	ers: Sharon Fordha	am Ext 3412
D – E	Saundra Avers	Ext 3428	R&T	Paula Leach	Ext 3413	•		
F – G	Vacant	Ext 3417	S	Tony Cervantes	Ext 3431	Retireme	ent Certificates & Pa	ickages:
			W	Dona Trueblood	Ext 3435			Ext 3422

# What are they doing now?

A small white U. S. Coast Guard Cutter, known to Pacific mariners as the "Angel of the Sea", cruised back and forth – patiently waiting for the advance scouts of the great seal herds making their way from the south Pacific to their breeding grounds on the fog-wreathed Pribilof Islands in the Bering Sea.

As the widely scattered herds swam steadily northward, cutter after cutter took over guardianship of the seals to protect them against slaughter by illicit "sealers". This strange Coast Guard duty was known as "riding herd".

Suspicious vessels were boarded and examined to make sure no sealing equipment was carried. The finding of a single seal-pelt was sufficient warrant for seizure of the vessel and arrest of the crew. Conviction for seal poaching meant confiscation of the ship and possible imprisonment for its owners and responsible officers.

The Coast Guardsman who "rode herd" often saw the graceful creatures sleeping on the surface of the sea. Unlike the more playful porpoises, the seals never approached a moving vessel, but curiosity sometimes overcame their natural timidity and they approached drifting cutters close enough to have a good look at their protectors.

With an uncanny and amazing instinct, the seals crossed thousands of miles of ocean – heading unerringly for narrow Unimak Pass into the Bering Sea with the fine precision of a veteran navigator. Each seal returned to the island on which it was born.

In addition to riding herd, the Bering Sea Patrol Cutters provided medical-dental care for the natives, a "floating Federal Court" to isolated communities, and rescue operations for ships in distress.

In September 1948, Vince Stauffer and Dinty Moore arrived in Juneau, Alaska via SS Baranoff as members of a small crew to set-up the new 17th Coast Guard District Headquarters.

Today CWO G. Vince Stauffer, USCG (Retired) and Chief F. J. "Dinty" Moore, USCG (Retired) are the only surviving members of that initial HQ commissioning crew.

Vince and Dinty returned to Juneau via MS Westerdam, on Monday, 18 September 2000 with a 200 member crew from the Bering Sea Patrol-Alaska Veteran's Association.

Submitted by: Chief F. J. "Dinty" Moore, USCG (Retired), 1991-92 Founder & Chairman, Bering Sea Patrol-Alaska Veterans

# **Employment Opportunities**



Roscioli Yachting Center – shipyard in business for over 35 years is expanding! They offer excellent pay and benefits – 401K, medical, dental, paid vacation and holidays.

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Marine Travel Lift and Elevator Operator; Marine Carpenter Foreman; Marine Carpenter; Marine Purchaser/Stock Room Manager; Marine Fiberglass/Lamination Technicians; Shipyard Supervisor/Foreman; Marine Electrician; Marine Plumber; and Marine Mechanic.

Responsible, reliable, motivated team players should call (954) 581-9200 or fax resume to (954) 791-0958. Roscioli Yachting Center. 3201 State Road 84, Davie, Florida 33312

### **End of Year Tax Reporting Information**

A reminder that the retired or annuity pay you receive 1 December 2000 will be the final pay included in your 1099R (Tax document) for the year 2000. The 1099R's will be mailed in early January 2001 and will be mailed to the home mailing address in your retired/annuity account. Please be sure the mailing address we have on file for you is current. If you need to change your mailing address you may submit the change by phone (1-800-772-8724), by fax (785-295-2639) or by mail, prior to 10 November 2000.

If we don't have a current mailing address and mail (including your 1099R) is returned, it may be necessary to suspend your retired pay until we hear from you. We appreciate you keeping your home mailing address current.

#### **Taxability of Former Spouse Payments**

Payments to a former spouse, as a division of property, are excluded from the retired member's annual taxable income and are reported to the IRS as income for the former spouse. Retirees do not see the division of property tax adjustment until the end of the tax reporting year.

If the payment under the Former Spouses' Protection Act (FSPA) is for division of property (as opposed to alimony or child support) during our November processing:

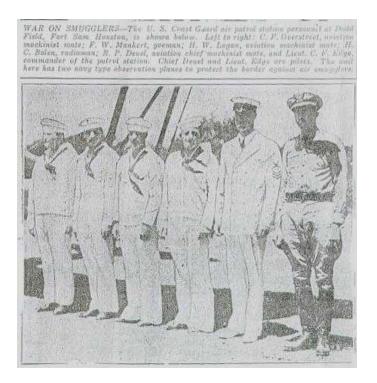
- (1) The retirees' annual taxable income is reduced by the amount of division of property payments made during the year; and
- (2)An IRS form 1099R is prepared for the former spouse reporting the division of property payments as taxable income.

If you have any questions concerning your current home mailing address, or the end of the tax reporting year, please contact your pay technician at 1-800-772-8724.

# **USCG Border Squadron One**

Information is sought from the family or other persons who have any information USCG Border Squadron stationed at Dodd Field, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio. Texas from 1934 to at least 1939. The unit was commanded by LT C. F. Edge, with Chief Aviation Machinists' Mate R. P. Deuel, C. F. Overstreet, aviation machinists' F. W. Mankert, yeoman; H. W. Logan, aviation machinists' mate; H. C. Bolen, radioman. Both LT Edge and CPO Deuel The unit flew two navy were pilots. observation planes on anti-smuggling patrols along the US/Mexican border. Any information, including pictures, that anyone has on this unit would be appreciated and should be sent to

CAPT R. L. Whynot, USCGR (Ret) 8103 N. New Braunfels, Unit 17, San Antonio, TX 78209.



# **Request for Reader Assistance**

A recent article in the April 2000 issue of American Heritage magazine, "Big Part in a Big Theater", recounts a story about the surrender of the Japanese garrison on Aguijan Island on 4 September 1945. Aguijan Island is located just off the south shore of Tinian Island in the Mariana Islands. The article mentions the surrender being held aboard a U. S. Coast Guard Vessel and was attended by LT Yamada for the Japanese and Rear Admiral Marshall Greer, USN representing the United States. The U. S. Coast Guard vessel involved was the CG 83525.

Larry Richter, QMCS, USCGR Retired is interested in any information about the 83 footer such as its history, the crew aboard at the time of that event and anything else about that event.

Please contact him at:

404 Oakmont Drive, Morehead City, NC 28557-8936; phone: (252) 726-5733; email: richter@mail.clis.com.

# Officer Register Distribution

In the past the Officer Register has been printed and given wide distribution to the officer corps. With the advent of the Coast Guard Web, this reference will now be posted electronically starting with the 2000 version, released this past June.

The 2000 officer register will be available via the Coast Guard Directives System (Link and/or CD-ROM). It will also be available on the G-W Web site: <a href="http://CGWEB.COMDT.mil/CGPC-opm/opm1/homepage/opm1\_homepage.htm">http://CGWEB.COMDT.mil/CGPC-opm/opm1/homepage/opm1\_homepage.htm</a>.

Intranet access is currently not directly available to every unit, but should be by the end of CY00 when SW-III migration is completed. Meanwhile, any officer desiring data may request it from their servicing personnel office. Any inconvenience this may cause until SW-III migration is complete is believed to be outweighed by substantial printing and distribution cost savings, for this reference document.

Source: ALCOAST 248/00



### Reunions



- Owensboro Reserve Reunion will be starting at 1500 on 14 October 2000 at the Shady Rest Restaurant on Route 60, Owensboro, Kentucky. For more information contact LT Les Allen via email at <a href="mailto:lalen@carlisleinc.com">lalen@carlisleinc.com</a> or CWO Radin at (859) 885-1236 or via email at <a href="mailto:gpradin@Juno.com">gpradin@Juno.com</a>.
- USS Centaurus AKA17 is having it's ninth annual reunion in San Antonio, Texas from 19 21 October 2000 at the Holiday Inn-Market Square, 318 Durango Street. For reservations call 800-445-8475.
- **Military Reunion FAM Tour**, 12-15 October 2000 in Colorado Springs, CO. Highlights include the Air Force Academy, Garden of the Gods, Royal Gorge, Flying W Ranch entertainment and the Olympic Training Center. For additional information, call 1-800-888-4748, ext. 138 or 135, or check out the Bureau's web site: <a href="https://www.coloradospringsreunion.com">www.coloradospringsreunion.com</a>.
- COMSEASEC LT Marc M. Fagenbaum is attempting to see if there is sufficient interest in having a reunion next year in south Florida for all former members of COMSEASEC (Commander, Southeast Asia Section). If you are interested, please contact via email at MFagenbaum@ISCMiami.uscg.mil or User308107@aol.com.
- Fort Hamilton Command, Brooklyn, NY will hold their Retiree Appreciation Day on Saturday, 4 November 2000.
- **USCGC Taney (WPG/WHEC-37)** annual reunion will be held 12 15 October at the Mount Harbor Hotel (401) 727-2000 in Baltimore, Maryland and on board the Taney in Inner Harbor. Rooms are \$89 per night with free shuttles to Inner Harbor provided. Contact SK1 Frank Tobat at (410) 546-1557 or CAPT Gene Moran at (757) 484-8210. All former shipmates are invited.
- **AGC Flagship Alliance** 29 October 2 November 2000 in Bowie, MD. Contact Bill Kearney, 77 Garden Hills Drive, Cranston, RI 02920 or via email <u>billteton@juno.com</u>.
- Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association Kentucky 2000 Reunion/Convention 22 26 October 2000 in Ft Mitchell, KY. For more information contact Ed Burke, 17728 Striley Drive, Ashton, MD 20861-9763 (Msg & Fax (301) 570-5664).
- USCGC RUSH (WHEC 723) reunion of the 1970/71 VIETNAM crew to be held 6 10 May 2002, at the Plaza Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada. Contact Royal Baby John A. Vogel, 1311 West Sixteenth Place, Yuma, AZ 85364, (520) 783-3625 or LRVOGEL@cybertrails.com for further information.

# Locator

- Nancy Golden is trying to locate and would like to hear from Colleen Gernel (McDonald). Please contact her at either (770) 396-3750 or ngolden@siha.org.
- CAPT Jerry Willis (RET) is trying to contact CAPT Richard Jackson Clements (RET) who's last known location was Fernandina Beach, FL. You can contact CAPT Willis at: 1019 Country Club Road, Perry, GA 31069-2315 or phone: (912) 987-1505.
- Herbert J. Scism would like to hear from shipmates: CDR Garvis, John Burnes, Carl Merdith Allen, and William Montgomery who served together in 1952 at US Public Health Service Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas. Please write to him at 708 Mace Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21221 or phone at (410) 391-6337.

- Gene Gregory would like to make contact with anyone who might have served with his grandfather, Carroll Levi Rayfield, a Coast Guard machinist's mate who served aboard a ship on the East Coast during World War II. Please send information to Gene Gregory, PO Box 173, Craddockville, VA 23341.
- Earl Wilson (Buddy), BMC, USCG (Ret) would like to hear from any shipmates that he was stationed with during his career. Please contact him at: <u>captbuddyw@aol.com</u> or <u>earlemd5@hotmail.com</u> and 311 Agler Lane, Jacksonville, NC 28540.

#### Just a reminder:

Fred's Place is also an excellent source for locating your old shipmates!

www.fredsplace.org



# Retirements



Name	Rank	Date of Retirement	Years of Service	Name	Rank	Date of Retirement	Years of Service
ABALOS, LARRY	AMT1	20000501	20	20 BUSSELL, DWAYNE		20000701	20
ABBOTT, DAVID	BMCM	20000428	30	CAIN, RODGER	FS1 MK1	20000628	36
ABSHIRE, JIMMIE	PSCM	20000611	37	CALLAHAN, CHARLES	MKC	20000701	20
ACKER, ROBERT			MKC	20000511	13		
AIMAR, ALLEN	MK1	20000501	20	CANHAM, LARRY	ET1	20000701	20
ALGUIRE, DAVID	DCC	20000701	20	CANTRELL, KEVIN	GM2	20000501	20
ALOI, FREDRICK	MKC	20000501	20	CARD, JAMES	VADM	20000701	36
ALWARD, DAVID	BM2	20000501	20	CARRIER, PAUL	<b>EMCS</b>	20000701	21
AMICK, EDWARD	LCDR	20000625	41	CARROTHERS, STEVEN	YN1	20000701	23
ANASTACIO, EDUARDO	LT	20000701	28	CARTER, RONALD	AMT2	20000501	20
ANDERSEN, KENNETH	HSCM	20000701	24	CASELLI, VIRGIL	CDR	20000529	41
ARENAS, ORLANDO	LCDR	20000701	23	CASTLE, ROBERT	LCDR	20000601	20
ARMIJO, MICHAEL	AMT1	20000701	20	CAYWOOD, JARED	TCC	20000601	20
ARNETT, GARALD	PSCS	20000501	34	CHASE, JAMES	DCC	20000601	20
BABIN, RICHARD	MKC	20000601	20	CHASE, PATRICK	MK1	20000701	20
BAEZA, CINDY	HS1	20000601	20	CLARK, FLOYD	AMT1	20000501	24
BAIR, SCOTT	CDR	20000501	30	CLINE, JOHN	LCDR	20000601	20
BAKER, JIMMY	SK1	20000601	20	CLOUSE, PATSEY	GM1	20000505	16
BARGER, LYMAN	LT	20000512	28	COLE, D	MK1	20000428	34
BARNES, JAMES	AMTC	20000701	20	COLEMAN, THOMAS	F&S3	20000508	31
BARNES, PATRICK	LCDR	20000601	20	CONDYLES, JOSEPH	YN1	20000701	20
BAROLET, ROBERT	AMT1	20000701	20	COOK, ERIC	TC1	20000501	20
BARRETT, CHARLES	CDR	20000524	33	COOPER, DARNEL	RDC	20000622	21
BARRON, KEITH	MKC	20000701	20	CORRIGAN, RANDAL	CAPT	20000701	27
BARTRAN, LISA	F&S4	20000601	21	COSSELMON, ROY	YN1	20000501	22
BATES, GLEN	ET1 CAPT	20000701	20 37	COST, LYDIA	YN1 LCDR	20000601	20 23
BEASLEY, JON	CAPT	20000513	37 41	CRANE, LEHAN		20000701	23 20
BEAUPRE, JAMES	AMT1	20000519 20000501	20	CROCKER, MARK	AMT1 ET1	20000701 20000413	32
BELANGER, STEPHEN BELCHER, JOHN	ET2	20000301	20	CRONIN, JOHN CUNNINGHAM, WARREN	BMCS	20000413	22
BELL, LOIS	PERS4	20000001	23	CURTIS, ARTHUR	LCDR	20000701	39
BELL, ROBERT	PERS2	20000701	20	DALE, JAMES	CDR	20000000	27
BELLA, MIGUEL	F&S2	20000001	21	DALEY, THOMAS	CAPT	20000701	28
BENEKE, GERALD	MKCM	20000701	29	DALLAS, DANNY	MK1	20000701	20
BENINGO, JAMES	PSC	20000607	40	DALTON, ULYSSES	MK1	20000701	20
BENNETT, PAUL	FSC	20000701	26	DAMITER, WILLIAM	SN	20000701	02
BENSON, JOHN		20000601	21	DANAHY, ROBERT	LCDR	20000601	20
BENSON, WILLIAM	ETCM	20000601	30	DAVIES, BRUCE	LT	20000701	23
BERNARD, THOMAS	CAPT	20000701	30	DAVIS, CRYSTAL	SN	20000419	05
BICKFORD, EARL	EM1	20000524	16	DAVIS, DONALD	F&S2	20000501	20
BICKHAM, TERRY	CDR	20000701	22	DAVIS, KIRK	CDR	20000701	24
BINNEY, BRIAN	LCDR	20000601	20	DELROSARIO, HENRILY	FS1	20000501	20
BLAYNEY, PAUL	RADM	20000701	35	DENNY, SANDRA	SK2	20000427	19
BLOODWORTH, EARL	ETCM	20000510	38	DENTREMONT, CARL	QMC	20000627	41
BOCK, IRWIN	IV1	20000503	36	DESMOND, CHRISTOPHER	CAPT	20000701	30
BOGLE, MICHAEL	MKC	20000501	22	DIETRICH, PATRICK	CDR	20000601	21
BONIN, RONALD	PS1	20000429	28	DOOLITTLE, WALTER	MKC	20000521	40
BOSLEY, MICHAEL	LCDR	20000601	21	EATON, NIGEL	EM1	20000501	21
BOUDREAU, CARL	MKC	20000701	20	ELBE, JAMES	LT	20000701	23
BOUGHNER, ABRAHAM	LCDR	20000601	24	ELERICK, SCOTT	AMT1	20000701	20
BOWEN, DARRYL	SK2	20000501	20	ELLIS, CHARLES	LT	19990701	24
BOWMAN, DENNIS	BM2	20000518	39	ELLIS, JAMES	MK1	20000701	20
BOYLE, EDWARD	CAPT	20000701	27	EMERSON, MICHAEL	PSS2	20000605	42
BRIGGS, JAMES	YN1	20000501	20	ENBERG, MELVIN	TC1	20000501	20
BRODERICK, MICHAEL	PS1	20000623	28	EPPS, ROBERT	FSCS	20000601	20
BROOKS, ALLAN	COMM2		20	FARMER, BRYAN	MK1	20000701	21
BROWN, DOUGLAS	CAPT	20000405	41	FARMER, CLIFFORD	EMC	20000701	21
BROWN, MICHAEL	LCDR	20000601	20	FARMER, WILLIAM	ENG4	20000601	28
BRYDEN, DONALD	BM2	20000528	26	FAVERO, JAMES	CDR	20000701	29
BUCHHAMMER, JOHN		20000501	30	FELSKI, RICHARD	MKCM	20000629	37
BURGAMY, CHARLES	BOSN4	20000516	37	FERGER, RONALD	PS1	20000501	31
BURT, RICHARD	LCDR	20000601	20	FIDALEO, JOHN	LCDR	20000601	20
BURTON, SAMUEL	CAPT	20000701	30	FINK, JAMES	MSTC	20000501	26 20
BUSCHING, BRENT	QMC	20000701	20	FITZPATRICK, MICHELE	LCDR	20000601	20

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FLAMION, RONALD	HSC	20000601	21	JENKINS, THOMAS	LT	20000701	21
FLEURY, PETER	•		24	JIMMERSON, PHILLIP	MKC	20000613	30
FORDE, ERIC	LCDR	20000601	20	JOHNSON, MICHAEL		20000501	20
FORDHAM, KENNETH	LCDR	20000601	22	JOYCE, SHELIA	YN1	20000601	22
FORTMEYER, JACK	EM2	20000501			MKC	20000501	22
FOSTER, ROBERT FOURNIER, LEW	LCDR PS1	20000701 20000629	23 28	KELLAMS, JON KENT, MARK	LCDR FT1	20000701 20000601	21 21
FRANK, DAVID	HS1	20000601	20	KETTER, CHARLES	YN2	20000501	20
FRENCH, CHARLES	ENG4	20000601	32	KIDDER, RICHARD	LCDR	20000516	42
FRIEND, TERRY	BM1	20000620	13	KIMBALL, JEFFREY	ENG2	20000601	20
FROST, GERALD	LCDR	20000622	31	KING, DANIEL	LCDR	20000609	37
FRYE, PETER FUENTES, HECTOR	AVT2 MK1	20000701 20000601	22 21	KLAGES, JONATHAN	HSC ENG4	20000501 20000601	20 30
GALI, DAVID	MKC	20000601	20	KLINGLER, JOSEPH KOCH, RUSSELL	AMT1	20000501	20
GARRETT, GREGORY	MK1	20000601	20	KOEHLER, ROBERT	PSCS	19980625	40
GERWIG, ROBERT	EM2	20000623	10	KRAHLING, STEVEN	BM1	20000701	20
GIBSON, CHARLES	FSC	20000701	22	KRAMER, LAWRENCE	HSC	20000601	22
GILLIES, RICHARD	AMTC	20000501	28	KUEBLER, JAMES	AMT1 MST1	20000701	20
GLATKOWSKI, PETER GLESS, FREDERICK	BMCM	20000701 20000411	24 32	KURZMAN, MURRAY LANKTON, KEVIN	YN1	20000515 20000601	20 20
GOERSHEL, PETER	ETC	20000711	20	LARSON, TIMOTHY	BOSN4		29
GOLD, DANIEL	PYA4	20000601	20	LATHAN, REGINALD	YN1	20000501	20
GOODWIN, GUY	CAPT	20000701	30	LAWRENCE, JOEY	TT2	20000701	21
GOODWIN, NOLAN	MK1	20000503	08	LEADFORD, DAVID	SK1	20000701	22
GOODWIN, TAMERA GRAMER, LOIS	CDR PERS4	20000601 20000420	20 25	LEAKE, WHITNEY LEE, GEORGE	QMC PERS4	20000701 20000601	20 27
GRANT, KEITH	CDR	20000420	23	LEE, RANDALL	BM1	20000001	20
GRAWE, WILLIAM	CDR	20000701	21	LEHMAN, JEFFREY	AVT1	20000501	20
GREENE, GEORGE	ENG2	20000601	20	LEMERE, ERIN	MK3	20000411	03
GRIFFIN, DANIEL	BMCM	20000701	32	LEONARD, LISA	QMCS	20000601	20
GRIFFITH, RONALD	FS1 LT	20000501	20 33	LEWIS, KEITH LEWIS, KENNETH	MK1 BM1	20000701	20 20
GRIFFITH, WILLIAM GRIPPI, JOHN	CAPT	20000611 20000524	33 37	LEWIS, KENNETH LEWIS, THOMAS	ENG4	20000701 20000501	20 29
GROSJEAN, JAMES	AMTC	20000024	24	LIGON, JAMES	ET1	20000501	20
GUNTHER, GEORGE	CAPT	20000701	27	LILLIE, CHRISTOPHER	CDR	20000601	22
GUTFELD, DANNY	FS2	20000601	20	LINCOLN, JOHN	BM2	20000521	26
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HARVEY, STEPHEN	CAPT	20000701	26	LOZOWSKI, CHRISTINE	SKCS	20000701	23
HASSELMAN, JAMES	LCDR CDR	20000601	20 24	LYNAM, DANIEL	LTJG LCDR	20000501	20 30
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HEAD, WILLIAM	SKC	20000520	35	MADDUX, SAMUEL	PS1	20000409	28
HEIN, STEVEN	CAPT	20000701	26	MAHAYAG, MARIO	MKCM	20000701	29
HENNING, RICHARD	PSCM SK1	20000419 20000501	39 20	MANALO, RODOLFO	FSCM	20000601	30 20
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HINCKLE, ERIC	FS1	20000701	20	MARTINEZ, FLOYD	LCDR	20000618	28
HINERTH, ROBERT	PERS4	20000627	27	MASSEY, RAYMOND	LCDR	20000701	30
HITCH, W	FS3	20000623	02	MATSON, RONALD	PS1	20000601	31
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HOLMES, MICHAEL	CAPT	20000301	25	MAYER, MARLA	TC1	20000424	14
HOPKINSON, PETER	CDR	20000701	23	MAZUR, RICHARD	BM1	20000601	20
HORNUNG, DAVID	BMC	20000501	20	MCBETH, THOMAS	LCDR	20000701	21
HOULROYD, CHARLES	ETC	20000601	22	MCBROOM, WILLIAM	AVT2	20000501	20
HOW, STEVEN HUDSON, RICHARD	CDR DC1	20000601 20000601	20 21	MCCABE, TERENCE MCCARTHY, ROBERT	CAPT CDR	20000511 20000701	34 22
HUREAU, PAUL	CAPT	20000415	38	MCCLUNG, OLLIE	CDR	20000701	42
ILTIS, JEROME	CDR	20000701	23	MCCOLLUM, JOE	LCDR	20000701	27
ISENHOUR, JOSEPH	BMCS	20000701	24	MCENTIRE, JAMES	CAPT	20000601	27
JACKSON, LISTON	CDR	20000701	23	MCEWEN, MARK	CDR	20000601	20
JACKSON, ROBERT JACKSON, ROBERT	AMTCS BM1	20000701 20000601	24 20	MCGAR, DOUGLAS MCGAUGHEY, PHILIP	MK1 LCDR	20000518 20000701	41 20
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MCGEE, DWIGHT	CDR	20000701	22	REES, JOHN	BMCS	20000701	22
MCHENRY, JOHN	SKCS	20000601	24	REEVES, LOUIS	BM2	20000501	20
MCMENIMEN, JOSEPH	MCMENIMEN, JOSEPH FTCM 20000701 25			REGA, ROBERT	YN1	20000527	32
MCQUADE, MICHAEL	ENG4	20000501	30	REINERT, BERNARD	EMCM	20000501	20
MEEKINS, DWIGHT	CAPT	20000701	28	REYES, MARIO	AVT2	20000701	20
MEGAN, ANNE MEICZINGER, MARK	MUC YNCS	20000701 20000701	20 21	REYNOLDS, RICHARD REYNOLDS, WILLIAM	EM2 LCDR	20000501 20000601	20 20
MELEGA, EDWARD	BMC	20000701	22	RICE, ROBERT	CDR	20000507	41
MERLINO, LAWRENCE	CAPT	20000505	38	RIVERA, EPIFANIO	AMT2	20000701	20
METE, GREG	LTJG	20000701	20	RIVERA, HIRAM	SK2	20000501	20
MEW, LIONEL	LT	20000601	20	ROBISON, JOHN	BMC	20000501	25
MICAL, EDWARD	ENG4 HS1	20000701 20000501	30 20	ROE, TRACY	GM1 AMT1	20000701	20 20
MIDGETT, JOHNNY MILINDER, JOHN	FS1	20000501	20	ROEDER, TODD ROGERS, JOHN	YN2	20000501 20000701	20
MINKEL, DAVID	CDR	19981101	22	ROLLINS, RICHARD	RDC	20000701	20
MINTUN, BILL	MK1	20000508	41	ROSE, ROBERT	CDR	20000627	27
MINTUN, JACK	EM3	20000508	39	RUBIO, ERNESTO	LT	20000701	20
MOBERG, CARL	BOSN2 MKC		20	RUGGIERO, DANIEL	QM1 TC2	20000701	20
MOCK, LOWELL MOFFETT, RYAN	TT3	20000701 20000613	21 03	RUX, LOREN RYAN, JON	CDR	20000617 20000411	26 37
MOGAN, DAVID	CAPT	20000701	30	SABA, ANDREW	PS2	20000503	29
MORANI, WILLIAM	CAPT	20000701	27	SANDE, DENNIS	CAPT	20000701	28
MORITZ, SUSAN	CDR	20000501	24	SANDERS, JAMES	ET1	20000601	20
MURDOCK, BRIAN	DC1	20000601	20	SANTORO, DOMENIC	MK1	20000501	21
MURPHY, PATRICK NASH, ROGER	LCDR MK1	20000601 20000501	20 20	SAULTER, JERRY SAUNDERS, MICHAEL	CAPT SK1	20000701 20000701	31 20
NECCO, JOHN	IVIT	20000301	31	SAUVAIN, TERRENCE	CAPT	20000701	36
NEWELL, MICHAEL	LT	20000701	20	SCHMIDT, DONALD	BMC	20000616	41
NIESEL, ROBERT	MKC	20000601	23	SCHWARTZ, TIMOTHY	SKC	20000501	20
NOEGEL, TODD	EM1	20000601	20	SCOTT, ROGER	TCC	20000701	20
NOLAN, GUY	LCDR FSC	20000701	23 26	SCRUGGS, TOMMY	YN1 MK1	20000701	20 20
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PARSONS, BRUCE	MK1	20000601	21	SHOWERS, RICKY	HS1	20000601	20
PEARSON, KENNETH	MK1	20000501	23	SILKWORTH, PETER	MKC	20000601	20
PENDLETON, FREDRICK	CDR BM1	20000601	20 20	SIMON, PAUL SMEATHERS, ANTHONY	YNC EM1	20000501	22
PEPPEL, KEVIN PETEREIT, RALPH	LCDR	20000701 20000601	20	SMID, SCOTT	LCDR	20000501 20000701	23 21
PETHERBRIDGE, RICHARD		20000701	23	SMITH, THOMAS	FA	20000761	01
PETTIFORD, RICHARD	YNC	20000701	20	SOISTMAN, ALBERT	MK1	20000501	20
PHILBIN, MICHAEL	BM1	20000430	41	SORBY, CRAIG	BMC	20000501	21
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PHYTHIAN, JOHN PICK. EDWARD	LCDR	20000701 20000505	41	STANTON, THOMAS	SK1	20000701	26
PICKENS, DAVID	GMC	20000601	20	STARRETT, ROBIN	LCDR	20000701	20
PICKERILL, EUGENE	AMT1	20000501	24	STEINHILBER, MARK	LCDR	20000601	20
PIEARSON, LORI	YNC	20000501	25	STEPHENSON, MICHAEL	HSC	20000701	21
PILKO, JAMES PINTO, ROBERT	BM1 PSS4	20000701 20000623	22 37	STEVENSON, ROBERT	AMTC LCDR	20000501 20000701	20 21
PINTO, ROBERT PITA, STEPHEN	F&S4	20000623	37 29	STINEHOUR, WILLIAM STOKLEY, FREDWARD	AMT2	20000701	21 21
PLOCHER, WAYNE	AST1	20000701	20	STREYLE, DALE	LCDR	20000701	20
POPOVICH, DIANE	YN1	20000601	20	STULTZ, DAVID	PSS4	20000403	41
PORTER, KEITH	HSC	20000501	24	STURGES, JOHN	MK1	20000701	20
POTDEVIN, JAMES	CART	20000701	23 37	SWEENEY, DAVID	BMCM	20000501	27 21
PRATHER, WILLIAM PRESHER, ERNEST	CAPT BOSN4	20000422 20000601	37 28	SWEGLES, MICHAEL SWIFT, EDWARD	LCDR LCDR	20000701 20000501	21 30
PUTZBACK, BRIAN	BMC	20000501	23	TANGEMAN, ANTHONY	CAPT	20000301	30
QUINTON, TIMOTHY	CDR	20000701	23	TERRIBERRY, TIMOTHY	CAPT	20000701	30
RAFFERTY, JOHN	LCDR	20000510	41	TERRY, DANIEL	BMCS	20000501	24
RANDOLPH, RONALD	EM1	20000601	20	THOMAS, LESLIE	PS1	20000616	32
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THORP, RALPH TITTLE, WILLIAM TONGCO, ROLANDO TROTTER, STEPHEN VANDENBERG, GARY VANDYKE, THOMAS VANVLECK, CHARLES VARCO, SCOTT VARNER, HIRAM VAUGHAN, MICHAEL VEGA, JORGE WADE, MICHAEL WALIZER, JAMES WALKER, STANLEY WALKER, THOMAS WALKER, THOMAS WALLACE, GEORGE WALSH, KEVIN WARNER, MARK WELCH, THOMAS WELLER, TIMOTHY WERT, KENNETH WEST, DOUGLAS WHALEY, GERALD WHITE, BRIAN WHITE, BRIAN WHITE, BRIAN WHITE, ELIZABETH WHITE, KENNETH WHITE, KENNETH WHITE, MICHAEL WIGGINS, JOSEPH WILDER, DONALD WILLIAMSON, JERRY WILLIAMSON, ROBERT WILLIS, GEORGE WILLIS, VALERIE	MUCS YN1 EM2 AMT1 CAPT BMCM SK1 LCDR EMC AMT1 YN2 AMT2 AVI2 MK1 LCDR BM1 YN1 AVTC F&S3 BMCS AVT1 LT PSC CDR CDR CDR CDR CDR CDR CDR CDR CDR CD	20000701 20000701 20000501 20000501 20000501 20000501 20000701 20000701 20000701 20000701 20000701 20000701 20000701 20000701 20000701 20000701 20000701 20000501 20000701 20000501 20000501 20000501 20000501 20000501 20000701 20000501 20000701 20000501 20000701 20000701 20000701 20000701 20000701 20000701 20000501 20000501 20000501 20000501 20000501 20000501 20000501 20000501 20000501 20000501 20000501 20000501 20000501 20000501	30 20 31 22 28 42 20 20 20 21 20 21 20 21 20 21 20 21 20 21 20 20 21 20 20 21 20 20 21 20 20 20 21 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20
WHITE, ERIC WHITE, KENNETH WHITE, MICHAEL WIGGINS, JOSEPH WILDER, DONALD WILLIAMS, JOHN WILLIAMSON, JERRY WILLIAMSON, ROBERT WILLIS, GEORGE	YN1 ETCM BOSN4 CDR FSCS LCDR MST1 CAPT DC1	20000501 20000601 20000701 20000701 20000501 20000422 20000601 20000501 20000701	20 20 26 23 23 36 23 29 20
WILSON, JAMES WOOD, MARY WRIGHT, ANTHONY WRIGHT, RICHARD WYATT, MARK YEAGER, DAVID YOUNG, LOUIS ZANE, BARRY ZIMMER, JAMES ZINN, JEFFREY ZINSMEISTER, CHARLES ZURAWSKI, FRANCIS	LCDR PS1 YNC LCDR TT1 CAPT BMC BOSN2 ENG3 ENG3 AVT1 MK1	20000701 20000518 20000501 20000601 20000701 20000601 20000414 20000701 20000701 20000601 20000101 20000601	23 32 20 20 20 29 39 21 20 25 21 20

# Congratulations to our new Retirees!

Editor's Note: Our sincere apologies to LCDR Eileen Nally. We noted LCDR Nally's retirement in the July issue of the Retiree Newsletter and listed her rank at retirement as "LT". Congratulations once again on your retirement LCDR Nally!

# Remarriage and the **Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP)**



When you no longer have an eligible spouse beneficiary for SBP (due to death or divorce), the SBP spouse coverage and the SBP costs are suspended. In the event you remarry you do have some options (listed below),

however it is essential that you notify HRSIC (RAS) of your remarriage and your new election within one year following that remarriage. If you fail to notify HRSIC RAS of a new election, your new spouse will be automatically covered under SBP at the level of coverage previously provided, and you are responsible for SBP costs retroactive to one year after your remarriage. An earlier date may apply if a child is born of that marriage.

Here are options upon remarriage:

- (1)Resume spouse coverage at the same level as previously held.
- (2) Elect not to resume spouse coverage. Election to discontinue SBP coverage must be received by HRSIC within one year of the remarriage.
- (3)Increase SBP coverage to the maximum level, if the prior SBP election was at a reduced level. The SBP cost will be computed as if maximum coverage had been elected at the date of the original election, and the retiree is responsible for these additional costs.
- (4)Add Supplemental SBP coverage for the new spouse if the SBP election is at the maximum level.

Please note that renewal of your ID card at a Military Installation will not update your SBP election. You must notify HRSIC RAS in order to effect a change in your SBP.

# TRICARE Goes to College

As military parents prepare to send their children off to college, it is important to assess health care coverage for students living away from home. TRICARE-eligible dependents may maintain coverage until age 23 as long as he/she is a fulltime student, but there are several TRICARE options available. Contact a health benefits advisor at your local military treatment facility or a TRICARE service center representative to discuss which option best serves your family's needs. Visit www.tricare.osd.mil/NewsReleases/News2000 08.htm for more information about TRICARE coverage for college students

Source: FRA News Bytes 07-20-00.

# The Ancient Order of The Pterodactyl... Not just a pilot organization

The organization called The Ancient Order of the Pterodactyl is the result of the hopes, aspirations and hard work of a small band of kindred spirits. In the spring of 1977, several retired Cost Guard aviators informally organized a fraternal association open to all pilots who had flown or were flying Coast



Guard aircraft. The organization was later expanded to include all personnel who flew in Coast Guard aircraft under official orders.

Regular membership includes all former and present members of the U.S. Coast Guard who have piloted *or flown* in U.S. Coast Guard aircraft under official flight orders.

For more information on The Ancient Order of the Pterodactyl see their website: <a href="https://www.AOPtero.org">www.AOPtero.org</a>.

### What is S\*M\*A\*R\*T?



S\*M\*A\*R\*T was started in 1982 as an informal get-together of old military buddies. In 1983, it was decided to formally organize a military oriented travel club. The club was officially founded on 11 June 1984 at its first rally in Hot Springs, South Dakota as a non-

profit organization. At that time it had about 200 members. It was there that the name S\*M\*A\*R\*T was selected to capture that essential aspect of the new club, as well as the adoption of the word "MUSTER" to be used as the unique name for rallies or get-togethers.

S\*M\*A\*R\*T is divided into 8 regions: Northeast, North Central, North Midwest, Northwest, Southwest, South Midwest, South Central and Southeast. There are over 3683 active members from all over, including Canada and Hawaii; and there are 51 chapters located throughout the U.S.

Please contact S\*M\*A\*R\*T at the following address if you are interested in an application or additional information.

S\*M\*A\*R\*T, Inc. 600 University Office Blvd, Suite 1A Pensacola, FL 32504

# From the RAS mailbag



#### Oops! We goofed.

- In our July issue we neglected to include the phone number for the **Armed Forces Vacation Club**. You can reach them at **1-800-724-9988**.
- Also, on page 25 under the "Did you know?" section, bullet #3 should read: "When a retiree dies on any date of a month the retired pay for the month of death (if sent out by HRSIC) must be returned to HRSIC by either the bank, if received by direct deposit, or by the surviving widow/widower or next-of-kin if received by check."

Our apologies, and thanks for paying attention.

Please see the following letter to the editor. We love getting your comments! Keep 'em coming...

#### Kudos

I received the July edition of the USCG RETIREE NEWSLETTER in the mail yesterday. While leisurely leafing through it... stopping periodically to read something in total... I was very impressed with the evolution of this fine publication. I have been retired now since 1989 and over the years that I have received the newsletter (somewhat sporadically so, but now on a seemingly regular schedule) I have noticed the increased quantity and quality of interesting, if not valuable information that you have included with each successive issue; information that members would not likely find elsewhere. I'm a member of TROA as well, and as good an organization that TROA is I don't believe their publication provides as good of useful information. So, a hardy thanks for everyone's effort there who contribute in putting this newsletter to press.

Sincerely,

R. Dane Looman, CWO4, USCG (Ret)

Did you know?

You can write the Newsletter Editor at:

USCG Retiree Newsletter

Attn: Editor

USCG HRSIC (RAS)

444 SE QUINCY STREET

TOPEKA KS 66683-3591

or via email at:

rasnewsletter@hrsic.uscg.mil

# The Story Behind Taps...

It all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land. During the night, Captain Elli-

combe heard the moan of a soldier who lay mortally wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention crawling on his stomach through the gun-

fire, the captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When the captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The captain lit a lantern. Suddenly, he caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of

the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, he enlisted in the Confederate Army. The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial de-

spite his enemy status. His request was partially granted. The captain had asked if he could have a group

of Army band members play a funeral dirge for the son at the fu-That request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. Out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician. The captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of his dead son's uniform. The wish was granted. This music was the haunting melody we now know as "Taps" that is used at all military funerals.

These are the words to "TAPS"

Day is done,
Gone the sun,
From the lakes
From the hills,
From the sky
All is well.
Safely rest.
God is nigh.

Source: Mr. William H. Wilson, Randolph Air Force Base.

## **Updating Your Address in DEERS**

There are several ways you can change your address in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) data bank.

You may update your address in DEERS by:

- Going to the nearest military personnel office
- E-mailing changes to addrinfo@osd.pentagon.mil
- Faxing changes to (831) 655-8317
- Mailing changes to: DEERS Support Office ATTN: COA 400 Gigling Road Seaside, CA 93955-6771

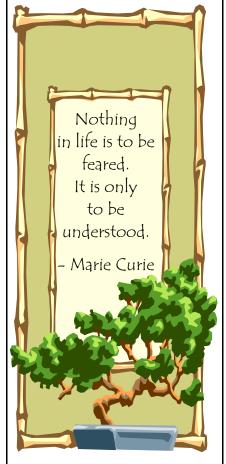
DEERS address changes may also be made online at www.tricare.osd.mil/DEERSAddress/.

For more information, call the DEERS Support Office, 0600 – 1530, Pacific Time, at one of these numbers:

1-800-538-9552

1-800-334-4162 (CA only), or

1-800-527-5602 (AK and HI only).



# Women's Health

To broaden knowledge of women's health, The Society for Women's Health Research, a nonprofit organization, has launched a campaign called "Some Things Only a Woman Can Do," to get more women interested in volunteering for studies and clinical trials, You may obtain materials about the participation process by calling 1-877-332-2626. National Institutes of Health maintains a database of more than 4,000 clinical trials beconducted http://www.clinicaltrials.org.

Source: Semper Fidelis Memorandum for Retired Marines







LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	RANK	DATE OF DEATH	CITY	STATE
ADAMS	EARL	LT	20000424	JACKSON	MS
ADAMS	MARK	FSCS	20000305	GRAND HAVEN	MI
ADAMS	ROBERT	SD1	20000414	PORTLAND	ME
ADDY	ALFRED	CWO4	20000630	TRYON	NC
ANDERSON	GORDON	CWO4	20000512	SANTA ANA	CA
ANDRE	JOHN	YNC	20000424	REDDING	CA
AQUINO	SILBERIO	SD1	20000503	SAN PEDRO	CA
BAILEY	JAMES	SK1	20000607	OLIVE BRANCH	MS
BAKER	IRVING	LT	20000513	ROSEVILLE	CA
BALMORES	GENARO	SD1	20000520	PHILIPPINES	RP
BALTOS	PETER	CSCM	20000522	CLEARWATER	FL
BARNHART	RUSSELL	BM1	20000503	BROCKTON	MA
BAUMANN	WILLIAM	EMC	20000618	WARRENTON	OR
BECRAFT	RICHARD	STCS	20000701	WHITESBORO	NY
BERNARDO	RICARDO	SSCM	20000528	ALAMEDA	CA
BIXBY	AGNES	CAPT	20000304	SAGAMORE BEACH	MA
BOISSY	JOHN	SN	20000604	CLEARWATER	FL
BOND	ROBERT	CWO3	19990830	FLORENCE	OR
BOTTOMS	DONALD	PS1	20000702	CHICAGO	IL
BOWEN	HARRY	BMC	20000420	TOWNSEND	VA
BROOKS	JAMES	MKCS	20000628	GORHAM	ME
BROWN	EUGENE	ENCS	20000616	ST HELENA	CA
BUEN	ILDEFONSO	SDC	20000417	SEWELL	NJ
BYBEL	WILLIAM	WO1	20000521	ALAMEDA	CA
CACAL	LUCIO	SDC	20000511	CHALMETTE	LA
CARSH	DAVIS	HMC	20000505	WHITE SPRINGS	FL
CARTER	HOWARD	BMC	20000430	TAMPA	FL
CAVANAUGH	JOHN	LCDR	20000602	VANCOUVER	WA
CRISCI	VICTOR	BMC	20000708	KEY WEST	FL
CUNNINGHAM	ROBERT	QMCS	20000618	HAYWARD	CA
CUNNINGHAM	RUDOFF	RD3	19971108	BOSTON	MA
CURRY	RALPH	CAPT	20000412	SARATOGA	CA
DALEY	JACK	SSC	20000612	N MIAMI BEACH	FL
DARLING	MICHAEL	CWO4	20000628	ENFIELD	NH
DEWEY	DANIEL	BMLC	20000617	BRISTOL	NH
DILLARD	ROBERT	AMCS	20000512	MOBILE	AL
DIZON	ARTHUR	SSC	20000622	ORLANDO	FL
EATON	THOMAS	RD1	20000709	WILMINGTON	NC
EDWARDS	ROBERT	BMC	20000521	GOLDEN VALLEY	AZ
GALLAGHER	JOHN	EN1	20000616	GRAND HAVEN	MI
GARRICK	ALBERT	MKC	20000603	TENSED	ID
GASSEN	HOLLIS	YNCS	20000630	PONCHATOULA	LA
GIESE	JULIUS	BMCS	20000626	SPRING VALLEY	CA
GOULD	DOUGLAS	CDR CDR	20000627	THOUSAND PALMS	CA
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HARVEY	CHARLES	SK1	20000319	FAJARDO	PR
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HETTMAN	NORMAN	CWO4	20000501	BULLHEAD CITY	AZ
HICKS	EDWARD	ENC	20000511	LARGO	FL
HILTON	JAMES	AOC	20000528	SEATTLE	WA
HOPKINS	GEORGE	BMC	20000710	TEMPLE	GA
JACOBSEN	PATRICK	CAPT	20000710	SEVERNA PARK	MD
JORDAN	MILO	CAPT	20000331	SAN ANTONIO	TX
JOSEPHSON	EARL	EMCS	20000530	SUN CITY	AZ
KANE	JAMES	BMCM	20000330	AMISSVILLE	VA
KATES	HUGH	ADC	20000410	EL CAJON	CA
KIMBRELL	BOB	PSC	20000303	GARLAND	TX
KOSTOLNIK	WILLIAM	AD2	20000406	LOUISVILLE	KY
KOSTRZEWA	JOHN	ENC	20000403	SAGINAW	MI
KREHMEYER	RAYMOND	RMC	20000702	ST LOUIS	MO
KRUKOWSKI	FRANCISZEK	YNC	20000626	HONOLULU	HI
LANCASTER	DANIEL	LTJG	20000424	MI WUK VILLAG	CA
LEMATTA	MARVIN	ADC	20000312	SEATTLE	WA
LOHMAN	WILLIAM	ENC	20000229	LAS VEGAS	NV
LOUDEN	ROBERT	EMCM	20000508	ASTORIA	OR
LUMSDEN	KENNETH	CDR	20000609	MERRIMAC	MA
MARTER	WILLIAM	BMC	20000523	FALL RIVER	MA
MARTIN	HAROLD	CWO3	20000601	MIAMI	FL
MARTIN	WALTER	LCDR	20000521	LAPLACE	LA
MARTINSON	CURTIS	ETCM	20000603	POUGHKEEPSIE	NY
MATTHEWS	JESSE	BMC	20000701	EASTVILLE	VA
MAYS	JOHN	CWO4	20000422	LAKEVIEW	AR
MCAMIS	GEORGE	MK2	20000619	RAVEN	VA
MCCANDLESS	KEITH	CDR	20000520	ELIOT	ME
MCCLELLAND	ROY	BMCS	20000216	WILMINGTON	NC
MCFADDEN	RAYMOUND	CDR	20000626	FRONT ROYAL	VA
MCMAHON	JOHN	CWO4	20000526	MONTEREY	CA
MEEKER	JAMES	CAPT	20000708	HAMPSTEAD	NC
MENOR	JOHN	SS1	20000509	W WAREHAM	MA
MESSERSMITH	JOHN	CDR	20000427	MIAMI	FL
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MONTAGUE	ARNOLD	DCC	20000322	ASTORIA	OR
MORRIS	WILBERN	BMC	20000626	MARIANNA	FL
MOUTON	ERNEST	BMC	20000606	HITCHCOCK	TX
NELSON	RICHARD	CDR	20000218	DEMING	NM
NOELL	GEORGE	CWO4	20000512	ELIZABETH CITY	NC
OLSON	HERBERT	DCC	20000215	GREAT NECK	NY
PAINTER	HAROLD	BMC	20000516	GRESHAM	OR
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PRICE	CHARLES	CWO4	20000311	CARVER	MA
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REED	EUGENE	LTJG	20000213	SANTA CLARA	CA
RHODES	GARY	CWO4	20000618	NEPTUNE	NJ
RICHARDS	HERBERT	HMC	20000705	PITTSBURG	CA
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RUSSELL	JOHN	CDR	20000504	EATONTOWN	NJ
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SCOTT	HUBERT	RMC	20000416	SAN JOSE	CA
SCOTT	STEPHEN	EMCS	20000604	VANCOUVER	WA
SEIBERT	HENRY	MKC	20000109	PT CLINTON	OH
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TUCKER	GENE	SKC	20000603	WALKERTOWN	NC
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If you have lost a loved one and would like their name printed in Dependent TAPs, please contact the Editor with their name, date of death, your name and retired rank, and city/state of residence. You can write the Editor at USCG Retiree Newsletter, HRSIC (RAS), 444 SE Quincy Street, Topeka, KS 66683; or e-mail the Editor at: "HRSIC-rasnewsletter@hrsic.uscg.mil". You may also fax your request to (785)295-2639/2640.

# Looking for Volunteers to Work on the ex-USS/USCGC Glacier

We just finished the sixth week of many to come in the project to restore the ex-USS/USCGC GLACIER to operating status, potentially as an Arctic scientific research platform, an historical museum and training ship.

Progress toward this goal continued unabated this week with volunteers from California, New Jersey, Minnesota and Connecticut all lending a hand in compartment lighting, deguanoing, cleaning and dewatering, scrounging, transferring and stowing equipment and lines from other ships and off the beach as well as installing electrical safety outlets and splitting lines to reduce overloading.

The long awaited ship survey by Rosenblatt & Sons, POLAR CLASS architects, was done this week, gratis.

# ex/USS/USCGC GLACIER Restoration Schedule



Aug 14-18-00 Sep 11-15-00 Oct 16-20-00 Nov 13-17-00 Dec 11-15-00

While at the MARAD Suisun Bay Reserve Fleet location, we are restricted to a maximum of 10 people on board Monday through Friday, 0700-1400, one week a month. Until we are alongside a pier, there will be no requests for weekend volunteers; however, if you like, we'll add you for later contact.

We need volunteers to work on one or more of the dates listed above. A willingness to bring hand tools (screwdrivers, wrenches, pliers and the like) for scrounging, to work hard and get your hands dirty, would help,

There is much damage control work to do, as well. Bring a flashlight. Hat lights are helpful, too. The work also will include cleanup and scrounging.

We meet at the MARAD Facility at the foot of Lake Herman Road (LHR) off I-680. Going east from Benicia towards Sacramento, turn right on LHR (left if you are going toward Benicia ) and go to the parking lot at the end of the road. Tell the gateman you are with the GLACIER Society. It's 5-10 minute walk out to the office. We sign in at the office at 0700, go below for hard hats and lifejackets and embark for transportation by personnel barge to the ship at 0715. We lose 45 minutes if you are not on time. We return between 1400 and 1445...

There is no berthing on board at present. Discounted, no host accommodations are available in Benicia, California, a short commute to MARAD Suisun Bay Reserve Fleet where the GLACIER is anchored offshore in a nest of ships, awaiting scrapping.

Volunteers with military ID cards may be able to arrange accommodations at Travis AFB; however, advance reservations may only be made 1 day in advance and are limited to 3 days. Renewals are not always available. Travis AFB is about 1/2 hour from MARAD. Week long RV spots may also be available.

MARAD rules and Benicia discount data will be provided to actual

volunteers..

One need not volunteer for the whole week, which should be helpful to those who can commute from SF Bay Area communities. We are surviving with 1 and 2 day volunteers, but we could get so much more done if we could fill out the available 10 volunteer slots.

Volunteers from any background, civilian or military, are most welcome. Just be prepared to do SA (That's Senior Apprentice, not Seaman Apprentice) work. While we understand that volunteers would prefer to be employed in their specialties, the nature of the work does not always permit this luxury.

If you, or someone you know, are available to help, please contact me at <a href="mailto:bfaltd@pacbell.net">bfaltd@pacbell.net</a> or 415 883 7159. After the recorded message, ID self as calling about the GLACIER SOCIETY. I'll answer, if in. If I am not, please leave your name, phone number and e-mail address (if you have one - some referred volunteers do not).

Bob Farmer Captain, USCG (Ret) Recruiter for Volunteers/Assisters

P.S. Volunteers work on board. Assisters pass the word and/or provide onshore support.



# 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 live within designated zip codes in specified areas near Santa Clara, California and Cherokee. Texas. The enrollment period began 1 March 2000 and the demonstration is scheduled to end 31 December 2002. Enrollment may occur at any time during the demonstration period. Dr. Sue Bailey, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, said, "The TRICARE Senior Supplement Demonstration is a test program designed to reach out Medicareeligible 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 cost."

To be eligible for the TSSD program, an enrollee must be 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 live 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, as a secondary payor for Medicare coverage, reducing or eliminating most out-of-pocket expenses, and providing reimbursement for some services not covered by the Medicare 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 providing reimbursement for some services not covered by the Medicare Benefits of enrollment Program. 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.

The enrollment fee is \$576 for each enrollee and may be paid in full, annually, or by quarterly installments of \$144. To enroll in the TSSD program, the member must return an enrollment application form accompanied by a copy of his or her Medicare card (indicating Part A and Part B coverage) and the enrollment fee to:

Iowa Foundation for Medical Care (IFMC)

Customer Service Center 6000 Westown Parkway, Suite 350E West Des Moines, Iowa 50266-7771

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. Customer service representatives of the IFMC are available by calling 1-877-363-8773, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., CST, to answer questions on eligibility, enrollment, benefits, payment options, and other aspects of the demonstration program.

Source: Semper Fidelis Memorandum for Retired Marines



# Do you know a TRICARE Hero -

a person, facility, organization, group, or contractor that has enhanced TRICARE's success through the use of best practice, initiative and/or innovation?

You can nominate Heroes of TRICARE by completing the on-line form at <a href="http://www.tricare/osd.mil/newhero/newhero.htm#onlineform">http://www.tricare/osd.mil/newhero/newhero.htm#onlineform</a>. After responding to all (of the) questions, press the "Go Hero!" button to submit your nomination.

Or, send the same requested information via e-mail to <a href="mailto:media@tma.osd.mil">media@tma.osd.mil</a>, or by FAX, 703-681-3692.

For more information, call (703) 681-1775.

Heroes of TRICARE appears monthly on TRICARE's web site at <a href="www.tricare.osd.mil">www.tricare.osd.mil</a>. In addition, selected Heroes will be featured on posters for display at meetings, in lead agent offices, at featured military treatment facilities and at TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) offices.

Source: TRICARE Web Page at <a href="http://www.tricare.osd.mil">http://www.tricare.osd.mil</a>

### Join the TRICARE Forum!

TRICARE also has a beneficiary form where you may submit online questions and comments about your healthcare issues. Click on the TRICARE Beneficiary Forum or the Discussion button and join the forum. Be sure to read the forum notes before posting a message.

http://www.tricare.osd.mil

# Directing Retirement and Annuity Payments to Investment Accounts

We have experienced an increase in requests to direct retirement and annuity payments to investment accounts, i.e., Schwab, Merrill Lynch, etc. This type of account is very difficult to establish since the funds are directed to the corporate account of the investment firm and not to your individual investment account. Upon receipt by the financial institution, the payment is deposited to the corporate account of the investment firm for further credit to your individual account. The problem arises at this point because once the payment goes into this corporate account, there is no identification as to which specific investment account the funds should be credited; there is only the dollar amount and the date credited. This problem is due to the electronic format for this type of payment will not permit inclusion of the additional data (addenda record) which identifies the specific investment account.

We suggest that if you choose to direct funds to an investment account, you set up the transaction as an allotment. By doing this, the inclusion of addenda information is possible, which should ensure the funds are correctly posted to your investment account. Also, when you establish your investment account, please obtain the routing number and both the bank account number and your account number. By providing us with this information, we can correctly establish your allotment and, hopefully, prevent return of the payment due to the bank not being able to locate an account.

Terry Rogers, HRSIC (RAS)

# **Protect Yourself from Identity Theft**



Identity theft and credit card fraud are the fastest growing white-collar crimes in the United States.

Two major contributing factors are the rise in online credit applications over the Internet and the tremendous proliferation of credit cards.

Identity theft involves someone using your identifying information to acquire goods or services in your name through the use of credit or debit cards, checks or other documents.

Identity theft usually stars when a criminal obtains your name and Social Security Number. Using this information and a false address, they will obtain credit cards and other identification, such as a driver's license. At this point your identity has been stolen.

Often, victims know nothing of the crime until they are contacted by

debt collection agencies regarding unpaid credit card bills, bad car loans, etc. The long-term implications for you and your credit rating are very serious. Victims may spend months or years trying to clean up their credit records, and the process can be stressful.

Several factors, such as frequent moves, physical separation and reliance on remote-access to financial services, make military members more vulnerable to identity theft.

If you suspect that someone is illegally using your identity or making charges in your name, immediately call the organization handling the account and follow up with a letter. In addition, contact the police.

For more information about identity theft, visit www.ncis.navy.mil.

Source: Captain's Call Kit (<a href="http://www.mediacen.navy.mil/pubs/cck/index.htm">http://www.mediacen.navy.mil/pubs/cck/index.htm</a>

# Military Pension Loans



Military retirees have been receiving emails and letters by mail from companies who are offering loans in exchange for their retirement pensions. Many retirees are wondering if this is a scam. It is not. The Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs general counsel has checked with the Attorney General's consumer fraud section and with the Retired Officer Association. As it turns out, these companies are legitimate.

However, the terms of the loan are indeed stringent. They will lend against your pension; they require a life insurance policy to be purchased for the amount of the loan, naming the company as the beneficiary; and they discount the pension by a high percentage, in some cases 40 per cent. It can be compared to one of the companies that will make a loan immediately against your IRS refund based upon the expectation that you will get a refund. This may not be the best use of your money.

Additional information on this can be found on <a href="http://www.floridavets.org/retireeloans.htm">http://www.floridavets.org/retireeloans.htm</a> or go to <a href="http://www.floridavets.org">http://www.floridavets.org</a> and click on "Military Retirees".

Source: Veterans News & Information Service

# New Savings Bonds Series I Available

Retired and active military members may now purchase the Series I Savings Bonds (I Bonds) along with the existing Series EE Savings Bonds (EE Bonds). I Bonds will be sold at face value, you pay \$50 for a \$50 bond. Bonds are available in denominations of \$50, \$75, \$100, \$200, \$500 and \$1000.

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# Coast Guard/NOAA Retired Pay & Annuities





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Or FAX to: (785)295-2639



# Report of Death



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

Or write:

Commanding Officer(RAS)
Coast Guard Human Resources
Service & Information Center
444 SE Quincy Street
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Commercial: (785)357-3415



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



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### 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: www.uscg.mil/hq/ hrsic/ses.htm



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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## **Service Records**



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



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



# **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







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



Visit the TVL web page at: www.uscg.mil/hq/hrsic/ tvlpage.htm For information, call Toll Free: 1-888-872-4885
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