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Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty



SECRETARY RIDGE ANNOUNCES SIGNIFICANT STEPS IN ENHANCING MARITIME SECURITY



WILMINGTON, Delaware – Within one year of President Bush’s signing of the Maritime Transportation Security Act on November 25, 2002 U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge announced approval and publication of the final maritime industry security rules which are designed to significantly improve protection of America’s ports, waterways, and ships from a terrorist attack. “With 95 percent of our nation’s overseas cargo carried by ship, maritime security is critical to ensuring our Nation’s homeland and economic security,” Secretary Ridge said. “These final rules, which were developed with the cooperation and input of the maritime industry, strengthen and bring consistency to both our nationwide maritime security program and our ability to deter homeland security threats.”

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The Department of Homeland Security developed the final rules with a team from the Coast Guard, Transportation Security Administration, Customs and Border Protection and the Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration. These DHS and DOT teams held public meetings around the nation over the past year in New Orleans, Cleveland, Seattle, San Pedro, Jacksonville, New York City, St. Louis, and Washington, D.C., to ensure broad input from the maritime industry on port issues. During these sessions DHS solicited and considered acceptable alternatives from the private sector to meet specific security measures, which included the receipt and evaluation of over 2,000 comments and recommendations.

“These final rules put in practice innovative protective measures on a nationwide basis,” Ridge said. “We are using technology, such as the new Automatic Identification System, teamwork in designing and implementing security measures with the private sector, and a flexible response system that government, responders, and industry will all use to immediately increase security to meet emerging threats.”

The maritime security requirements published by the Coast Guard in a final rule on Oct. 22, 2003 replace temporary rules originally issued in July 2003. The final rules effect significant changes in security practices within all segments of the maritime industry, including cruise ships, container ships, and offshore oil platforms. The following chart summarizes significant measures and security enhancements that will now be required of the maritime industry resulting from the new final rules:

Security Measure Security Enhancement

Conduct security assessments

Identifies potential vulnerabilities and helps determine what security measures need to be implemented

Develop security plans

Allows flexibility to deal with unique security aspects as identified in the assessment.

Submit plan to Coast Guard for approval

Ensures consistency in U.S. maritime industry

Identify security officers

Creates a network of security personnel in maritime industry focusing on security issues. Also provides an additional set of informed “eyes and ears”

Increase security as threat rises

Allows more moderate measures under normal circumstances, while ensuring maritime industry is prepared to tighten security when necessary

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Install Automatic Identification Systems aboard large ships

Increases our ability to separate law-abiding from suspect vessels by allowing for comprehensive, virtually instantaneous vessel tracking and monitoring

The full text of the final rules can be found at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov>. An information line has been established to answer queries about the new final rules. The number is 1-800-842-8740. A fact sheet follows with details about the act, key measures, timeline, and expanded discussion of the new security enhancements.



First 110' Patrol Boat to Begin the Deepwater Modernization Process

A celebration and media event to commemorate the arrival of the USCGC MATAGORDA to Bollinger Shipyards LLC took place on Friday, February 7, 2003 in Lockport, Louisiana.

Hosted by Boysie Bollinger, CEO and Chairman of Bollinger Shipyards, the decommissioning ceremony marked a significant milestone in the Deepwater Program.

The USCGC MATAGORDA, a 110-foot Island Class Patrol Boat, is the first cutter to begin the Integrated Deepwater System modernization and life extension overhaul.

As the first Deepwater asset in production, the MATAGORDA will have her length extended 13 feet for an overall length of 123 feet; will receive extensive crew quarter improvements; state-of-the-art capabilities enhancements in communications, detection, and prosecution; as well as a stern boat launch ramp to accommodate the new 7-meter Short Range Prosecutor (SRP), among other improvements.

The USCGC MATAGORDA modernization is scheduled to take place over nine months. In the future, it is anticipated that the modernization will be completed in six months. With up to 5 cutters under construction at a time, a 123' cutter will be delivered to the fleet approximately every six weeks.

The Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, Admiral Thomas H. Collins, presented a speech to officiate the decommissioning of the USCGC MATAGORDA. Admiral Collins focused on the Coast Guard's transition to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and how the transition will impact the fleet in the coming years.

Admiral Collins stated, "To make the transition to our new department, and to make sure that we can maintain our operational excellence in not only homeland security but across our varied missions, we will need to make many changes along the way. These changes will add up to what I often refer to as nothing less than a transformation."

Admiral Collins is convinced that the Integrated Deepwater System (IDS) is essential to the Coast Guard's transformation. IDS will not only significantly improve mission performance but it will also improve

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maritime homeland security capabilities and achieve maritime domain awareness in our nation's ports, waterways, coastal environments, and offshore regions.

Upon the completion of Deepwater, cutters like the MATAGORDA will no longer operate as independent platforms with limited awareness in the maritime domain. Instead, these new assets will possess common systems and technologies, common operational concepts, and a common logistics base that will enable the Coast Guard to significantly improve its ability to detect and identify all activities in the maritime arena, a capability known as maritime domain awareness.

At the close of the speech, the Commandant honored the accomplishments of the MATAGORDA in the past two years:

"Coast Guard Cutter MATAGORDA has been very active during the past 17 years. During the past two years, MATAGORDA made 20 Law Enforcement patrols, conducted 194 boardings, resulting in the interdiction of over 234 migrants and over a ton of illegal narcotics. She also made 9 daring rescues, one of which involved 65 illegal migrants foundering in a sailboat being battered by 35 knot winds and 12 foot seas."

Officially announcing the decommissioning of the MATAGORDA, the Commandant stated, "Though decommissioned temporarily as the necessary work is done to refit her, the Cutter MATAGORDA will not be idle. She will be leading the way for the Coast Guard to enter this new era. In fact, she is the leading symbol of our service's transformation."



CLASSIC MATAGORDA (WHEC-373)



The *Matagorda* was stationed at Boston, MA, from 8 June 1949 to 1954. She was used for law enforcement, ocean station, and search and rescue operations in the Atlantic.

From 1954 to 15 October 1967, she was stationed at Honolulu, HI, and used for similar duties.

The Navy considered taking the *Matagorda* for target practice upon her decommissioning in 1967. The ship was eventually transferred to the Navy and expended as target 72 miles off Hawaii at 20°08'N, 158°30'W.



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

President Bush signed H.R. 1588, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004, on November 24, 2003. Section 641 of the Act approves the phase-in of full concurrent receipt of military retired pay and veterans disability compensation for certain military retirees. Member's veterans' disability compensation must have been rated at 50 percent or higher to be eligible. In general, this change authorizes "a member or former 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 sections 5304 and 5305 of Title 38, U.S. Code." The phase-in begins January 1, 2004 and ends on December 31, 2013. The staff at PSC is currently working on systems programming and procedures, while awaiting formal policy from Coast Guard Headquarters on implementation of this legislation. A more in-depth posting will be made on the PSC website as soon as specific policy is provided. We intend to have Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) as part of the posting. In the meantime, this information is provided, hopefully to answer many of your questions.

The term "current baseline offset" as used below means:

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.

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 plus the following:

- For a month for which the retiree receives VA compensation rated as 100%, \$750.
- For a month for which the retiree receives VA compensation rated as 90%, \$500.
- For a month for which the retiree receives VA compensation rated as 80%, \$350.
- For a month for which the retiree receives VA compensation rated as 70%, \$250.
- For a month for which the retiree receives VA compensation rated as 60%, \$125.
- For a month for which the retiree receives VA compensation rated as 50%, \$100.

The amounts will be recalculated and increased by 10% each succeeding calendar year, until full implementation on January 1, 2014.

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 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 retired pay, or the reverse, as the case may be.



NEW TRICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG POLICY FOR OVERSEAS RETIREES

Military Retirees living overseas, who are eligible to receive mail through the Military Postal Service, can now receive prescription drug shipments larger than 16 ounces. Contracted suppliers for the Tricare mail Order Pharmacy (TMOP) Program can now mail a 90 day supply of prescription drugs.

This Military Postal System exception to policy, which was implemented 21 May 03, is limited to prescription medication shipments and no other suppliers or programs are authorized under this exception policy.

Currently, Express-Scripts, Inc., is the only authorized TMOP contracted supplier. This company is under a five-year contract to the Department of Defense as the sole supplier for prescription drugs under this program. For additional information on the TMOP Program, go to www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/TMOP.cfm. You may also contact the Tricare Pharmacy Program at 1-877-363-6337 (1-877-DOD-MEDS) or MLCA Health Benefits Advisors (HBA) at 1-800-942-2422 (1-800-9-HBA-HBA).

Are Your Outpatient Medical Records Safe and Secure?

For the Department of Defense (DoD) Military Health System (MHS), major improvements are on the horizon to make the TRICARE benefit even better. One area the MHS will strive to improve this year is the availability of outpatient medical records at DoD military treatment facilities (MTFs).

"As part of our overall medical records quality improvement plan, on Oct. 1, 2003, the Military Health System implemented enhanced medical record safeguards similar to those used by civilian providers," said Adm. Richard Mayo, chief operating officer, TRICARE Management Activity.

As part of the enhanced safeguards, as a minimum, MTFs must maintain 95 percent availability for outpatient records at all times. They also must establish and implement training programs to educate staff members regarding their responsibilities for the custody and control of medical records. MTFs are also required to establish a medical record tracking and reporting system to deliver outpatient records to clinics for scheduled and walk-in appointments to deter hand-carrying of outpatient records by beneficiaries. MTFs also must establish procedures to ensure any loose paperwork contains the necessary beneficiary identification information to ensure filing of paperwork in a patient's outpatient record.

Medical record audits also must be conducted periodically at the MTF to identify: any outpatient record that is properly signed out to a provider or clinic for a set period of time; any outpatient record that is late being returned by a provider or clinic; any outpatient record that has not been officially signed out and is missing from the MTF.

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"As a result of the enhanced safeguards, beneficiaries may no longer hand-carry their outpatient medical records out of the MTF. After an appointment, the beneficiary's medical record will remain at the MTF where care is received. Upon request, a duplicate copy of the outpatient medical record can be provided to the beneficiary free of charge," Mayo said.

Some patients have hand-carried their outpatient medical records due to privacy concerns. DoD has patient privacy and confidentiality standards in place to limit the unauthorized access or disclosure of private health care information. Each MTF has a designated privacy officer to ensure that outpatient medical records remain available to patients, their primary care providers and any other health care provider they designate.

When properly maintained at the MTF, outpatient medical records have significant medical and legal value for patients and DoD. They can provide a chronological history of all care received and can be used by primary care managers to communicate with other providers regarding referred specialty care for individual patients. Medical records stored at DoD MTFs also may be used for making quality assurance evaluations and improvements as well as to justify payments for third-party payers.

If patients are hand-carrying their outpatient medical records, storing them in the trunk of their cars, or stashing them away at home, in desks or briefcases, they jeopardize the quality of care that DoD can provide. Where is the safest place to store outpatient medical records? There is no better place than the local MTF.

By maintaining medical records at the MTF, patients are guaranteed to receive the quality care they earned as TRICARE beneficiaries. If patients are hand-carrying their outpatient records, they are asked to return them to their local MTF during their next scheduled appointment or visit so that they can be available to their provider and properly maintained.

For additional information on outpatient medical records, and privacy standards in place to protect health care information, contact the local patient administration division, MTF privacy officer or outpatient medical records office at the local MTF.

VA Distributes 2004 Insurance Dividends



WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today announced its distribution of more than \$517 million in dividends to 1.5 million active policyholders of veterans' life insurance.

Over the next year, veterans will receive payments on the anniversary date of their policies, with the specific dividend amount varying according to age, type of insurance, and length of time the policy has been in force. Veterans will automatically receive their annual dividend through one of the nine payment options available to them.

Dividends cover only veterans with government life insurance policies who served between 1917 and 1956. Veterans who were discharged after 1956 are covered by VA term insurance programs that do not pay dividends.

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The dividends represent a return of trust fund earnings on the premiums paid by policyholders throughout the years. They reflect the fact that veterans are living longer than originally predicted. Dividends are also attributable to the higher than expected yields earned by the trust funds from investments in U.S. government securities.

Only those with policies that have been kept in force when premiums were required are eligible for the payout. Inaccurate notices periodically surface in the veterans community suggesting that those who have not maintained insurance are eligible for a special dividend if they contact VA, but this is false. Dividends are automatically sent to eligible policyholders.

The largest group receiving 2004 payments will be 1.2 million veterans of World War II with National Service Life Insurance ("V") policies. Total payments are expected to reach \$416.8 million.

Dividends totaling \$1.8 million will be paid to about 11,000 veterans holding U.S. Government Life Insurance ("K") policies. Nearly 200,000 Korean War era veterans who have maintained Veterans Special Life Insurance ("RS" and "W") policies can expect to receive dividends totaling \$83.9 million.

Veterans from the World War II era who hold Veterans Reopened Insurance ("J", "JR" and "JS") policies, currently numbering nearly 53,000, will share a \$14.7 million dividend.

Although VA administers a special life insurance program for disabled veterans and a program offering mortgage life insurance coverage, neither pays dividends.

For current active-duty service members and reservists, VA supervises a contract with a private carrier to underwrite Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance. No dividends are paid on Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance.

Veterans who have questions about their policy may call the VA Insurance toll-free number at 1-800-669-8477, may send an e-mail to VAinsurance@vba.va.gov, or may visit the web site at www.insurance.va.gov

New Year's Day--*Now is the accepted time to make your regular annual good resolutions. Next week you can begin paving the road with them as usual. Yesterday, everybody smoked his last*

cigar, took his last drink, and swore his last oath. Today, we are a pious and exemplary community. Thirty days from now, we shall have cast our reformation to the winds and gone to cutting our

ancient shortcomings considerably shorter than ever. We shall also reflect pleasantly upon how we did the same old thing last year about this time. However, go in, community. New Year's is a

harmless annual institution, of no particular use to anybody save as a scapegoat for promiscuous drunks, and friendly calls, and humbug resolutions, and we wish you to enjoy it with a looseness

suited to the greatness of the occasion.

- Mark Twain [Letter to Virginia City Territorial Enterprise, Jan. 1863](#)



Nautical Terms, Phrases & Trivia



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

Slush Fund

A small (usually illegal) fund raised on ships from the misappropriation and sale of grease, rope, rags, and odds-and-ends to other ships or local citizens ashore. This was used to pay for small, often shady expenses, like an extra rum ration. This originally comes from the cook's habit of skimming the grease off the meat as he boiled it (Cooks often had the nick-name of 'slushy' for this reason). He would sell the grease in small pots to the sailors to spread on their biscuits when the butter had turned rancid or was used up. Or, he would sell it to the ship's purser to make into candle wax. Sea cooks were usually disabled or elderly seamen with wages much lower than a prime sailor's...

Tonnage (Tunnage)

Today tonnage refers to a ship's displacement in the water or the gross pounds of cargo it is capable of carrying. In the days of sail this was not so. Tonnage was spelled "tunnage" and referred to the number of "tuns" a ship could carry. A "tun" was a barrel normally used for transporting wine and tunnage specified the number of barrels that would fit in the ship's hold.

Ornamental Sleeve Buttons

The decorative bone buttons that are today sewn on many suit jackets, sports coats and blazers began as an effort by Lord Nelson to keep young midshipmen and cabinboys from wiping their noses on their sleeves. In the days of sail, young boys, often as young as nine years old, would sign on sailing ships as cabinboys, usually becoming midshipmen as they got older. Many, particularly on their first voyages, would become homesick, tearfully tending to their duties in their fancy gentlemen's uniform. That uniform had no pockets for a handkerchief, so the young boys would, like all young boys, wipe their noses on their sleeves.

To break his cabinboys and midshipmen of this ungentlemanly habit, Lord Nelson had large brass buttons sewn on the sleeves of all midshipmen and cabinboy uniforms. The decorative value of the buttons were soon realized, and in short order, London tailors were adding decorative buttons to frocks, coats, and dinner jackets. Though the buttons have become less gaudy, the practice continues.

No Quarter

This is a term, indicative of a fight to the death, gathers its meaning from the reverse of "giving Quarter," an old custom by which officers, upon surrender, could save their lives by paying a ransom of "One Quarter of their pay."

Quartermaster

The Quarter-deck area was originally officers' country, and enlisted men were not allowed there unless called for. However, seasoned, trusted seamen were allowed up there as helmsmen. Because they had to know how to steer a given course, they also had to learn how to read a compass and then care for it as well. So too with the ship's chronometer, and then gradually the sextant, charts, and other navigating equipment.

Eventually, selected sailors became "masters" of the Quarter-deck area, particularly when it came to navigation.





What's New in Tax Law Changes for the 2003 Tax

Summary of changes for tax year 2003 returns:



The standard deduction is increased to:

Single	\$4,750	Married Filing Jointly	\$9,500
Head of House	\$7,000	Married-Separately	\$4,750

The Child Tax Credit is increased to \$1,000.

The Lifetime Learning Credit for educational expenses is increased to \$10,000.

Child and Dependent Care Credit:

The percentage has been increased from 30% to 35% while the qualifying expenses have increased to \$3,000 for one child and \$6,000 for more than one child (up from \$2,400 and \$4,800 respectively).

Tax Brackets:

A new 10% bracket applies to taxable incomes up to the following amounts:

- \$7,000 Single or Married-Separately
- \$10,000 Head of Household
- \$14,000 Married Filing Jointly

The 15% tax bracket will apply to taxable incomes between \$14,000 - \$56,800 for Married Filing Jointly.

Other tax brackets are lowered as follows:

the 27% bracket to 25%	the 30% bracket to 28%
the 35% bracket to 33%	the 38.6% bracket to 35%

Dividend & Capital Gain Changes:

The top federal tax rate for dividends received by an individual is reduced to 15% for dividends received from a qualified corporation after December 31, 2002. For those whose incomes fall in the 10% or 15% tax bracket, these dividends are taxed at only 5%.

The top federal tax rate for long-term capital gains mirror those rates that apply to dividend income but only to sales that occur after May 5, 2003; or on monies received on an installment sale after that date.

For more information go to www.irs.gov or call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040. Forms and Publications may be obtained at the website or by calling: 1-800-829-3676.

Catch-62

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Some military veterans who went on to civilian careers in government are getting a nasty surprise when they turn 62. Their pensions are being cut.

The Catch-62, as veterans call it, affects people who served in the military after 1956 and then were hired as civilian employees under the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) before Oct. 1, 1982, and who also are eligible for Social Security benefits.

Veterans under CSRS who want their military service to count toward their civilian retirement benefits must make a deposit to the Civil Service Retirement fund amounting to 7 percent of their military earnings. They have to hand over the money before they retire. Veterans hired under the Federal Employees Retirement System must make a deposit worth 3 percent of their military earnings. Veterans make interest-free deposits during the first three years of employment as civilians. After the first three years of employment are over, they must pay the deposits plus interest.

Those hired after Oct. 1, 1982 must make the deposit or receive no credit for their military service in their civilian pensions. But veterans hired before that date--and have enough earnings under Social Security to qualify for Social Security benefits--have a different choice with two options. Under the first option, they can make the required deposit and get full credit for their military service in their civilian pensions throughout retirement. Under the second option, they can waive the deposit in writing and get full credit for their military service until they reach age 62 and become eligible for Social Security benefits. Then the military portion of their retirement credit is taken away, and their pensions are cut.

Mary Ellen Wilson, a retirement specialist at the Office of Personnel Management, said most veterans understand the rule and pay the deposit, ensuring full credit throughout retirement. But many veterans told *Government Executive* they either weren't informed of the rule or got bad information from their personnel offices. When they turned 62, they were shocked to learn from OPM that their pensions were about to be reduced.

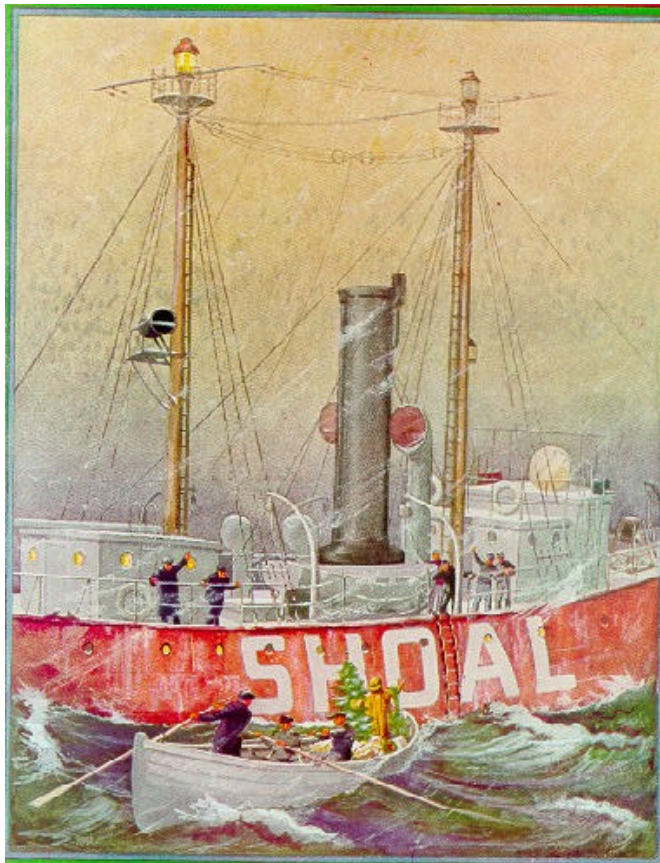
Tammy Flanagan, a retirement expert with the National Institute of Transition Planning, warned that many veterans may have "ticking time bombs" waiting to go off at their 62nd birthdays. One veteran who retired with 20 years of military service and 18 years of service under CSRS found his pension cut by \$1,000 a month when he turned 62. He said he didn't know about Catch-62. Another veteran said that when he sat down with a retirement counselor in 1997, the counselor didn't explain the deposit requirement for his five years of military service. In 2002 when he turned 62, his monthly pension benefit dropped \$565. "I must hold myself responsible for not being more informed about the laws governing my retirement, but why aren't the commands held responsible for training and counseling personnel about their retirement systems?" he asked.

Veterans who learn about Catch-62 can make the deposit before they leave the government, albeit with interest. If they learn about it afterward, they can appeal to the Office of Personnel Management. OPM can decide to let a veteran make a late deposit if an administrative error is evident. If OPM doesn't believe the veteran, he or she can appeal to the Merit Systems Protection Board, and ultimately to the courts.

Sometimes appeals work. Sometimes they don't. In one case before the board, a retired veteran whose personnel office had given him an obsolete form that didn't mention the Catch-62 rule won the right to submit his deposit and save his pension. In another case, a veteran whose retirement counselor told him the deposit would cost thousands of dollars, when actually it would have cost about \$300, won his appeal before the merit board. In other cases, it seemed that people who made a bad decision had second thoughts when they saw the effect on their pensions.

The retirement application form that OPM has used since 1993 clearly describes the Catch-62 rule, Wilson said. Posters hung in agencies' halls and instructions at retirement seminars describe the Catch-62 rule as well, she said.

"This is a problem that's going to go away in time because we won't have that many people working in government who first came on before 1982," Wilson said. "It's time-limited ... which doesn't alleviate the impact for someone who made a poor financial decision."



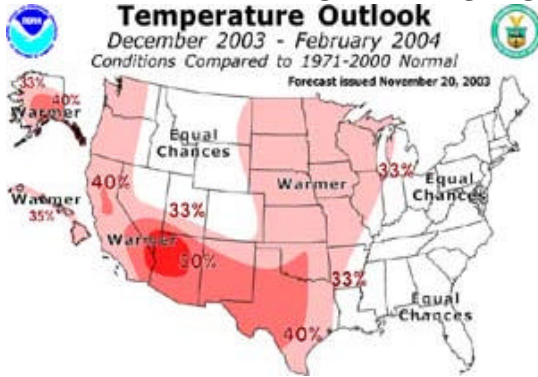
"Seagoing Santa Claus"

An image published on the cover of the December, 1940 issue of the *U.S. Coast Guard* magazine. Image was originally a Socony-Vacuum *Compass* illustration.

Source: CG Historian Web



NOAA ISSUES WINTER OUTLOOK UPDATE; WINTER WEATHER STILL PROMISING MUCH VARIABILITY

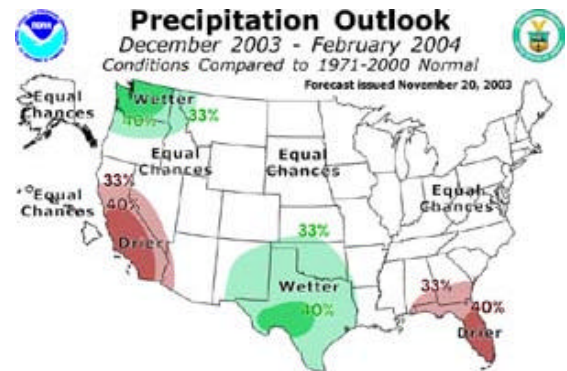


Nov. 20, 2003 — The [NOAA Climate Prediction Center](#) today released its update to the U.S. winter outlook, which says temperatures and precipitation may vary this season, especially in the East

For December, January and February, [NOAA](#) forecasters are calling for the likelihood of above-average precipitation over Texas, Oklahoma, Washington, northern Oregon and northern Idaho, while below-normal precipitation is likely over Florida, southern Georgia, and California. Meanwhile, above normal temperatures are now likely over the central U.S. from Texas

to Wisconsin, including almost all of the Great Plains. Above-normal temperatures are also expected for the southwest U.S., including all of New Mexico and Arizona; and West Coast states of California, Oregon, and Washington, and for Alaska and Hawaii. For other parts of the nation, the winter will have equal chance of above-, below- or near-normal temperatures and precipitation.

NOAA forecasters continue to expect the existing multi-year drought conditions in much of the interior West and parts of the Central Plains to continue for at least the next three months. Some improvement is likely, mostly in some areas in the north-central Plains and parts of the West. In many areas in the inter-mountain region, from Arizona to Montana and the western Great Plains, drought will likely persist and contribute to a lingering, long-term water shortage.



“Conditions in the central Pacific will not play a strong role in the winter weather patterns over the U.S.,” said Edward O’Lenic, meteorologist at the NOAA Climate Prediction Center. “While last winter’s jet stream patterns were relatively persistent, leading to cooler than average conditions in the eastern U.S., this winter we see more frequent jet stream swings, resulting in more variable weather patterns and regimes lasting from one to several weeks,” he added.

Today’s winter outlook update expands the area of warmer-than-normal expected conditions from the South and West to include all of the central U.S., but excludes the inter-mountain West and Rocky Mountain region. The wetter-than-normal area in the Northwest, and the slight increased risk of dryness in the southeast and California are also new. These changes are based on updated empirical and dynamical prediction tools NOAA forecasters utilize to make seasonal climate forecasts.

Over the last month and the first few weeks of November, the U.S. has been experiencing some dramatic weather events. However, according to the [NOAA Climatic Data Center in Asheville, N.C.](#), [October 2003](#) ranked as the 8th warmest and 30th driest October for the U.S. in 108 years. The Western region and central part of the U.S. were mostly dry, while the Northeastern and extreme Northwestern regions were mostly wet for October. The outlook for December through February implies a continuation of at least some of the elements that contributed to these observations. In particular, odds are better than average for abnormally wet conditions in the Northwest, while drier-than-average conditions are more likely than average in California and Florida.



Reunions and Notices



Reminder from the Editor: If you are searching for one individual vice a group of people please send us a self addressed and stamped envelope, and we will be glad to forward to the person you are trying to locate. Please include the person's Rate/Rank, first and last names, in the address section of the postage paid envelope. Mail to:

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



Thanks and have a safe and Happy
New Year!! ~Ron

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.

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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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. We are in the initial stages of establishing the council and would love to hear from you.

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 W-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 or Jim Kelly, Secretary-Treasurer, 40 Lisa Lane, Uncasville, CT 06382, (860) 848-1160, kelly63@earthlink.net



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 lets have a ball!





Military Memories Preserved



By Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample, USA
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19, 2003 --The letters, memoirs, audio interviews and photographs are "everything that you could imagine," said Ellen McCulloch-Lovell, director of the Veterans History Project [<http://www.loc.gov/folklife/vets/>], an effort begun by Congress two years ago to preserve the stories and memories of America's war veterans.

The letters, she said, speak of combat and what war was like. There are also stories of pranks and funny misfortunes that occurred while veterans were on leave. But most stories, she said, speak of the closeness and camaraderie within the military — "my buddies, my unit, and loyalty," she noted, adding, "Loyalty is a very big theme."

Another theme often written about is love and longing, she said, "you know, longing for the folks back home."

McCulloch-Lovell pointed out that the project is stepping up efforts to ensure the words of thousands of veterans are told to an even greater audience. She said this month the Veterans History Project began airing a series radio broadcast called "Coming Home." The series features the oral biographies of 18 war veterans who tell of their war experiences and life in the military.

It's being aired via Public Radio International, which develops and supplies of noncommercial audio content to affiliate stations throughout the country. McCulloch-Lovell said, "Nobody on the show is famous. It's all the individual stories of people who served."

The Veterans History Project has also expanded features on its Web site, to include more digitized letters, photos and individual stories. Site visitors can now "see and listen" to the stories of 23 veterans, she said. And there is no shortage of stories to tell. In the two years since the project began, McCulloch-Lovell said interest by veterans wanting to share their stories has increased immensely. For the past year, her staff of about 15 has been receiving as many as 200 submissions each week at the project's office, located inside the Library of Congress Folk Life Center [<http://www.loc.gov/folklife/>] in Washington. "I think the older veterans are not sitting back and waiting for someone to interview them," she said. "They're sitting down and writing these remarkable memoirs and personal stories and are sending them to us. We have a memoir that's 20 pages long. And we have another memoir that's 900 pages long."

Still, she said, even with the increased flow of mail arriving daily, the project staff tries to read each and every story. "We try to see and read everything that we can," she noted. "We can't quite keep up with it, but we really try to be familiar with the individual stories in the collection." The project director observed that the collection is missing letters and stories from soldiers currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. "Once they get back home, and get some rest, and their life has settled, I'm sure we'll hear from them," she said.

McCulloch-Lovell said the letters and memories she now works to preserve and share with the public are much like the ones of her father, who served five years in the Navy aboard the USS Hobby. She said she once spent an entire week helping her mother make photocopies of thousands of pages of letters her father mailed home during World War II. "We copied 1,822 pages of letters," she recalled.

Her mother had kept the letters for years, preserving them in protective plastic sleeves. "I knew she was archiving them," McCulloch-Lovell said. "It was a big project of hers after he died. It took awhile for me to find the time to spend a week with her, and I'm so glad that I did." She said her father often spoke of his military experiences and even though she knew about the letters, she never bothered to read them. "I was lucky, my father did tell me about his experiences," she said, "although I never read the letters until he died."

McCulloch-Lovell said that personal experience of helping her mother that week gave her a "strong feeling" for how important it is to save the personal stories of war time -- the "family treasures that tell about the person's experience in their own words."

On the importance of the Veterans History Project, she said that 100 years from now people will be able to look back and understand why veterans served. "A student, or family member or a historian, or journalist is going to be looking at this collection and understanding the experience of people who went through war and how it changed them and how it changed the country," she said. "Certainly our goals are to collect and to preserve the stories," she pointed out, "but I think we also have two very important goals -- that we honor the service and that we educate future generations about what it's like to serve."



USCG Retirements



Name	Rank	Date of Retirement	Years of Service
AGUILAR, ANDREW	PSC	20030923	26
AHLFIELD, JERRY	ITC	20030901	20
ALBANO, MAURA	CDR	20031001	20
ALVARADO, REYNALDO	PSC	20031101	36
AMABLE, RAPHAEL	BMC	20030914	34
AMSTUTZ, PETER	AMTCS	20031101	30
ANDERSON, DELWYN	LCDR	20030926	37
ANDRE, CHRISTOPHER	AMTC	20031001	20
ARMBRISTER, KENNETH	ETCS	20030901	21
ARMSTRONG, KEITH	AMT1	20031101	20
ARNOLD, DAVID	CAPT	20030901	37
ARNOLD, DENNIS	OS1	20031001	24
ATKINSON, RONALD	PS1	20031022	37
ATTEBERRY, RICHARD	EMC	20030901	20
AVINA, MARIA	COMM2	20031001	21
BACKHOLM, SCOTT	BMC	20031101	20
BAIZ, ROBERT	FSCS	20030901	20
BARBER, DAVID	AMT1	20030801	21
BARRETT, JOSEPH	BM1	20031001	20
BARRETT, PETER	DCC	20031101	21
BARRY, SUSAN	SK1	20031001	32
BARTLETT, JACK	EMCS	20031001	20
BEDARD, MICHAEL	CDR	20031101	20
BELFORD, MICHAEL	MK1	20030901	20
BENSON, MARK	SK1	20031101	20
BESELER, RICHARD	CAPT	20031101	26
BEYER, JOSEPH	CDR	20030817	36
BIELLI, ROBERT	F&S2	20031001	20
BOLAND, JOHN	DC1	20030901	36
BOLDUC, EUGENE	LCDR	20031001	20
BOTTUM, EDWARD	AMT1	20030901	24
BOUGHNER, MARK	YNCM	20031001	28
BOWEN, GEORGE	LCDR	20020701	23
BOWEN, ROBERT	LCDR	20031001	22
BOWMAN, FREDDY	BMCM	20030901	31
BOYCE, GEORGE	MK1	20031001	20
BREESE, LLOYD	HS1	20030917	27
BRENNAN, TIMOTHY	BM2	20030901	20
BRENNAN, TIMOTHY	BMC	20030901	20
BREWSTER, JAMES	LCDR	20031101	23
BRIGGS, JEFFREY	YN1	20031001	20
BRIGHT, ROBERT	CDR	20030902	38
BRINING, CLIFFORD	EMC	20030901	20
BROOKS, DONALD	PSC	20030617	24
BROWN, DANIEL	YN1	20030522	24
BROWN, DONALD	BMC	20030813	40
BRYANT, SHANE	ETC	20031001	29
BURGARD, JEFFREY	ENG3	20031101	26
BUTCHER, KENNETH	MKC	20030901	20
BUTTS, GARY	BMC	20031101	24
CAIN, TERRY	MKC	20030901	25
CALDAS, TIMOTHY	MKC	20030901	24
CALDWELL, RAYMOND	HS2	20031101	20
CANANT, RUSSELL	WEPS4	20031001	30
CARDOZA, MICHAEL	EM1	20031001	20
CAREY, HERBERT	AVT1	20030901	20
CARR, VERNON	MKC	20030901	20
CARY, TIMOTHY	ETCM	20031001	25
CASIANO, EUTIMIO	OS1	20031001	20
CHALMERS, NATHAN	ET2	20031025	06
CHANDLER, JAMES	ETCS	20030901	26
CHAPLAIN, MICHAEL	CAPT	20031001	29
CHERRY, STEPHEN	ETC	20030901	20
CHISHOLM, ROBERT	BMCS	20030824	28
CHRZAS, GUY	ENG4	20030901	25

Name	Rank	Date of Retirement	Years of Service
CINTRON, EFRAIN	ITC	20031001	20
CLAPP, DOUGLAS	CAPT	20031001	32
COFFEY, ROBERT	PS1	20031008	36
COHAN, DARVY	CAPT	20030922	38
COLE, CHARLES	OSC	20031001	22
COLEMAN, CHRISTOPHER	LT	20031001	25
COLEMAN, DONALD	MKC	20030901	22
COMBRA, CRAIG	BMC	20031001	26
CONNELL, JOSEPH	BOSN2	20030901	20
CONNORS, THOMAS	LCDR	20030828	25
COOK, DAVID	FS1	20031001	21
COONEY, THOMAS	AST1	20031001	20
COPE, RICHARD	HSC	20030828	34
COTE, ROBERT	MKC	20030815	28
CRAWFORD, DENISE	YNC	20031001	23
CROWDING, JOHN	ETC	20031001	22
CUMMINGS, GEORGE	CDR	20030901	21
CURCIO, JOSEPH	OS1	20030901	20
DALCHER, BRUCE	CDR	20031001	20
DANIELS, TIMOTHY	MKC	20030901	20
DANN, RICHARD	BMC	20030901	23
DANNOLFO, JEFFREY	OSC	20031101	20
DANO, ANDREW	AVT1	20031001	23
DAVIS, ALAN	ELC4	20030901	30
DAVIS, JOSEPH	PSC	20030903	36
DAWSON, LESLIE	ELC3	20030901	20
DELL, WILLIAM	DC1	20030901	21
DEMERS, LEE	MKC	20031001	26
DEPUTY, DAN	CAPT	20030901	29
DESROSIERS, THOMAS	MKC	20030901	26
DEVARIE, ROBERTO	LT	20031001	20
DEWEY, RICHARD	CDR	20031019	36
DEWITT, MICHAEL	DCC	20031101	20
DIAMA, KEITH	AMT1	20030901	22
DIAZ, JOHN	MKC	20031001	20
DICLEMENTE, MICHAEL	MKC	20031001	22
DOANE, CHRISTOPHER	CDR	20030901	20
DOLLOFF, DAVID	CDR	20031001	30
DONOVAN, JOHN	MSTCM	20030901	23
DONOVAN, THOMAS	EM2	20030905	37
DUGAN, MICHAEL	BMCS	20031001	29
DUQUETTE, WILROSE	CAPT	20030823	37
DUTTON, BART	SK1	20031001	20
DUVALL, WILLIAM	YNC	20030901	20
EARLY, DANIEL	MKC	20031001	21
EDWARDS, LESLIE	AMT1	20030901	20
ELDRIDGE, JAMES	MK1	20030809	23
ELLIOTT, MICHAEL	CDR	20031011	38
ELLIS, MATTHEW	SA	20030827	03
ELLIS, THEODORE	OSC	20030901	20
ENGLISH, DAVID	BMCM	20031001	30
EPPS, BELINDA	YNC	20030901	21
ERIXON, JAMES	AMT1	20030901	20
ESSEX, GLEN	BMC	20031001	21
EVANS, JAMES	BMCS	20031101	30
FINAN, MARK	DCCS	20031001	22
FISHER, STEPHEN	EMC	20030901	23
FISHER, WILLIAM	OS1	20031001	20
FITCH, ROB	AVTC	20031101	22
FITZGERALD, HARRY	YN1	20030901	22
FOGLE, JAMES	LCDR	20030901	20
FORD, GENE	PS1	20031007	20
FORD, JOSEPH	OS1	20030901	20

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FORTUNE, RICHARD	BM1	20031006	38	KAYLOR, ROBERT	CDR	20031001	29
FRANCIC, JOHN	LCDR	20031001	27	KEARNEY, MICHAEL	LCDR	20030908	36
FROST, DAVID	WEPS4	20030901	24	KELLER, JAY	MKC	20030901	20
GATES, STEPHANIE	ETC	20030901	21	KELLY, SEAN	LT	20030822	15
GEARY, FLINT	MK1	20030901	20	KERSKI, MARK	CAPT	20031001	25
GENTRY, JOHN	F&S4	20030901	30	KIDWELL, JAMES	CDR	20031001	20
GILL, THOMAS	ENG2	20030901	25	KIERNAN, IAN	LT	20031001	20
GILLIE, ANDREW	ENG4	20030901	28	KLASK, TERRY	ENG2	20031001	21
GINTER, CHESTER	MKC	20031001	20	KLEY, MARTIN	AMT1	20031001	20
GLASZ, PETER	PERS4	20030901	30	KLINE, SCOTT	SKC	20031101	20
GOCHNAUER, GERALD	FSC	20031101	22	KNAUB, JOHN	BMC	20031001	20
GOLDEN, LOUIS	ETC	20031001	20	KNIGHT, HUGH	SKCM	20031101	24
GOWARD, DANA	CAPT	20031001	29	KOENIGER, MICHAEL	EMCS	20031001	20
GOWDY, DONALD	MKC	20031024	36	KOSUDA, JOSEPH	MKC	20030901	20
GRANADO, RICHARD	BOSN4	20031001	31	KUCHTA, MATTHEW	BMC	20030901	20
GREEN, PATRICK	BMC	20030901	20	KUCINSKI, JOSEPH	MKC	20030930	18
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GRIFFIN, JAMES	PS1	20030824	33	KUTZ, ROBIN	CAPT	20030901	26
GRUBER, JEFFREY	BMCM	20030901	28	LANE, DANIEL	BM1	20031101	20
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GUIDO, WILLIAM	PSCM	20030927	36	LANIER, LARRY	BOSN2	20030901	20
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GUZMAN, ROBERTO	SK2	20031009	29	LARGESS, GEORGE	YN2	20030916	33
GUARDIAK, ALFRED	LCDR	20031023	35	LARSON, MARK	YNC	20031001	24
HAGAN, PATRICK	CDR	20031020	37	LATHAM, DEANNA	FSC	20031101	20
HAMILTON, STEPHEN	BMCM	20031001	28	LAUBACH, EARL	AMT1	20030901	20
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HARRINGTON, MICHAEL	ET1	20031001	21	LEAHY, WILLIAM	BMC	20030901	28
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HATCHER, KEVIN	AVT1	20030829	21	LEE, TERESA	OSC	20031101	20
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HEBENTHAL, ALEXANDER	ITC	20030901	22	LEWIS, VERNON	SKC	20031101	24
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HENRY, MICHAEL	MAT3	20030901	25	LONGO, KENNETH	F&S3	20031101	23
HETZLER, DOUGLAS	F&S2	20030901	20	LOOMIS, SUZANNE	LT	20030901	21
HEWITT, ALAN	FSCS	20030901	20	LORENZ, THOMAS	LT	20030905	38
HILDER, FRAZER	CDR	20031101	35	LOVELACE, WAYNE	YN2	20030901	20
HILL, JASON	AVT2	20030705	07	LOYD, STEVEN	F&S4	20031001	30
HIRATA, GARTH	LT	20030826	12	LUCAS, MICHAEL	MK1	20030901	21
HOCKEMA, MATTHEW	MKC	20030901	20	LUCKENBAUGH, DAVID	AMT1	20031101	20
HOLLINGSWORTH, CHARLES	LT	20030922	40	LYONS, ROBERT	EMC	20031101	22
HOLM, RUDY	CDR	20030901	25	MACDOUGALL, WILLIAM	YNC	20030901	20
HOLT, DENNIS	MKC	20030901	21	MACGREGOR, KENNETH	AVT1	20031001	21
HORTTOR, TIMOTHY	ETC	20031101	23	MACKELL, THOMAS	CAPT	20030901	29
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HUGHES, DAVID	AMT1	20031001	20	MADDOCK, JOHN	ETCM	20030830	35
HUGHES, JAMES	FS1	20030901	25	MADSON, GREGORY	BMC	20031001	20
HUGHMANICK, MICHAEL	LTJG	20030823	36	MAGNUSSEN, JOEL	CDR	20030901	15
HULLETTE, JOHN	BMC	20030901	24	MAJOR, PETER	CAPT	20030819	24
HUMPHREY, MIGNETTE	YN1	20030901	23	MALCHOFF, JACK	OSCS	20031030	39
HUMPHREYS, PAUL	LCDR	20030601	20	MALONEY, JOHN	LCDR	20031101	24
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JAGER, THOMAS	ELC2	20031001	22	MARKHAM, WAYNE	PS1	20030925	33
JAMERSON, TONY	YNC	20030901	22	MARSH, PETER	CDR	20031001	21
JAMES, WALTER	PSC	20030603	34	MARTIN, JOHN	ETCM	20030724	39
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JOHANSEN, JOEY	YNC	20030901	20	MAXWELL, CARLOS	F&S2	20031001	28
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JOHNSON, ARLON	AVTC	20030901	24	MCCAGHY, VINCENT	SK1	20031101	22
JOHNSON, CARLOS	OSC	20030901	20	MCCANN, JAMES	MKC	20031101	22
JOHNSON, JOHN	AMT1	20031001	20	MCCOY, JAMES	GMC	20030901	22
JOHNSON, LARRY	PSC	20031009	35	MCCURRY, RICHARD	BM1	20030901	20
JOHNSON, MARK	CAPT	20030916	37	MCDONALD, JOHN	PSC	20030930	35
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KAHLER, DENISE	OSCM	20031101	20	MCMAHON, DONALD	AVI4	20030901	28
KASZUBA, MICHAEL	LT	20030901	22				

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MERRY, THOMAS	MKC	20030901	23	ROBERTS, JEFFREY	BMCS	20030901	22
MIKLAVIC, ERNEST	LCDR	20030803	38	ROBERTSON, WILLIAM	MSTC	20030920	31
MILLER, JOHN	LT	20030901	22	RODRIGUEZ, JULIAN	YNC	20031101	30
MILLER, RUSSELL	PSC	20030921	31	RODRIGUEZ, ORLANDO	YN1	20030901	21
MINISH, JAMES	ELC2	20031101	20	RORKE, BRYAN	LT	20030901	20
MITCHELL, HAROLD	YN2	20030902	35	ROSS, BRUCE	CAPT	20031101	24
MITCHELL, HARRISON	SK1	20030902	35	RUSHING, SHANNON	BM2	20030904	05
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MOORE, KENNETH	CDR	20031101	20	SALMON, THEODORE	LCDR	20031001	20
MORAN, JAMES	LT	20031101	20	SATTERFIELD, CHARLES	DCC	20030910	40
MORIARTY, THOMAS	LCDR	20030901	20	SAUNBY, JAMES	AMT1	20031001	20
MORTON, TIMOTHY	SKC	20030901	20	SAUSELEIN, ROBERT	MK1	20031001	20
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MULLINS, RALPH	ETC	20030901	20	SCHEER, FREDRICK	CAPT	20031021	38
MURDOCH, TIMOTHY	BMC	20031001	20	SCHMIDT, DALE	YN1	20030901	20
MURPHY, CHRISTOPHER	SK1	20030901	20	SCHMITT, KOLLEEN	COMM2	20030901	20
MURRELL, ROBERT	LCDR	20030819	39	SCHROEDER, WESLEY	AMT1	20031001	20
MUSQUIZ, JOHN	OSC	20031001	20	SCHUMACHER, KEVIN	CAPT	20031101	26
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NAGLE, ANTHONY	GMC	20031001	20	SEARCHFIELD, TIMOTHY	LT	20030901	22
NEPERT, JACK	ETCS	20030901	20	SEASE, JOHN	FSC	20030913	34
NICOLAUS, ERIC	CAPT	20031101	25	SEEBALD, RAYMOND	CAPT	20030901	26
NIERODE, MARK	BOSN4	20031001	26	SEIGLER, DEWEY	BMC	20030901	20
NIPKO, TIMOTHY	SKC	20031001	20	SELVY, DARREN	BM1	20031001	24
NOBLE, DANIEL	FS1	20030822	21	SHAFER, MICHAEL	MKC	20031001	22
NOVAK, LADDIE	COMM2	20031101	20	SHAW, WILLIAM	AMT1	20030901	20
OCONNOR, HILLARY	OSC	20031101	20	SHERRY, STEVEN	MK1	20030901	20
ODONNELL, ROBIN	BMC	20031101	20	SIMS, JAMES	SKC	20031001	25
ODOWD, JOHN	GMC	20031101	20	SINCLAIR, RICHARD	AVI4	20031001	30
ONEILL, MICHAEL	DC1	20030918	36	SINGLEY, RICHARD	LT	20031001	20
OVALL, JEFFERY	PERS4	20031001	26	SIROIS, DENNIS	SKC	20030901	20
OWEN, GERALD	YN1	20030913	29	SKRZYNIECKI, KENNETH	PSC	20010422	41
PAEZ, RALPH	EM1	20030822	22	SMELSER, JOHN	PERS4	20031023	41
PALMER, BUD	ENG2	20031001	20	SMITH, MICHAEL	LT	20031001	22
PARENT, WAYNE	CAPT	20030901	25	SOBY, DAVID	HSC	20030901	20
PARKER, KENNETH	EMC	20031101	20	SPICER, GEORGE	IVC	20030817	31
PARSONS, DON	FS1	20031101	20	SQUIRINI, ALFRED	BMC	20031001	20
PARSONS, RICHARD	CDR	20030924	36	STALANS, JACK	ENG2	20030901	20
PARTRIDGE, PAUL	PERS3	20031020	22	STANCHI, RICHARD	CDR	20031001	22
PEACOCK, JOHN	BMC	20030911	33	STEDMAN, HELEN	BM1	20031001	20
PEOPLES, ROGER	CAPT	20031001	31	STEELE, JAMES	ENG4	20031001	27
PEREZVERGARA, ALBERTO	CDR	20031001	22	STEFANIK, RAMONA	AMT1	20030901	20
PERKINS, DANIEL	ETC	20030901	20	STEFONOWICZ, JOHN	YN1	20030912	34
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PETERS, DEBORAH	HSC	20031101	20	STEVENS, JOHN	MKC	20031101	20
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PLOURDE, KRISTY	CDR	20030901	20	STIEB, JEFFREY	CAPT	20030901	24
POUND, CHARLES	MK1	20030827	37	STOBIE, JEFFREY	ETCS	20030901	22
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SUBJ: DEATH OF CAPT OTTO EVERETT GRAHAM JR

1. THE COMMANDANT ANNOUNCES WITH REGRET THE DEATH OF CAPT OTTO EVERETT GRAHAM JR, USCGR, RETIRED, ON 17 DEC 2003, AT THE AGE OF 82 IN SARASOTA, FLORIDA.

2. A COLLEGE BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL PLAYER AT NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, OTTO GRAHAM ENROLLED IN THE NAVYS V-5 PROGRAM DURING WORLD WAR II. AFTER COMPLETING THE PROGRAM HE WAS COMMISSIONED AND RECEIVED HIS WINGS AS A NAVAL AVIATOR AND SERVED FOR TWO YEARS. HE BEGAN HIS PROFESSIONAL ATHLETIC CAREER IN 1946 WHEN HE WAS DRAFTED BY THE NEWLY FORMED CLEVELAND BROWNS AS THEIR QUARTERBACK AND BECAME KNOWN AS AUTOMATIC OTTO BECAUSE HE NEVER MISSED A GAME - NOR DID HIS TEAM MISS A CHAMPIONSHIP GAME - IN 10 YEARS. IN 1946 HE ALSO PLAYED BASKETBALL FOR THE NBA ROCHESTER ROYALS. CAPT GRAHAM RETIRED FROM BASKETBALL THAT YEAR BUT CONTINUED WITH THE BROWNS UNTIL 1955.

3. IN 1959 OTTO GRAHAM WAS COMMISSIONED A COMMANDER IN THE COAST GUARD RESERVE AND BECAME THE HEAD FOOTBALL COACH AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AT THE COAST GUARD ACADEMY, POSITIONS HE HELD FOR SEVEN YEARS. IN 1963 HE PRODUCED THE FIRST UNDEFEATED, UNTIED TEAM IN THE ACADEMY'S HISTORY. IN 1966 HE BECAME COACH AND GENERAL MANAGER OF THE WASHINGTON REDSKINS, AND WAS PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN IN THE COAST GUARD RESERVE. HE RETURNED TO THE COAST GUARD AS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR IN 1970 AND RETIRED IN 1985. CAPT GRAHAM WAS INDUCTED INTO THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE HALL OF FAME IN 1965, HIS FIRST YEAR OF ELIGIBILITY, AND IS CONSISTENTLY RANKED AS ONE OF THE TOP PASSERS OF ALL TIME. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 57 YEARS, BEVERLY, THREE CHILDREN, DUEY, SANDY AND DAVE, TWO FOSTER DAUGHTERS, 16 GRANDCHILDREN, AND FOUR GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.

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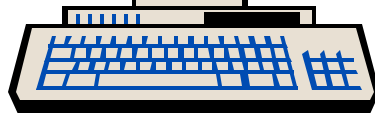
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