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## Coast Guard Gets a New NASCAR, Debuts at '04 Daytona 500



DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (Feb. 11, 2004)-- Rear Adm. Ken Venuto poses with Justin Labonte, the 2004 NASCAR Busch Grand National Series Driver for Team Coast Guard Racing next to the Coast Guard sponsored NASCAR. Also present is father Terry and uncle Bobby. Today in the Infield Media Center at Daytona International Speedway, Rear Adm. Ken Venuto, the Coast Guard's Assistant Commandant for Human Resources, unveiled the car and announced that the three members of the famed Labonte racecar driving family, Terry, Bobby and Justin, will serve as national spokesmen for the Coast Guard's "You're in Command" boating safety awareness initiative. USCG photo by PA3 Crystal Norman



## Coast Guard Drug Interdiction, we are still in the business

The Coast Guard is the lead federal agency for maritime drug interdiction and shares lead responsibility for air interdiction with the U. S. Customs Service. As such, it is a key player in combating the flow of illegal drugs to the United States. The Coast Guard's mission is to reduce the supply of drugs from the source by denying smugglers the use of air and maritime routes in the Transit Zone, a six million square mile area, including the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico and Eastern Pacific. In meeting the challenge of patrolling this vast area, the Coast Guard coordinates closely with other federal agencies and countries within the region to disrupt and deter the flow of illegal drugs. In addition to deterrence, Coast Guard drug interdiction accounts for nearly 52% of all U.S. government seizures of cocaine each year. For Fiscal Year 2002 the rate of Coast Guard cocaine seizures alone had an estimated import value of approximately \$3.9 billion.

### Counter-drug smuggling mission background

In 1870, Chinese immigrants became the first known drug smugglers when they began smuggling opium in merchant ship cargoes and baggage. Since then, drug smuggling by maritime routes has grown in size, scope and sophistication as demand skyrocketed. For example, around the turn of the century, when cocaine use was first in vogue, a relatively limited amount of the population was directly affected by the problems of cocaine abuse. But in later years, as the drugs of choice shifted from cocaine to heroin and opium, then later to marijuana and back to cocaine, drug smugglers began utilizing maritime sea and air routes to transport larger shipments of drugs to the U.S. For nearly a century, the maritime drug smuggling business slowly evolved while the Coast Guard focused its attention on the major events of the day, including World War I, Prohibition, World War II, the Korean and Vietnam conflicts.

During the 1920's Congress tasked the Coast Guard with enforcing the 18th Amendment, necessitating a dramatic increase in resources and funding for the Coast Guard. The massive effort needed to curtail the substantial level of alcohol smuggling required the single largest appropriation for personnel and new ship construction in its history. In addition, the Navy transferred more than 20 WWI-era destroyers and minesweepers for conversion to the Coast Guard's battle with rum-runners, which ended with the 21st Amendment repealing Prohibition. The Coast Guard's unique expertise in countering smuggling operations also came into play during the Vietnam War, when the Navy asked for our expertise to support "Operation Market Time," an intensive multi-year campaign to stop the Communist flow of arms and supplies by sea. The Coast Guard utilized its expertise in stopping smuggling while facilitating legitimate commerce. Patrol

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boats and cutters patrolled 1,200 miles of coastline and had to contend with more than 60,000 junks and sampans. The Coast Guard and Navy's success in "Operation Market Time," substantially reduced the amount of at sea smuggling, forcing the Viet Cong to use the longer and more difficult land route of the infamous Ho Chi Minh Trail.

Shortly after the war in Vietnam ended, the Coast Guard found itself fighting another war - a war that is still going on today with a determined, well-financed opposition. In the early 1970's maritime drug smuggling became a much more significant problem for the Coast Guard and we began making seizures while engaged in other operations, like Search and Rescue and Fisheries Law Enforcement. 1973 saw a dramatic increase in smuggling attempts and the Coast Guard conducted its first Coast Guard-controlled seizure on March 8, 1973, when the USCGC DANTLESS boarded a 38-foot sports fisherman, the Big L and arrested its master and crew, with more than a ton of marijuana on board. Since then, the Coast Guard has seized countless tons of marijuana and cocaine. Since Fiscal Year 1997 to present, the Coast Guard has seized 806,469 pounds of cocaine and 333,285 pounds of marijuana.

*Source: CG News Web*

### **ILLEGAL DRUGS -- Pacific Ocean cocaine smuggling increasing**

The U.S. Coast Guard seized 136,865 pounds of cocaine in fiscal year 2003. These cocaine seizures, along with 283 arrests of narcotics smugglers kept over \$4 billion of cocaine off America's streets. Cocaine seizures remained prominent in the Eastern Pacific Ocean that year, with 93,505 lbs. (75%) of cocaine seized there. Coast Guard officials say they've noticed a sharp increase in the amount of cocaine being smuggled via Pacific routes.

### **TECHNOLOGY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT -- "Boat Trap"**

The Coast Guard's Research and Development Center in Groton, Conn., recently completed full-scale testing of the Boat Trap, an air-deployed vessel entanglement system designed to safely disable vessels attempting to flee with drugs or migrants onboard. The Boat Trap is a 22-inch long by 13-inch wide cylinder dropped from a helicopter that bursts into an X-shaped net in front of a fleeing vessel, entangling the boat's propeller. Successful full scale tests were completed recently at the Coast Guard's Special Mission Training Center at Camp Lejeune, N.C., using an HH-65 Dolphin helicopter from Air Station Atlantic City.

### **SAFETY -- 100th Anniversary of a Disaster in New York City**

June 15 will mark the 100th anniversary of one of the deadliest maritime disasters in American history. On June 15, 1904, shortly after getting underway on the East River, the steamship "General Slocum" caught fire, burned, and eventually sank, killing 1021 people. During the accident, hoses used to fight the fire burst under the pressure of the fire main because of their poor condition, and life preservers were in such bad condition that they actually contributed to the death of many who wore them. The investigation into this tragedy revealed the importance of thorough inspections, at the time a responsibility of the U.S. Steamboat Inspection Service. The Coast Guard took over this responsibility in the 1940s. This little-known disaster shows how far we have come in maritime safety.

*Source: RDC Web*

## President Bush signs H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act, Concurrent Receipt for Fiscal Year 2004

President Bush signed H.R. 1588, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004, which became Public Law 108-136 on November 24, 2003. Section 641 of the law approves the phase-in of full Concurrent Receipt of military retired pay and veterans disability compensation for certain military retirees. **The primary eligibility factor is that retirees must have veterans disability compensation rated at 50 percent or higher.** This change authorizes "a member of the uniformed services who is entitled for any month to retired pay and who is also entitled for that month to veterans disability compensation for a qualifying service-connected disability is entitled to be paid both for that month without regard to 38 U.S.C. 5304 and 38 U.S.C. 5305." The phase-in begins January 1, 2004 and ends on December 31, 2013. P.L. 108-136 also repealed 10 U.S.C. 1413, which was the Special Compensation for Certain Severely Disabled Uniformed Services Retirees. Questions regarding implementation of concurrent receipt should be addressed to [PSC-Ras@hrrsic.uscg.mil](mailto:PSC-Ras@hrrsic.uscg.mil).

During calendar year 2004, the amount of retired pay payable to a qualified retiree is the amount (if any) of retired pay in excess of the Current Baseline Offset (CBO) for a month that the retiree receives:

VA Compensation Rated As	Maximum Amount Paid
100%	\$750.00
90%	\$500.00
80%	\$350.00
70%	\$250.00
60%	\$125.00
50%	\$100.00



The term "current baseline offset" refers to the amount for any month that is the lesser of (a) the amount of the applicable monthly retired pay of the qualified retiree for that month; and (b) the amount of monthly veterans disability compensation to which the qualified retiree is entitled for that month. **SPECIAL NOTE: Any retiree with a VA disability rating less than 100% who is certified by the VA as unemployable will be certified as being 100% disabled.**

Examples of Concurrent Receipt are provided below. The concurrent receipt blocks on the tables indicate which portion of Gross Retired Pay will be received concurrently with VA Compensation. In reality, using the below examples, the Gross Retired Pay block is for illustration purposes only, and that amount is not used in addition.

1. A member who is rated 80% VA compensation and the gross pay is less than VA compensation. The following chart shows the total monthly entitlements due member under P.L. 108-136. All entries are for illustration purposes only.

<b>Entitlement</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2014</b>
Gross Retired Pay	\$1,217.00	\$1,242.00	\$1,242.00
VA Compensation	1,343.00	1,371.00	1,371.00
Concurrent Receipt	0.00	350.00	1,242.00
Total Gross Amount Paid	\$1,343.00	\$1,721.00	\$2,613.00

2. A member who is rated by the VA as 100% disabled, in receipt of VA compensation, and the gross retired pay is more than VA compensation. The following chart shows the total monthly entitlements due member under P.L. 108-136.

<b>Entitlement</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2014</b>
Gross Retired Pay	\$3,649.00	\$3,725.00	\$3,725.00
VA Compensation	2,734.00	2,791.00	2,791.00
Gross Retired Pay Paid	915.00	934.00	0.00
Severely Disabled Compensation	325.00	0.00	0.00
Concurrent Receipt	0.00	750.00	3,725.00
Total Gross Amount Paid	\$3,974.00	\$4,475.00	\$6,516.00

The amounts will be recalculated and increased by 10% of the remaining residual amount each succeeding calendar year, until full implementation on January 1, 2014. The Military Officers Association created charts that will prove useful in understanding the phase-in period and the residual amounts. Please refer to their link at <http://www.moaa.org/legislative/retirement/crcharts/>.

A person who is a qualified retiree under the above guidelines and is also an eligible combat-related special compensation (CRSC) disabled uniformed services retiree may receive special compensation in accordance with the CRSC law or concurrent receipt of the offset portion of retired pay in accordance with above guidelines, but not both. These personnel shall be afforded an annual period (referred to as an "open season") during which a person shall have the right to make an election to change from receipt of CRSC to receipt of concurrent receipt of the offset portion of retired pay, or the reverse.

Following are a series of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) to assist in educating retired personnel on eligibility and expectations. If you have other questions, please call us at 1 800 772-8724 or contact us by E-mail at [PSC-Ras@hrsic.uscg.mil](mailto:PSC-Ras@hrsic.uscg.mil).

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<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<i>What does “qualifying service-connected disability” mean for this legislative change?</i>	<i>This term means a service-connected disability or combination of service-connected disabilities that is rated at 50 percent or higher disabling by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.</i>
<i>Who is eligible?</i>	<i>Any Regular, Reserve, TERA, or Disability retiree who has been rated not less than 50 percent disabled by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, with the exception noted immediately below.</i>
<i>Who is not eligible?</i>	<i>Any Chapter 61 retiree with less than 20 years of creditable service at time of member’s disability retirement. Note: Chapter 61 retirees are those retired for physical disability.</i>
<i>If I meet the concurrent receipt eligibility requirements, what do I have to do?</i>	<i>Nothing, unless you are also eligible or feel you are eligible to apply for the Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC). Please contact the Coast Guard Personnel Command (cgpc-adm-1) at (202) 493-1731, or see the application instructions at <a href="http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/customerconnection/crsc.htm">http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/customerconnection/crsc.htm</a>. This link is also in the process of being updated.</i>
<i>When can I expect the offset of my retired pay to be reduced and receive retired pay payment, which was previously offset?</i>	<i>All payments, (including retroactive payments from January 1, 2004 for those eligible as of that date) are expected to be made no later than the April 1, 2004 pay date. If you believe you are eligible and have not received payment on April 1, 2004, please contact PSC (RAS).</i>
<i>I was previously receiving the Special Compensation for Certain Severely Disabled Uniformed Services Retirees (SCCSDUSR). With the repeal of that law, what do I need to do?</i>	<i>You won’t need to do anything. You should have received your final SCCSDUSR payment on January 2, 2004. The amount previously received was paid to you as a portion of concurrent receipt in your February 2, 2004 payment, and some in your March 1, 2004 payments. No partial concurrent receipt payments were made after the March 1 pay date, and all adjustments were made to all retired accounts prior to the 1 April 2004 pay date.</i>

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<p><i>What, if anything, will I have to do in future years to receive the remaining 10% residual increases each year until full implementation of concurrent receipt?</i></p>	<p><i>Nothing. PSC (RAS) will complete the recalculations each succeeding year until full implementation in 2014. Please understand that the amount will not be a flat 10% increase in compensation each year, as the 10% additional percentage will be applied to the CBO.</i></p>
<p><i>Is the payment of my retired pay taxable?</i></p>	<p><i>The taxability is based on whether your retired pay was previously considered taxable or not. Remember, this legislation is only impacting the offset previously being withheld from your retired pay.</i></p>
<p><i>I am a Reserve retiree. Must I have a certain number of retirement points to be eligible for concurrent receipt?</i></p>	<p><i>No, however you must have been retired for years of service versus under Chapter 61 (if less than 20 years of service).</i></p>
<p><i>I previously waived my retired pay in order to receive a Civil Service Annuity (CSA). Am I eligible for concurrent receipt?</i></p>	<p><i>No. Retirees who have combined their military time and civil service time in order to qualify for a civil service retirement from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) are ineligible. Retirees who have combined their military and civil service time in order to enhance their civil service retirement with OPM are eligible; however, these retirees will have to reinstate their retired pay by coordinating with OPM.</i></p>
<p><i>I previously authorized the Veterans Administration to send payments from my VA compensation to PSC for Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) coverage, as my VA compensation exceeded my available retired pay. Is there anything I need to do?</i></p>	<p><i>If the amount of retired pay being paid concurrently will exceed the difference between VA compensation and payment of retired pay, you must elect to have PSC (RAS) will withhold SBP deductions from your available pay and terminate the payment arrangements you had with the VA. A letter will be sent to the VA Regional office during the month we begin concurrent receipt payments. Dual SBP costs may occur prior to the VA terminating their deductions. When PSC is informed the VA has stopped their deductions, PSC will refund overpaid amounts.</i></p>

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<p><i>Will this affect my Former Spouse Protection Act (FSPA) payments?</i></p>	<p><i>This depends on how the divorce decree/property settlement agreement was written. PSC (RAS) is reviewing FSPA accounts and determining which accounts will be affected and make adjustments accordingly. No action should be required by the retiree or the former spouse; however, correspondence will be sent to both parties should a change be made.</i></p>
<p><i>Will I now be able to have allotments, including savings</i></p>	<p><i>Yes, once your net payments equal or exceed the allotment amount.</i></p>
<p><i>I am participating in the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP). Will I be able to have those monthly costs deducted from my retired pay?</i></p>	<p><i>Yes, once your net payments equal or exceed the monthly costs. You'll have to coordinate those deductions with TRDP, at 1 800 866-8499.</i></p>
<p><i>Currently the Cost Of Living Allowance (COLA) increases are applied uniformly for retired pay. Will the COLA increases remain the same?</i></p>	<p><i>The legislation did not specifically address COLA increases; however, we assume they'll continue to be applied uniformly. Assuming COLA changes are made, those will be effective in the month of December, with changes occurring on the payments received the first working day following 1 Jan.</i></p>
<p><i>What about the future 10% annual increases to residual amounts of concurrent receipt? When will those occur?</i></p>	<p><i>The increased amounts of concurrent receipt will occur during the month of January, which will be reflected in payments received the first working day of February.</i></p>

When teeth became touched with decay or were otherwise ailing, the doctor knew of but one thing to do--he fetched his tongs and dragged them out. If the jaw remained, it was not his fault.

- Mark Twain's Autobiography





Region	Telephone	Toll-Free Numbers	Telephone
<a href="#">Northeast (1)</a>	888-999-5195	<a href="#">Eligibility (DEERS)</a>	1-800-538-9552
<a href="#">Mid-Atlantic (2)</a>	800-931-9501	<a href="#">TRICARE Prime Remote</a>	1-888-363-2273
<a href="#">Southeast (3)</a>	800-444-5445	<a href="#">TRICARE Mail-Order Pharmacy</a>	1-866-363-8667
<a href="#">GulfSouth (4)</a>	800-444-5445	<a href="#">TRICARE Retiree Dental Plan</a>	1-888-838-8737
<a href="#">Heartland (5)</a>	800-941-4501	<a href="#">TRICARE Dental Program</a>	1-800-866-8499
<a href="#">Southwest (6)</a>	800-406-2832	<a href="#">TRICARE For Life</a>	1-888-363-5433
<a href="#">Central (7&amp;8)</a>	888-874-9378	Senior Pharmacy Program	1-877-363-6337
<a href="#">Southern California (9)</a>	800-242-6788	<a href="#">TRICARE Overseas</a>	
<a href="#">Golden Gate (10)</a>	800-242-6788	<a href="#">WESTPAC 1-888-777-8343</a>	1-888-777-8343
TRICARE Northwest		<a href="#">Europe 1-888-777-8343</a>	1-888-777-8343
<a href="#">Northwest (11)</a>	800-404-2042	<a href="#">Canada/Latin America 1-888-</a>	1-888-777-8343
<a href="#">Alaska</a>	800-242-6788	<a href="#">Puerto Rico/Virgin Islands 1-</a>	1-888-777-8343
TRICARE Pacific			
<a href="#">Hawaii</a>	800-242-6788		
<a href="#">WESTPAC</a>	888-777-8343		
<a href="#">All of Latin America &amp; Canada</a>	888-777-8343		
<a href="#">Puerto Rico &amp; Virgin Islands</a>	888-777-8343		
<a href="#">Europe</a>	888-777-8343		

The TRICARE/Military Health System Web site [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil) is the official Web presence of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) and the TRICARE Management Activity  
 Skyline 5, Suite 810, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3206

## TRICARE RETIREE DENTAL PROGRAM NOW PROVIDING ADDED VALUE TO HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF ENROLLEES

For almost six years, the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) has been helping nearly 750,000 Uniformed Services retirees--including retired members of the Guard and Reserve--and their families meet their dental health care needs. The TRDP provides its enrollees with a comprehensive scope of benefits, including coverage for crowns, bridges, dentures, orthodontics and dental accidents as well as for routine cleanings and exams, fillings, root canals, gum treatment and oral surgery.

Service under the TRDP is available in all 50 United States as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Canada.

Enrollees in the TRDP can receive care from any licensed dentist of their choice within the service area. However, they can realize even greater savings by choosing to receive their dental care from one of the thousands of DeltaSelect USA and DeltaPreferred Option USA dentists providing treatment for TRDP enrollees.

Delta Dental of California has been administering the TRDP contract since 1998 and was awarded a new contract with the Department of Defense last May to continue serving as the TRDP administrator through January 2008. Under this new contract, the TRDP continues to offer the same great scope of benefits, as well as:

- an increase in the lifetime orthodontic maximum, to \$1,200;
- a family deductible cap of \$150 annually;
- an enrollment commitment of only 12-months;
- a waiting period of only 12-months for coverage of crowns, bridges, dentures and orthodontics at 50% of the program allowable amount; and
- an expanded network of dentists in over 67,000 locations nationwide.

“We are excited about the impact the enhancements that went into effect with the contract renewal have had on the program. These enhancements have made the TRDP an even greater value to our current and potential enrollees,” says Tom McDavid, director of Federal Marketing and Communications for Delta Dental. “Since the program began in 1998, not only have we far exceeded our initial enrollment projections, but we have retained a large percentage of our original enrollee base—which means that enrollees are satisfied with the TRDP, opting to remain enrolled beyond their initial commitment, and using their program benefits.”

*To receive a complete enrollment package or for more information about the TRDP, visit the web site at [www.trdp.org](http://www.trdp.org), or call Delta toll-free at 1 (888) 838-8737.*



# Nautical Terms, Phrases & Trivia



The term "Nautical" is rooted in the Greek word "NAUT", meaning sailor.

**Editor's Note:** In my January publication, I had not given the proper definition of present day term "Tonnage" The following is from Good ol' Mr. Merriam-Webster:

Main Entry: **ton·nage**

Function: *noun*

Etymology: in sense 1, from Middle English, from Middle French, from *tonne* tun; in other senses, from *ton* - **1** : a duty formerly levied on every tun of wine imported into England

**2 a** : a duty or impost on vessels based on cargo capacity **b** : a duty on goods per ton transported

**3** : ships in terms of the total number of tons registered or carried or of their carrying capacity

**4 a** : the cubical content of a merchant ship in units of 100 cubic feet **b** : the displacement of a warship

**5 a** : total weight in tons shipped, carried, or produced **b** : impressively large amount or weight

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Harold Doan, CDR, USCG (Retired)

David Green, CAPT, USCG (Retired),  
for squaring me away.



~ :) Your friendly  
neighborhood Editor

**There are five categories by which tonnage of a vessel is calculated: registered, gross register, net register, displacement and deadweight tonnage.**

**Registered Tonnage** is stated in tons of 100 cubic feet per ton. This is the total internal capacity of a vessel.

**Gross Register Tonnage** is the same as Registered Tonnage.

**Net Register Tonnage** is the part of the Registered Tonnage which is used to earn money. All spaces which are not revenue producing are deducted from the registered tonnage.

**Displacement Tonnage** is the actual weight of the ship and is equal to the weight of water displaced by the vessel. Measured in long tons (2,240 pounds per ton).

**Deadweight Tonnage** is the carrying capacity of a vessel measured in long tons.

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## Cut and Run

1) To leave quickly, from the practice of cutting a ship's moorings in a hasty departure.

2) A common form of early sea warfare was sneaking into an enemy harbor at night and stealing the anchored ships or boats targeted by cutting their anchor lines and sailing away on the out-going, or 'running' tide. This soon became used to describe any action or plan requiring speed and urgency. It also applied to an emergency action if an anchored ship was caught by surprise by a superior enemy force.

## NOAA RELEASES NEW MANUAL ON COASTAL HABITAT RESTORATION MONITORING



Feb. 26, 2004 — For the first time, NOAA compiled key restoration monitoring information applicable to coastal habitats nationwide. "Science-Based Restoration Monitoring of Coastal Habitats, Volume One: A Framework for Monitoring Plans Under the Estuaries and Clean Waters Act of 2000 (Public Law 160-457)" offers technical assistance, outlines steps, and provides useful tools for developing and carrying out monitoring of coastal restoration efforts.

Prepared by NOAA National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science, the manual offers coastal resource managers, practitioners and the public a consolidated set of science-based tools for planning and conducting monitoring associated with restoration in habitats throughout U.S. coastal waters habitats. Along with providing a framework for structuring monitoring efforts, the newly available manual provides an introduction to restoration monitoring related to specific coastal habitats: water column, rock bottom, coral reefs, oyster reefs, soft bottom, kelp and other macro algae, rocky shoreline, soft shoreline, submerged aquatic vegetation, marshes, mangrove swamps, deepwater swamps and riverine forests.

"Given the broad diversity and geographic scope of our nation's coasts, there clearly is no one-size-fits-all, cookie-cutter approach to science-based restoration monitoring," said lead author Gordon Thayer, of the NCCOS/Center for Fisheries and Habitat Research, in Beaufort, N.C. "Individual coastal managers, working with their public and private-sector partners, can use this document to determine the individual strategies best suited to a specific restoration effort or region."

The manual will be useful to scientists, managers and citizens involved in planning and conducting restoration monitoring efforts, including individuals in academia, industry, government interests at all levels, nongovernmental organizations and the media. It also includes consistent principles and approaches likely to be applicable to a wide range of coastal restoration efforts, including those undertaken without federal funding support.

A companion volume, "Science-Based Restoration Monitoring of Coastal Habitats, Volume Two: Tools for Monitoring Coastal Habitats," is due for release later this year. This document will delve deeper into monitoring approaches for the selected coastal habitats, providing techniques for monitoring them. Additionally, Volume Two provides tools, such as a searchable database of restoration monitoring programs nationwide, a guide to selecting reference sites, and a discussion of the monitoring of social and economic aspects of coastal restoration.

Copies of the manual—Science-Based Restoration Monitoring of Coastal Habitats, Volume One: A Framework for Monitoring Plans Under the Estuaries and Clean Waters Act of 2000 (Public Law 160-457)—can be downloaded as a PDF file by visiting the NOAA Estuaries - Restoration Monitoring Web site at [http://coastalscience.noaa.gov/ecosystems/estuaries/restoration\\_monitoring.html](http://coastalscience.noaa.gov/ecosystems/estuaries/restoration_monitoring.html).



## Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Marks

### 80 years of Service



*Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA) traces its history back to 1924 when an organization called The League of Coast Guard Women was established to “minister to the general welfare of the commissioned officers, warrant officers, enlisted men and civilian employees of the Coast Guard and their immediate families” and to “knit closely together all men and women whose lives are identified with the Coast Guard by the ties of mutual interest and helpfulness.” Coast Guard Welfare was formally established and took over the mission from the League in 1941, as activity dramatically increased due to the War. In 1979, the name was changed to Coast Guard Mutual Assistance.*

*Today, CGMA continues to serve the Coast Guard community by providing financial aid to thousands of people each year. In 2003, CGMA provided over 7,700 loans and grants totaling over \$6.2 million. Retired members received \$192,000 in assistance in 188 cases last year.*

Whether assisting junior enlisted members trying to make ends meet early on, or career members facing financial circumstances beyond their control, CGMA serves as a vital financial safety net, helping families and individuals get back on their feet and maintain financial health. At the same time, it minimizes the impact of financial crises on members’ ability to perform their duties and pursue a successful Coast Guard career.

To raise much-needed funds, CGMA conducts a fundraising campaign once a year. In March, campaign materials were mailed out to the retired community. Retirees are encouraged to respond with a generous contribution using the form and postage-paid return envelope included in the mail out.

Contributing to CGMA is a good way to invest back into the Coast Guard community and help ensure that the Coast Guard continues its strong tradition of looking after its own—a way to ensure that, whatever else changes, Coast Guard people can rely on a solid, reliable relief organization.

Contributions, including memorial contributions, bequests and other special contributions from individuals or estates, are welcome at any time throughout the year. Information and contribution forms are available on the CGMA Web site, [www.cgmahq.org](http://www.cgmahq.org). Mail contributions to Coast Guard Mutual Assistance, 4200 Wilson Blvd., Suite 610, Arlington, VA 22203. Make checks or money orders payable to CGMA.

CGMA is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and contributions to Coast Guard Mutual Assistance are tax deductible.

For more information about CGMA, visit their Web site or call CGMA Headquarters at (800) 881-2462.

***Your support of Coast Guard Mutual Assistance is greatly appreciated!***

***“We Look After Our Own”***





## Reunions and Notices



**Reminder from the Editor:** If you are searching for one individual vice a group of people, please complete your correspondence and insert in a sealed envelope, with the name of the person in the "to" area. Include your return address and affix appropriate postage on the envelope. Enclose within a larger envelope and mail to us with a note request forwarding. PSC (RAS) must have the retiree or annuitant's full name and Rank/Rate (for military) to identify properly. No nicknames please. PSC will complete the address and forward. Mail to:

Commanding Officer (RAS)  
USCG Personnel Service Center  
444 SE Quincy Street  
Topeka, Kansas 66683



**Coast Guard Air Reunion.** On May 17 and 18, 2004, at the Peppermill Hotel and Casino in Reno, NV. For the "round engine" people, this is the 45th anniversary for "Cosmic". ALL aviation and other associated parties are invited to attend, including jet engine folks. For information, contact Cdr Hugh Dayton (Ret), at (916) 486-1319 or [hugh237@cwnet.com](mailto:hugh237@cwnet.com).

The "U. S. Coast Guard National Association of Former Stewards and Stewardmate Inc." will be celebrating their 14th Reunion. Place: Imperial Palace Hotel, 3535 Las Vegas Blvd. South, Las Vegas, NV 89109. From: August 5th, 2004 thru August 8th, 2004. Please Contact BMCM Robert E. Hammond, USCG (Ret.), 97 Curtis Ave., Piscataway, NJ 08854, Tel: 732-752-2512.

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Indian River Lifesaving Station  
130 Coastal highway  
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

(302) 227-0478, Email [dspf@splus.net](mailto:dspf@splus.net). We also have a web site which is, [www.irlss.org](http://www.irlss.org)

### Regional Retiree Council for Savannah GA Area.

My name is Jason West. I am an intern at the Marine Safety Office in Savannah, Georgia. The MSO is wanting to encourage retirees and annuitants to establish a Regional Coast Guard Retiree Council in the Savannah area. My phone number is (912) 652-4353 ext. 218, and my email address is [jrwest@msosavannah.uscg.mil](mailto:jrwest@msosavannah.uscg.mil). We are in the initial stages of establishing the council and would love to hear from you.

**The Annual East/West Coast Reunion of the Electricians Mate (Telephone), Telephone Technician, and Information Technologies** ratings will be held in Red Cloud, NE during the weekend of June 25-28, 2004. This will be a combined reunion of all telephone people who are active duty, retired, or former members of these rates and their families throughout the United States. This is our first try to get everyone at one Reunion, and hope it will not be the last time. Anyone wanting information about the Reunion please contact Joe Shuck 402-746-2472, Bob Stephens at 360-457-0817, or Ray Snow at 540-729-1045. More information will be published as well. If you know of anyone wanting to get together with you or their old pole buddies, get on the telephone and give them a call. Plus we welcome any names, addresses and telephone numbers of any of the above rates so we can put them on our mailing lists. The East Coast bunch have had (14) Reunions and the West Coast have had (9) of them. We have enjoyed good turnouts (over a hundred) and lots of sea stories, plus good food and drink. Please pass the word and let's have a ball!

**The 19th Annual Reunion of the USCGC Campbell W-32 W-909 Association** will be held May 20-24, 2004 at the Sheraton Park Ridge Hotel, Valley Forge, 480 North Gulph Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406.

All hands who served on the **USCGC Campbell W-32** during the 46 years she served her country, as well as all current active duty and former crew members of the **USCGC Campbell WMEC-909** are welcomed and urged to attend. For details contact Gordon Bell, Vice President 75 Hillcrest Ave., Chalfont, PA 18914. 215-822-2426, [CaptBell@comcast.net](mailto:CaptBell@comcast.net) or Jim Kelly, Secretary-Treasurer, 40 Lisa Lane, Uncasville, CT 06382, (860) 848-1160, [kelly63@earthlink.net](mailto:kelly63@earthlink.net)

### USS CENTAURUS AKA-17

World War II Coast Guard Manned Attack Transport, 6 Battle Stars and 2 Kamikaze Splashes. Sheraton Westport, St. Louis, MO, Contact: Kent Price, 837 Orpington Ct., St. Louis, MO 63131 [kent\\_p@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kent_p@sbcglobal.net) 314-822-4637 or George E. McCabe, Jr., 116 Knotty Pine Trail, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082 [congem@bellsouth.net](mailto:congem@bellsouth.net) 904-280-3013



### U. S. COAST GUARD CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

“Once a **Chief, Always a Chief**”. We are looking for lost members and members not current in their annual dues. If your mailing address has changed or your USCG CPOA membership has lapsed and you are interested in reestablishing contact with the CPOA notify Master Chief Kevin Isherwood, National USCG CPOA Membership Chairman at (808)541-2083 or via email [kisherwood@D14.uscg.mil](mailto:kisherwood@D14.uscg.mil). Annual dues for the USCG CPOA are \$24. The monthly cost by allotment increased to \$2.00 some years ago. Please notify PSC (RAS) if your allotment requires adjustment. **“In Respect for those that have gone before us... as a Guide for those that Follow.”**

**USCGC Absecon / Chincoteague Reunion.** A 3rd Absecon / Chincoteague reunion is being planned by Harry Huggins, CWO4, USCG (ret) and me, John R. Peters, EMCM, USN/USCG (ret) for Oct 7 thru 9, 2004 in the Radisson Hotel, across from Scope in downtown Norfolk Virginia. If there is enough interest, we will reserve blocks of rooms in the Radisson Hotel for this Fall. We will try to keep our group on the same floors. Reunion Headquarters (October 7 thru 9) will be in the Radisson Hotel. There will be a \$15 per person registration fee. There will be tours available at additional cost. All Coast Guard and Navy personnel who have served on any of the US NAVY / COAST GUARD AVP's are invited to attend. Several have already indicated their interest. Please let me know as soon as possible if you plan to attend. Pass the word to any AVP shipmates you know. I will send you the Hotel Registration Information and the Reunion Registration Form. I can be contacted at; 905 Laconia Court, Virginia Beach, VA 23464, Phone 757-479-0000, e-mail, [JPeters33@cox.net](mailto:JPeters33@cox.net) Harry Huggins can be contacted at; 5411 Greenfield Dr., Portsmouth, VA. 23703, Phone 757-484-3700, E-mail, [Muzz4poppi@cs.com](mailto:Muzz4poppi@cs.com)

**The Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (APVA)** would like to hear from you if you were stationed at the new Cape Henry Lighthouse in Virginia Beach, Virginia during your tour in the Coast Guard. If you would like your name to be included in the history of lighthouse keepers at Cape Henry Lighthouse, email your information (name and dates) to [kwrowlan@olypen.com](mailto:kwrowlan@olypen.com), or mail to: Wayne C. Rowland, 324 Larson Lake Rd., Chimacum, WA 98325 who will forward to the APVA. Thanks!

**Technician**— Premier maritime simulation training facility located in South Florida seeks motivated Electronic Technician with background in board and component level repair, simulation systems, and PCs. Competitive salary with excellent benefits. EOE. Fax resume to 954-920-4268, ATTN: Technical Services Dept.

**"The Lewes Historical Society seeks W.P. Isaacs, a Coast Guard Veteran stationed at Lewes, Delaware in 1962.** Mr. Isaacs painted a mural of the Great Storm of 1962 that has become an icon of sorts in Lewes and we would like a chance to speak and/or meet him. Any information would be greatly appreciated, please contact:

E. Michael DiPaolo  
Executive Director,  
The Lewes Historical Society  
110 Shipcarpenter Street  
Lewes, Delaware 19958

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[www.historiclewes.org](http://www.historiclewes.org)

**The 8th Reunion and 60th Anniversary of the USCGC MACKINAW (WAGB-83)** Association will be held in Cheboygan MI August 12th through 14th 2004. For details write to USCGC MACKINAW Association, P.O. Box 69, Cheboygan, MI 49721 or E-Mail [GPSnider@hotmail.com](mailto:GPSnider@hotmail.com)

**USCGC HAMILTON (W-715) / WESTPAC (Vietnam) 1969-70 CREW MEMBERS.** I am searching for any of the crewmembers from this deployment for the possibility for a future reunion. Please contact Brent Cole at 443-783-1805 or [b.cole@comcast.net](mailto:b.cole@comcast.net), if you or anyone you know made this cruise. We have about twenty members so far. I have the crew list available and am acting as the contact coordinator. Email or call for more details. (RM3 Brent Cole then—OSC Retired now.)

### COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION

The United States Coast Guard has participated in every war, declared and undeclared, since 1790. Its combat veterans have contributed outstanding service and many paid the ultimate price for safeguarding the freedom of the nation. Our April 22-26, 2004 Convention & Reunion is fast approaching. If you haven't already done so, please register as quickly as possible to VP Ed Burke. Registration forms and additional information have been included in the last two issues of the Quarterdeck Log. We are in jeopardy of having to cancel the Convention if we don't have enough attendees. So, if you're planning to attend, register now! If you don't have the registration form, or if you have specific questions, call Ed Burke at 301-924-3727. For membership info also call or go to [www.coastguardcombatvets.com](http://www.coastguardcombatvets.com) Thanks!



# USCG Retirements



Name	Rank	Date of Retirement	Years of Service
ABENDSCHAN, BONNIE	PERS4	20040201	30
ADAMS, THOMAS	GMC	20040201	24
ADAMS, WILLIAM	DCC	20031201	27
ADDERLEY, GALVIN	FSC	20031201	23
AIGUIER, JOSEPH	YNC	20031225	36
AKELEY, ARTHUR	PERS4	20031201	24
AMES, ROWLAND	PS1	20020713	28
ANGERT, JAMES	CAPT	20040201	26
ARMSTRONG, SHARON	CAPT	20031201	31
BAKER, KENNETH	LT	20040108	39
BARAJAS, HECTOR	MK1	20031201	20
BARKER, MARK	BMC	20040101	22
BARNES, RUSSELL	ENG2	20031201	21
BAYUS, MARIAN	YNCM	20031201	31
BERG, PAUL	MST1	20031201	23
BETANCUR, HECTOR	MK1	20040116	36
BEYER, JON	CDR	20031101	17
BINGHAM, DENNIS	BMCS	20031201	26
BIRD, WALTER	ET2	20040101	25
BITLER, ROBERT	MK2	20031103	28
BLACK, PAMELA	YNCS	20031222	30
BLAINE, JAMES	EMC	20040116	38
BOEKHOLDER, JOHN	YN1	20031128	29
BOHNERT, ROGER	CDR	20040201	25
BONDS, ANDREA	SK1	20040127	14
BOURQUE, ERIC	FS3	20031130	05
BOWEN, JOEL	MK1	20040116	21
BRASWELL, HERSHAL	BM1	20040101	20
BRELAND, ANDREW	EMC	20040201	20
BRESSETTE, JAMES	AMT1	20040201	20
BRISCO, PAUL	ENG4	20031201	27
BROUGHTON, KRISTIN	SK2	20031201	20
BRUCKNER, JOHN	GMC	20031201	21
BRUNSWICK, CAYCE	SN	20031119	03
BUJANSZKI, STEPHEN	YNC	20031201	23
BULEJCIK, ALAN	EMCM	20040201	26
BURCH, RICHARD	BMC	20031201	23
BURK, JON	LT	20031201	29
BUTLER, RICHARD	YNC	20031201	26
CAFFERTY, THOMAS	LCDR	20031201	20
CAMPOS, VINCENT	LCDR	19990601	20
CARTER, CRAIG	BMCM	20040201	26
CAUDLE, CHARLES	MKC	20031201	23
CHANDLER, BRENT	MK1	20040127	15
CHICOINE, RICHARD	GM1	20031201	20
CHISM, JOHN	MKCM	20031117	37
CLEBERG, LARRY	ENG3	20031201	20
CODER, CORY	AMT3	20040119	08
COLLA, FRANK	YNC	20031106	32
CONNER, PAUL	BMCS	20040101	23
CONNOLLY, JOSEPH	BMCS	20031201	22
COOPER, SCOTT	BMC	20040101	26
COPELAND, HOWARD	CAPT	20040123	37
CORNETTA, RONALD	LT	20040117	41
CROCKER, GARY	SKCM	20040101	32
CUNNINGHAM, MERRILL	MKCS	20031201	21
DALTON, ARNEY	HS1	20040124	34
DANIELCZYK, STEVEN	CDR	20031201	20
DAVIS, JOHN	CAPT	20031215	37
DAVIS, MICHAEL	PERS3	20040201	30
DEBARROWS, GREGORY	MKC	20031201	23
DECK, THOMAS	ELC4	20031222	37
DELGAIZO, EUGENE	CDR	20031202	37
DEPALMA, DANIEL	SKCS	20031201	21
DIAZ, SERGIO	YN2	20031201	20

Name	Rank	Date of Retirement	Years of Service
DIDIER, MARK	HSC	20040201	20
DILLARD, JAMES	PA2	20031119	10
DIRENZO, JOSEPH	LCDR	20040101	20
DONHAM, HARRY	PERS3	20040201	25
DRUSO, DAVID	ENG4	20031201	30
DUENAS, DAVID	AMTC	20031201	30
DUPRAU, ROBERT	MKC	20031201	20
DYCK, ARTHUR	CAPT	20031211	37
EANES, MICHAEL	MKCM	20031201	24
EANES, MITCHELL	ENG4	20040201	24
EBB, VICKI	YN1	20040201	25
EBERLE, LAURENCE	ET1	20040101	20
ELSTON, DOUGLAS	CDR	20031230	37
ENGLISH, STEPHEN	MK2	20031101	20
EPPS, JOHN	BMC	20031201	20
ERDMAN, STANLEY	F&S2	20031201	23
EVANS, GREGORY	CDR	20040109	36
FAULKNER, RAYMOND	YN1	20031201	23
FEIGIN, DAVID	BM1	20031201	20
FEIGIN, DAVID	BM1	20031120	20
FERGUSON, JOSEPH	AVI3	20031201	30
FERGUSON, MARTY	BMC	20040101	21
FINIZIO, ANTHONY	CDR	20031109	38
FLANDERS, JOANNE	CDR	20040101	22
FLAVELL, CHRISTOPHER	BM1	20031201	20
FLEISCHMAN, JOHN	ELC4	20040201	24
FLEMING, JAMES	SK2	20031204	06
FORD, JOHN	ETC	20040201	20
FOSTER, ALAN	CDR	20031129	36
FRITH, ROBERT	SKCS	20031201	28
FULLER, SEAN	AVT2	20031001	20
GARBER, MICHAEL	YNC	20040201	20
GARCIA, JUAN	BMC	20040201	23
GILLIAM, GEORGE	LT	20040115	36
GILPIN, ERNEST	LT	20040101	24
GILSON, PETER	AMT1	20040101	20
GLENN, KEVIN	ELC3	20040201	24
GLOWACKI, MICHAEL	MK1	20031225	40
GOODHUE, DAVID	LT	20031130	38
GOWER, CHARLES	CAPT	20020421	35
GREEN, JAMES	BM1	20040101	24
GREEN, PATRICK	BMC	20031201	21
GREGORY, ROBERT	BMC	20040128	37
GROVES, JASON	MK1	20031119	08
HAGERMAN, KENNETH	MKCM	20040101	33
HAMBRICK, CLAY	PERS4	20040201	29
HANNA, WILLIAM	PSCM	20040130	37
HANRAHAN, FRANK	LCDR	20031129	38
HARDIN, LONNIE	FS1	20031201	20
HARPER, MARTIN	SKC	20040103	26
HARRINGTON, JOSEPH	BM2	20040104	37
HELMS, ROBERT	PSCS	20031129	29
HENNESSY, WAYNE	BOSN4	20040201	24
HERBERS, WILLIAM	CDR	20031129	37
HEULITT, ROBERT	FSC	20031201	20
HIGGINS, PATRICK	BOSN2	20040201	20
HILL, DEAN	HSCM	20040201	26
HILLMAN, STEVE	PSCS	20031112	39
HIKSON, CAREY	LT	20040201	22
HLUDZENSKI, EDWARD	CAPT	20031109	37
HOCKER, DAVID	YN1	20040201	20
HOGUE, LINDA	YNCS	20031226	31
HOLMES, JOHN	CAPT	20040101	27

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HOMAN, JOHN	LCDR	20031114	26	MYERS, LEWIS	BMCS	20031209	33
HOMAN, RICHARD	MKC	20031201	22	NESMITH, ROBERT	CDR	20031116	34
HORIGAN, DENNIS	EM1	20040129	36	NEWELL, PAUL	OSC	20031201	20
HOWELL, TERRY	AETC	20040201	20	NEWTON, JOHN	PSS4	20031201	33
HOWERTON, JOHN	OSC	20031201	20	NOTIGAN, MICHAEL	MKC	20031201	26
HUDSON, JESSE	AMT2	20040127	09	OCHOA, DOMINADOR	FS2	20031105	36
HULL, JANETTE	YN1	20031109	27	OLSEN, JOHN	BM1	20031201	20
IRVINE, CHRISTOPHER	MK1	20031119	16	OMARA, DENNIS	LT	20040201	21
IVERS, DAVID	LCDR	20031218	32	PARKER, GLEN	YNCS	20040101	22
JACKSON, ANTHONY	OS1	20040201	20	PARKER, LUTHER	SK2	20040201	20
JENSEN, MICHELE	SK3	19990704	04	PASIK, WILLIAM	F&S2	20031201	24
JETER, JAMES	MK2	20031201	20	PASS, FALANDIUS	ETC	20040201	21
JOHNSON, CHARLES	LT	20040201	24	PEEBLES, RYAN	BM2	20031201	20
JONES, DAVID	HS2	20031101	20	PELTON, GERALD	AMT2	20040101	12
KAHLER, CARL	BMCM	19980421	36	PENDLETON, BRIAN	OSCM	20031218	40
KANCLIER, JAMES	CDR	20040112	35	PEREZ, MARK	OSC	20031201	22
KAUFFMAN, SCOTT	MK2	20040101	20	PERINI, RICHARD	AMT1	20040119	23
KAUFFOLD, PATRICK	CDR	20040123	37	PFEIL, ARTHUR	FS1	20031201	20
KELLY, STEVEN	LT	20040201	25	PIAZZA, SIMONE	FS1	20031227	38
KELLY, STEVEN	LT	20031126	25	PIERCE, THAD	MKC	20040101	20
KERAN, DOUGLAS	LCDR	20031112	38	PITTS, RAYMOND	ENG3	20040201	24
KLIX, GREGORY	MKCS	20040201	27	PLANCK, NICHOLAS	AVT1	20031201	22
KLOOSTERMAN, BRIAN	BM1	20040201	20	POREMSKI, THADDEUS	EM1	20031217	39
KOLL, STEVEN	YNCS	20031201	22	POTCHEN, WILLIAM	DCC	20040201	20
LEFAVE, STEPHEN	LT	20040201	23	POWERS, IAN	MKC	20040101	20
LEISURE, FORREST	BM1	20040201	20	RAMIREZ, JESUS	YN1	20031201	21
LEMAY, ROGER	FS1	20031104	40	RANDALL, JOSEPH	DCC	20031201	24
LERMA, EDWARD	SKCM	20040101	28	RANDALL, RODNEY	BMC	20040201	26
LIVINGSTON, EDWARD	SKC	20040101	24	RAYMOND, STEPHEN	PS1	20040119	28
LONGORIA, MICHAEL	F&S3	20040201	25	REAMS, CINDY	FS1	20031201	20
LOVLIEN, ANDREW	AVI4	20040201	30	REYNOLDS, BRIAN	LCDR	20040119	38
LOWER, WILLIAM	HS1	20031123	39	RICHARDS, KENNETH	PS1	20031122	31
LOWRANCE, EDDIE	MK2	20031111	36	RIORDAN, MOLLY	CDR	20040201	20
LUCAS, JOSEPH	CDR	20031203	33	ROBERTSON, CLAUDE	IV2	20031212	29
LUEDEMAN, DONALD	DCCS	20040201	26	ROGERS, GILMAN	INF3	20031201	36
LUGO, MANUEL	MK1	20031228	21	RONNQUIST, PAUL	DC1	20031214	38
LYONS, TOD	PACS	20031201	20	ROOF, BERNARD	ENG3	20031201	28
LYVER, PAUL	BOSN4	20031201	29	RUGGLES, CLIFFORD	MK1	20031201	20
MANN, STEPHEN	BMC	20031201	25	SALICETI, KRISTINA	LCDR	20031201	11
MANNING, BRADFORD	PS1	20040112	30	SALUS, STEVEN	EMC	20031201	23
MAPLE, ROBBIE	DC1	20040119	10	SARTINI, JASON	SN	20001019	04
MARKS, DARRELL	BMC	20031201	23	SCHAFFRAN, KENNETH	MKC	20031201	20
MATHIS, STEPHEN	PERS4	20040101	30	SCHULZ, SAMUEL	BM1	20021215	35
MATTHEWS, STEVEN	LCDR	20031201	23	SCHWAB, TIMOTHY	BMCS	20031201	23
MAYBURY, ANTHONY	MK1	20031201	20	SEEBALD, EDWARD	CDR	20031201	20
MCALONEY, STEVEN	BMC	20031201	25	SHAVERS, FRANK	PS2	20031106	34
MCCONAGHY, TYRONE	OS2	20040127	04	SIDDLE, WILLIAM	BMC	20040201	20
MCCUNE, ALLAN	BM1	20040127	27	SLENNING, STANLEY	MK1	20040106	32
MCFADDEN, WILLIAM	BOSN4	20031114	35	SMITH, NORMAN	BMC	20031201	23
MCKENZIE, CARL	MKC	20031201	21	SMITH, STANLEY	CAPT	20031203	35
MCKOWN, WILLIAM	PSC	20031105	32	SOLTIS, JOHN	DCC	20031201	23
MCLEAN, BRIAN	MK1	20031201	20	STEELE, JEREMY	MST3	20031127	04
MCPHEE, CHARLES	EM1	20040201	20	STEWART, LOUISE	LCDR	20040201	20
MEDARIS, DOROTHY	SK1	20031210	30	STEWART, MORRIS	CDR	20031201	21
MERS, RONALD	CAPT	20040127	37	STIERLEY, KENNETH	OS1	20031201	20
MEYERS, WILLIAM	PS1	20031227	37	STILWAGEN, RICHARD	PS1	20030705	31
MITCHELL, DENNIS	LT	20040201	20	STOLL, ARTHUR	BMC	20040110	25
MOHR, JAMES	HSCM	20031216	37	STRAETEN, DAVID	CDR	20031202	38
MONK, DAVID	GMC	20040102	23	STREB, ARTHUR	MK1	20031117	36
MONTELIONE, GREGORY	EM1	20040127	22	STRUBELL, CHRISTOPHER	MKC	20031201	21
MOORE, JOHN	BOSN4	20040101	25	SVEC, WILLIAM	DC1	20040201	20
MORGAN, JAMES	CDR	20040123	38	SWOFFORD, PATRICIA	YNCS	20031201	23
MORRIS, ANTHONY	LT	20040201	20	TALANIAN, LINDA	LCDR	20031125	30
MORTEN, HARRISON	PERS3	20040201	27	TALMADGE, JEFFREY	PERS4	20031201	30
MORTON, KENNETH	EMC	20031201	20	TAYLOR, LARRY	OSC	20040101	20
MOTA, CARLOS	YN1	20031201	20	TELEHANY, THOMAS	BM1	20040201	20
MULLEN, STEPHEN	BM1	20040103	32	TENNIS, PETER	CDR	20031201	35
MULROONEY, PATRICK	MKC	20031201	21	THEOBALD, CLINTON	ITC	20031201	20
MULROONEY, PATRICK	MKC	20031105	21	THERIAULT, GUY	LCDR	20031201	20
MUMMA, ERIC	BMC	20040201	20	THOMAS, KEVIN	SKC	20031201	22
MURPHY, MATTHEW	EM1	20031204	18	THOMPSON, LINDA	YNC	20040114	30
MURPHY, MATTHEW	EM1	20020301	16	THOMSON, DOUGLAS	AETC	20040201	23
MURRAY, JOHN	PS1	20031108	24				



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TILL, WAYNE	CAPT	20031209	36
TORRES, JOSE	MK3	20040122	24
TUCKER, KATIE	CDR	20031217	30
TYVOG, WESLEY	MKCS	20040129	36
VANCE, KURT	AMT1	20031201	20
WAGNER, DUSTIN	MK1	20040121	16
WAGONER, GAIL	MK2	20040102	32
WAHLIG, JOSEPH	CDR	20040201	20
WALKER, CELESTINE	YNC	20031201	22
WALKER, THOMAS	LT	20020501	20
WALLNER, HENRY	ENG4	20031201	29
WARNER, ROBERT	GMC	20031201	22
WATKINS, MARK	YNCS	20040201	20
WATKINS, MARK	YNCS	20031201	19
WEEDON, WARREN	LT	20040201	24
WENDELL, STEPHEN	AET2	20031218	12
WETZLER, PATRICK	SN	20031108	06
WHITFORD, RICHARD	BM3	20040201	36
WHITTLESEY, SUSAN	HS2	20031229	27
WILLIAMS, FRANK	BMC	20040101	39
WILLIAMS, ZACHARY	MK2	20031117	05
WILLIAMSON, JOHN	MKCS	20031201	27
WOLFINGER, PETER	MST3	20031116	27
WOLFSON, CHARLES	BMCM	20031201	29
WOODRUFF, SUSAN	CDR	20040201	20
WRIGHT, EVAN	IVC	20040122	32
WYLIE, RUTH	SK1	20031215	28
YERKES, GERALD	EM1	20031114	36
ZELENAK, THOMAS	FS1	20031201	20

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## Retiree and Annuitant Paydays for CY 2004

April 1	June 1
May 3	August 2
July 1	October 1
September 1	December 1
November 1	

*Note: Retiree Payday is always the first day of the month except if on a Weekend or Holiday, then the first normal working day afterward.*

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DREVES, DONALD	CAPT	20040201	29
FIELDS, EVELYN	RADM	20031201	30

**Congratulations!!**



**Quotes:**

Somebody once said that in looking for people to hire, you look for three qualities: integrity, intelligence, and energy. And if they don't have the first, the other two will kill you. You think about it; it's true. If you hire somebody without the first, you really want them to be dumb and lazy. ~Warren Buffet

Are cats lazy? Well, more power to them if they are. Which one of us has not entertained the dream of doing just as he likes, when and how he likes, and as much as he likes? ~Fernand Mery

Be courteous to all, but intimate with few, and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence. True friendship is a plant of slow grow, and must undergo and withstand the shocks of adversity before it is entitled to the appellation.

~George Washington

## This Month in CG History

23 April 1790- Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton requested Congress to provide 10 boats for "securing the collection of the revenue."

30 April 1818- Congress authorized use of "land and naval forces of the United States to compel any foreign ship to depart United States in all cases in which, by the laws of nations or the treaties of the United States, they ought not to remain within the United States." This was the basis of neutrality enforcement.

30 April 1832- All commissions of naval officers in Revenue Cutter Service revoked. Vacancies filled by promotion for first time.

12 April 1843- Captain Alexander V. Fraser, Revenue Cutter Service, appointed Chief of newly- created Revenue Marine Bureau of Treasury (first "Commandant").

14 April 1861- Revenue cutter Harriet Lane fires first shot from a naval vessel in the Civil War across the bow of the merchant vessel Nashville when she attempted to enter Charleston Harbor.

20 April 1871- Secretary of Treasury authorized to employ crews of experienced surfmen at lifeboat stations at maximum rate of \$40 per month, marking end of volunteer system. Beginning of direct Federal control over life-saving activities.

14 April 1876- An Act of Congress (19 Stat. L., 132, 139) provided that any person "who shall willfully and unlawfully injure any pier, break-water, or other work of the United States for the improvement of rivers or harbors, on navigation in the United States, shall, on conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars."

12 April 1900 - An Act of Congress (31 Stat. L., 77, 80) extended the jurisdiction of the Lighthouse Service to the noncontiguous territory, of Puerto Rico and adjacent American waters.

16 April 1908- Congress authorized creation of office of Captain Commandant; engineer in chief; commanding officers of vessels to administer oaths of allegiance and other oaths for service requirements and generally in Alaska.

4 April 1912- President Taft recommended abolishing Revenue Cutter Service. As a result, the Coast Guard was created 28 January 1915.

14 April 1912- RMS Titanic sunk on maiden voyage from Southampton to New York by collision with iceberg off Newfoundland. There were 1517 lost including 103 women and 53 children out of total passenger and crew of 2207. Ice patrol started.

8 April 1913-USRC Seneca, a derelict destroyer, inaugurated the service's participation in the International Ice Patrol.

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ADAMS	REED	CDR	20031213	PLEASANTON	CA
ALBIN	NORMAN	SS1	20031212	TRAVERSE CITY	MI
ALLEN	JOHN	BMC	20031207	MARYSVILL	WA
ANDERSON	FRANK	YNC	20040115	NEW PORT RICHEY	FL
ARAUJO	RAFAEL	BM1	20031130	BAYAMON	PR
ARTIS	JAMES	PSC	20031127	PINELLAS PARK	FL
AUBREY	ROBERT	YNC	20031112	LACEY	WA
BAKER	DONALD	LCDR	20040126	ALBUQUERQUE	NM
BARBER	LONNIE	ENC	20031217	BRIDGETON	NJ
BAREFOOT	SAMUEL	AT1	20031125	FREDERICKSBRG	VA
BATES	GORDON	CDR	20031210	NORMAN	OK
BAZAJOU	ROLAND	LCDR	20031204	NORMANGEE	TX
BETHEA	MERRILL	MKC	20031129	KEYSTONE HGTS	FL
BEYER	JON	CDR	20031118	NEW BERN	NC
BOURQUE	ERIC	FS3	20031130	LANGLEY	WA
BOWEN	GERALD	ETCM	20031110	MELFA	VA
BOWERS	RICHARD	YNCS	20040113	CHEEKTOWAGA	NY
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BRADLEY	ARTHUR	BMC	20031031	KIRLAND	WA
BRASURE	CARROLL	MMCM	20031127	SALISBURY	MD
BROWN	ALVIN	CSC	20040114	PENSACOLA	FL
BROWN	HARVEY	MED2	20031219	CAMDEN	AR
BRYANT	WILLIE	AM1	20031204	ELIZABETH CITY	NC
BYRN	MICHAEL	MK1	20031213	CORPUS CHRIST	TX
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CARLSON	DENNIS	PSC	20031209	SAN ANTONIO	TX
CARNEY	ERNEST	BMC	20040130	BEAUFORT	SC
CARR	RICHARD	WEP4	20031121	FAIRVIEW	OR
CARSTEN	TERENCE	CDR	20040211	HAYMARKET	VA
CARVER	ALBERT	MACH4	20031206	ELBERTA	AL
CHILDS	WILLIAM	GMCS	20040104	OKEECHOBEE	FL
CLOUGHERTY	PAUL	YN2	20040117	LEOMINSTER	MA
COGBORN	JEFFERY	MED3	20031217	DEERBORN	MI
CONNOR	RICHARD	CDR	20031205	RALEIGH	NC
COTTLE	WILLIAM	RMC	20031126	GALVESTON	TX
DEAN	HOMER	BOSN2	20040112	DES MOINES	WA
DEJESSIE	LOUIS	LT	20040106	HASTINGS	MI
DORRIS	ALBERT	QMC	20031124	CLEVELAND	OH
DUNNO	ROBERT	MKC	20031216	SPRING BRANCH	TX
EATON	GEORGE	BMC	20031212	SUNNYVALE	CA
ELLISON	JAMES	ENG4	20031227	WILMINGTON	NC
ELROD	J	HMC	20031202	CENTRAL	SC
EVANS	RUSSELL	ELC4	20031117	WARRENTON	VA
FINCH	DONALD	SKCM	20040108	DETROIT	MI
FLYNN	JOHN	CWO4	20040108	N FORT MYERS	FL
FOLKERTS	MAX	MKC	20040119	TIMKEN	KS
FRANCIS	CHARLES	PHAR2	20031126	HEMET	CA
FUREY	JERRY	F&S3	20031202	KETCHIKAN	AK
GILBERT	JOHNNIE	MAT4	20040117	PENSACLOLA	FL



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GOWER	CHARLES	CAPT	20020421	TOPEKA	KS
GOWINS	ARTHUR	HMC	20040212	UHRICHSVILLE	OH
GRAHAM	OTTO	CAPT	20031217	SARASOTA	FL
GREEN	MARVIN	SN	20031214	TUSCALOOSA	AL
GROVES	GERALD	YN3	20031123	VANCOUVER	WA
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KIRSCHNER	RAYMOND	QMC	20031226	RIO GRANDE	NJ
KLEIN	ELMER	CDR	20040110	SANTA CLARA	CA
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SMITH	HORACE	BM1	20031129	STONE MOUNTAI	GA
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SOWINSKI	PHILLIP	AE1	20031203	ELIZABETH CIT	NC
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THOMAS	RICHARD	CDR	20031201	CULVER CITY	CA
TIPTON	HAROLD	AD1	20031231	PORTAGE	MI
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WORTHEN	CLARENCE	BT1	20040211	BLACKFOOT	ID

### **I am there**

Look for me when the tide is high  
 And the gulls are wheeling overhead  
 When the autumn wind sweeps the cloudy  
 sky  
 And one by one the leaves are shed  
 Look for me when the trees are bare  
 And the stars are bright in the frosty sky  
 When the morning mist hangs on the air  
 And shorter darker days pass by.  
 I am there, where the river flows  
 And salmon leap to a silver moon

Where the insects hum and the tall  
 grass grows  
 And sunlight warms the afternoon  
 I am there in the busy street  
 I take you hand in the city square  
 In the market place where the  
 people meet  
 In your quiet room – I am there  
 I am the love you cannot see  
 And all I ask is – look for me.

*Iris Hesselden*

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6 April 1917- War declared on Germany in World War I. Coast Guard becomes part of Navy with 15 cruising cutters, 200 commissioned officers, and 5000 warrant officers and enlisted men.

11 April 1917- With the outbreak of World War I, the President issued an executive order transferring 30 lighthouse tenders to the War Department. All were subsequently assigned to the Navy Department and 15 lighthouse tenders, four lightships, and 21 light stations to the Navy Department. One more tender was transferred on 31 January 1918 making a total of 50 vessels and 1,132 persons. The War Department used those assigned in laying submarine defense nets during and in removing these defenses after the war. Other duties performed by these vessels were placing practice targets, buoys to mark wrecks of torpedoed vessels and other marks for military purposes, as well as being employed on patrols and special duty assignments.

28 April 1918- USCGC Seneca saves 81 from torpedoed British steamer Cowslip 20 June 1918-An Act of Congress (40 Stat. L., 607, 608) changed the designation of Lighthouse Inspectors, who were in charge of the 19 lighthouse districts, to that of Superintendents of Lighthouses.

2 April 1924- First appropriation (\$13,000,000) for ten air stations and equipment authorized.

21 April 1924- Navy vessels authorized transferred to Coast Guard for law enforcement; temporary Coast Guard officers authorized.

1 April 1946- A tsunami swept away the light station at Scotch Cap, AK. The entire five-man crew was killed.

6 April 1949- A US Coast Guard H035-1 helicopter completed the longest unescorted helicopter ferry flight on record. The trip from Elizabeth City, NC to Port Angeles, WA via San Diego, a distance of 3,750 miles, took 10 1/2 days to complete and involved a total flight time of 57.6 hours.

25 April 1956- The U.S. Coast Guard issued new regulations for security screening of merchant seamen. Changes in the screening program were made for the purpose of conforming with a recent U. S. Court of Appeals ruling (Parker V. Lester) which, held that procedures used by the Coast Guard did not meet the minimum requirements of due process of law. The legal background for the Coast Guard security program stems from the Magnuson Act, which authorized the President to issue rules safeguarding vessels and waterfront facilities when he found security endangered by a subversive activity. The President made such a finding in 1950 by Executive Order No. 10173 and directed the Coast Guard to set up and conduct the program.

April 1, 1967, the Coast Guard ended its 177-year association in the Treasury Department to enter the newly created Department of Transportation.

12 April 1979- LT(jg) Beverly Kelly assumes command of the USCGC Cape Newagen, becoming the first woman to command a U.S. warship.

21 April 1980: Boats with Cuban migrants on board begin departing Mariel, Cuba. The first two boats arrive in Miami the same day, marking the largest Cuban migration to the U.S. to date. Cuban leader Fidel Castro then declared the port of Mariel "open", increasing the number of boats involved in the exodus and giving the exodus its name. This becomes the largest Coast Guard operation ever undertaken.

2 April 1983- The State Department forwards a request for assistance from the United Arab Emirates to help prepare for an oil spill cleanup in the Persian Gulf. Coast Guard pollution experts respond to the request.

*Source: CG Foundation*

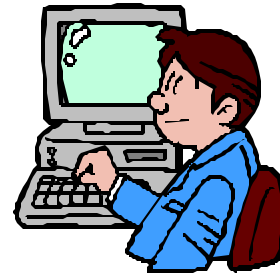


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