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## COAST GUARD CUTTER NABS \$43 MILLION IN COCAINE, RETURNS HOME



COAST GUARD ISLAND, ALAMEDA, Calif., Nov 19 - The Honolulu-based Coast Guard Cutter *Rush* is scheduled to return home Monday, after a 67-day deployment in support of counter-narcotic operations in the Eastern Pacific, during which 4,835 pounds of cocaine was seized.

The *Rush* participated in Operation New Frontier, the Coast Guard's newest tactical approach to narcotic-trafficking operations in the Eastern Pacific as well as the Caribbean. *Rush* deployed with a HITRON (Helicopter Interdiction Tactical Squadron) MH-68 helicopter based in Jacksonville, Fla.

*Rush* received a report on the morning of Oct. 31 that the fishing vessel *Aventurero* was refueling a "go-fast" vessel suspected of drug trafficking, approximately 270 nautical miles north of the Galapagos Islands.

*Rush* launched its MH-68 helicopter to investigate and acquired the go-fast departing the vicinity of the *Aventurero* at a high rate of speed. The helicopter made multiple attempts to hail the vessel. When the go-fast refused to stop, warning shots were fired across the bow of the go-fast from the helicopter. After multiple warning shots and a single disabling shot into the engine compartment, the crew of the go-fast stopped their vessel.

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A boarding team from the *Rush* boarded the vessel to determine its nationality and ensure compliance with international laws. No one on board the go-fast claimed to be the master, but the individuals claimed the go-fast was from Colombia. The Colombian Government could not confirm nor refute nationality of the go-fast. The vessel was assimilated to be without nationality status, making it subject to U.S. Coast Guard law enforcement authority. Upon completion of the investigation, *Rush* seized 91 bales of pure cocaine with an estimated weight of 2.4 tons and a street value of \$43 million.

Earlier this year, *Rush* conducted similar operations in the Eastern Pacific and is credited with the interdiction of the fishing vessel Luis Angel. Together with its recent seizure, *Rush* is credited with interdicting close to 12,500 pounds of cocaine in 2004, adding to a record setting year for the Coast Guard in drug seizures.

*Rush* is one of two 378-foot High Endurance Cutters based in Honolulu. The primary mission of the *Rush* is to enforce laws and treaties and conduct search and rescue throughout the Pacific. *Rush* has a compliment of 20 officers and 168 crewmembers and is commanded by Capt. Dana E. Ware.

Source: Coast Guard Press Release 19 Nov 04



As military retiree ID card holders, you and your dependents are eligible for nonpay compensation benefits provided through the Coast Guard Morale, Well-Being, and Recreation (MWR) program and the Coast Guard Exchange System (CGES). By "nonpay", we mean that you won't see any increases in your monthly retired pay deposit, yet by taking advantage of the goods, services, and programs offered through CGES and MWR, you can make your retired pay stretch that much further!

The Coast Guard Exchange System's goal is to provide quality merchandise at reasonable prices with a return of its profits to our MWR programs. CGES does this from over 80 retail stores and online shopping. And remember, CGES also offers tax free shopping! Do you want to locate the CGES store closest to you or would you like to shop CGES from the convenience of your home? Visit [www.cg-exchange.com](http://www.cg-exchange.com) and let the Coast Guard Exchange System take care of your retail needs!

The Coast Guard MWR program provides a wide array of programs and activities established to meet the mission readiness and retention needs of our military members. Facilities and programs range from fitness centers, gymnasiums, and picnic areas, to movie theaters, travel services, bowling centers, and food and beverage operations. The facilities available and services offered will vary at each Coast Guard installation. To find out what is available through your MWR program, visit [www.uscg.mil/mwr](http://www.uscg.mil/mwr).

Coast Guard MWR programs and the Exchange System....These nonpay compensation programs are available to you for your service to our country. Take advantage of them and stretch your retired pay!

Source: COMDT (G-WPX) release

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## PRESIDENT BUSH SIGNS FY 2005 DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

On October 28, 2004, President Bush signed the FY 2005 Defense Authorization Act (P.L. 108-287). Included in the law are the following adjustments in retired/retainer pay and survivor annuities and premiums. The following Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLAs) are effective December 1, 2004. The term "retired pay" includes retainer pay and the term "members" includes former members.

### COLAs for Retired Pay

1. The retired pay COLA for those who first became a member of a Uniformed Service before September 8, 1980, is specified according to the effective date of the active duty basic pay rate used to compute their retired pay as follows:

<u>Retired Pay Based on Rates of Pay Effective</u>	<u>Percent Increase</u>	<u>10 U.S.C. Authority</u>
Before January 1, 2004	<b>2.7 percent</b>	1401a(b)(2)
January 1, 2004	<b>2.7 percent</b>	1401a(c)

2. The retired pay COLA for those who first became a member of a Uniformed Service on or after September 8, 1980, is specified according to the effective date of their retirement as follows:

<u>Retirement Effective:</u>	<u>Percent Increase</u>	<u>10 U.S.C. Authority</u>
Before January 1, 2004	<b>2.7 percent</b>	1401a(b)(2)
January 1 - March 31, 2004	<b>2.7 percent</b>	1401a(d)
April 1 - June 30, 2004	<b>1.8 percent</b>	1401a(d)
July 1 - September 30, 2004	<b>0.3 percent</b>	1401a(d)
October 1 - December 31, 2004	<b>0.0 percent</b>	1401a(d)

### COLAs for Survivor Annuities

3. Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan annuities payable on November 30, 2004, under the provisions of subchapter I, chapter 73, title 10, United States Code, to the spouse or child of a member who died on or before March 20, 1974: **2.7 percent** (ref: 10 U.S.C. 1434 (e)).

4. Annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) and Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RCSBP) under the provisions of subchapter II of chapter 73, title 10, United States Code; Supplemental SBP annuities under the provisions of subchapter III of chapter 73, title 10, United States Code; and benefits payable under the provisions of section 5 of Public Law 96-402, will be increased by the same percentage specified in paragraphs 1 or 2 above by which the retired pay of the person providing the annuity would have been increased at such time if the person were alive and otherwise entitled to such pay. (ref: 10 U.S.C. 1451(g) and 10 U.S.C. 1457(d)(1)).

5. COLAs for supplemental annuities paid to certain low income widows of members who were deceased before November 1, 1953: **2.7 percent** (ref: section 653(c), Public Law 100-456).

6. Annuities for Certain Military Surviving Spouses (ACMSS) payable monthly under the provisions of section 644, Public Law 105-85, November 18-1997, are increased **2.7 percent** from \$192.32 to \$197.51 effective December 1, 2004, (ref: P. L. 105-85, sec 644).

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### Adjustments in Social Security Factors

7. The so-called social security offset (reduction) in SBP and RC-SBP annuities under the provisions of section 1451(e)(4) of title 10 U.S.C. is based upon figures published by the Social Security Administration (SSA). This year's changes are published in the Federal Register, October 26, 2004 (Volume 69, Number 206), pages 62497-62502. The following changes affect the annuity computations of the SBP/RC-SBP social security offset for those individuals with an eligibility year of 2005 and later:
- a. Average of total wages for 2003 is \$34,064.95.
  - b. The maximum taxable wages pertaining to Old Age Survivor and Disability Insurance (OASDI) benefits is increased from \$ 87,900 in 2004 to \$90,000 in 2005. There is no maximum taxable wage base for the Hospital Insurance (HI) portion (1.45 percent) of social security taxes. Earnings in 2005 above \$90,000 will not be used to determine survivor benefits.
  - c. The Primary Insurance Amount (PIA) for benefit eligibility in 2005 is computed on the basis of the Average Indexed Monthly Earnings (AIME) as follows:
    - 90 percent of the first \$627 of the AIME, plus
    - 32 percent of the AIME over \$627 and through \$3,779 plus
    - 15 percent of the AIME over \$3,779.

### Additional Provisions of Public Law 108-287

Included in the law are the following provisions: 1) Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) - a phase-out of the Social Security Offset over a 3 1/2 year period. 2) Full Concurrent Receipt for retirees with a 100 percent rating.

**Survivor Benefit Plan**—the Act provides for a phase-out of the age 62 SBP reduction beginning in October 1, 2005 with survivors receiving 40 percent of the member's elected base amount, 45 percent effective April 1, 2006, 50 percent effective April 1, 2007 and 55 percent effective April 1, 2008.

**Full Concurrent Receipt**—disabled retirees rated at 100 percent will be able to receive their full retirement pay plus their disability pay concurrently effective January 1, 2005. This does not include those rated at less than 100 percent who are being compensated at the 100 percent rate because of their "unemployability."

### Retired Coast Guardsman Writes Novel — Seeks Assistance

LT. Daniel Kozak, USCGR, Retired, has written a novel titled **ICE FIRE**, an adaptation of FALN terrorism, with the inclusion of several actual marine fire-rescue operations that he participated in over his 22 years as a pilot in the New York City Fire Department's Marine Division back in the 1960's and 70's.

This work is based on his 1979 Firehouse Magazine article about an actual disastrous collision between a container ship and an oil tanker beneath the Verrazano Bridge on June 2, 1973.

Dan is asking if any member knows of someone who could help get his novel published. If you can help Dan, please write him at: Dan Kozak, 804 Forbes St., Greenville, NC 27858 or call him at: (252) 754-2878 (home), or (252) 916-4844 (cell phone).

**Letters to the Editor****WWII Memories Aboard the U.S.S. Aquarius (AKA-16)****By CDR I. C. McLean, USCG, Ret**

This is a personal diary of events recorded by me while aboard the USS *Aquarius*, a CG manned attack transport, while enroute to and during our initial combat landing on two enemy held islands in the Pacific atoll named Kwajalein. Our assault objective being the two islands of Roi and Namur that contained an air strip and 10,000 Japanese troops and located at the northern end of the atoll. It is the year 1944.

**29 January**

Enroute to Kwajalein atoll. Night clear with a beautiful moon as our huge task force of ships sailed westward across the relatively quiet waters of the Pacific. While standing on the lower wing of the ship's bridge, I listened to the sound of familiar melodies being played by crew members on a guitar and banjo. The mood of all seems quiet and pensive, including the U.S. Marine assault troops aboard.

**30 January**

Ship's showers turned on. Sure is great to get a real bath again in fresh water. Had steak for dinner—maybe they're trying to tell us this may be the last good meal we'll have for a while—or ever! This is because I am one of the twelve amphibious landing craft officers aboard who take charge of the boats when transporting the assault troops to the beach.

**31 January**

0620, thunder of gunfire can be heard some distance to port but no land or our major battle units are in sight. Our invasion objective now only about 15 miles away. The transport group of which we are a part is now laying to as the bombardment of the target areas continues.

**1 February**

The order for "away all boats" was piped at 0700 and we were lowered into the water alongside the ship. The assault Marines with full packs and carbine rifles then descended the cargo nets into our boats. I am in LCVP-20 as a Wave Commander with my coxswain, Snowden Taylor. Went alongside the transport USS *DuPage* and took aboard additional Marine troops. Leading my boat group now designated as Reserve Wave #1, passed through the entrance of the atoll into the large lagoon. Heavy naval bombardment continues with fires and explosions visible all over the two small islands of Roi and Namur. Received the "go ahead" order from the boat control officer and used my boat flag to signal my boat wave to head for the beach at full speed. Marines in my boat appeared calm and determined with one heard to declare in an attitude of defiance "—and we'll take no prisoners." Landed on the beach of Namur about 1430. Explosion some 50 yards to starboard sent debris and shrapnel falling all around. Dropped the ramp for the Marines who rushed forward to the beach to join others already dug in ahead of us. Bullets whining overhead. Raised the ramp and commenced backing off the beach as smoke and explosions seemed to be everywhere. Maneuvered rapidly away from the beach to make way for next wave of boats. In making our exit, it was necessary to avoid several bloated bodies of Marines who had been unable to reach the cover of the beach in the initial assault. Beach area heavy with the odor of burned and dead flesh. Thick acrid smoke was everywhere. It was a scene of death and destruction where men had traveled thousands of miles from home to have their life's ended! Returned to ship. At 2200 called to Captains cabin and given special assignment to take one of our LCM boats to the beach with a full load of ammunition as the Marines were in urgent need of resupply. Our ship some eight miles from beach #1 on Namur. Had to feel our way by magnetic compass through darkness to control vessel located about two miles from beach which cleared us immediately for the landing. It was now 0145, 2 February.

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## 2 February

On approach to beach our boat struck a coral head about 20 yards offshore. Unable to move ahead or astern. Star shells bursting overhead exposing our grounded position to shore batteries. Aware of extreme danger of shell hitting boat with ammunition aboard. Took safety with crew behind steel shield in stern area. Finally, about 0215 on a rising tide and keeping ourselves protected, we backed slowly off the reef. On reaching the control boat received instructions not to attempt another landing and were alerted to enemy small craft in the area. Began return to ship in heavy rain. Visibility near zero. Being unsure of ship location and weather conditions decided to lay alongside an LST at 0430 and await daylight. Weather finally cleared at 0630 and proceeded to *Aquarius* arriving at 0730. Made personal report to our Executive Officer of mission results and beach conditions.

## Invasion Aftermath

The Roi and Namur islands were declared secured after the third day of fighting. Made several support trips to the beach bringing in supplies and removing battle worn Marines to our ships offshore. On one trip I noticed a lone Japanese man hunched down on the beach. He was naked and eating a chocolate bar. Later I was to learn that of the 10,000 Japanese on the islands he was the sole survivor. Among the American Marines killed during the action was one Major Denig who was a tank commander and was billeted in our officer country with us on *Aquarius*. He was the son of a Marine general and a real fine guy. It was told that during the fighting on the island his tank became disabled and apparently in a moment of panic, one of his crew opened the tank hatch to get out. A Japanese nearby jumped up on the tank and dropped a hand grenade inside killing the entire crew. We were shocked at his loss. Following the termination of all hostilities on the beach, *Aquarius* was released with several other ships in the transport group and proceeded to Guadalcanal to prepare for our next combat mission.

## Note:

At this writing, I was a young, newly married Coast Guard Ensign trained in amphibious landings at the Camp LeJeune Marine base in N.C. Kwajalein was our initial test under combat conditions and prepared us for seven more landings on enemy held islands that included Emirau in the Admiralty Islands, Guam in the Marianas, Pelleliu in the Palau Islands, and three separate landings in the Philippine Islands: Leyte, the Lingayen Gulf and one in Zamboli Province before our final landings on Okinawa in April of 1945. *Aquarius* was to receive eight battle stars for our participation in the Pacific operations of WWII.

## Former St. Pete CO Crosses the Bar

LCDR James Q. Alligood, USCG, Ret., a former Commanding Officer of the U. S. Coast Guard station in St. Petersburg, FL following WWII and owner of Alligood Marine, died Sunday October 10, 2004 at 99 years old.

LCDR Alligood joined the Coast Guard in 1924. He served three years in the Pacific during WWII aboard the *American Seaman*, the *Serpents* in Bougainville and the *Mintaka* at Guadalcanal and Okinawa. The *Serpents* was sunk at Guadalcanal. He was coach of the U. S. Coast Guard Academy rifle team in New London, CT and was named 'Distinguished' in rifle in 1931, in pistol in 1935 and won the 'President's Hundred' eight times. He was a welterweight boxer for the U. S. Coast Guard national boxing team and won 46 out of 52 matches.

After retiring from the Coast Guard in 1948, LCDR Alligood served as First Officer in the U. S. Merchant Marine until 1968. He opened Alligood Marine in Marathon, FL in 1969 and moved his store to Salt Creek in 1975 where he continued working until 1994 when he finally retired at 95 years old.

He was a lifetime member of the Florida Sheriff's Boy's Ranch and of the Masonic Lodge. He is survived by a daughter, Arlene M. Alligood of Washington, DC and St. Petersburg and a niece, Mary Audrey Hornsby of Palmetto.— Arlene Alligood



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### **FRA ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH NAVY MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION**

**ALEXANDRIA, VA** -FRA is proud to announce its new partnership with the Navy Mutual Aid Association (NMAA), which will result in added benefits for Association members.

The Navy and Marine Corps formed the Navy Mutual Aid Association in 1879 to support the surviving families of fallen comrades and to support their own families. In 1880, NMAA issued its first assessment to its members and Annie Wallis, widow of Lt John P. Wallis, USN, was presented with a check for \$559.17, beginning NMAA's role as a financial supporter, benefits counselor, and advocate for Sea Service widows and orphans.

From those small beginnings, NMAA has grown to support over 100,000 members from its home at Henderson Hall. Since that first check in 1880, NMAA has provided more than \$600 million in benefits. Active duty, reserve, and retired officer and enlisted members of the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration are eligible for membership.

In addition to direct financial payments, the Navy Mutual Aid Association also provides education for sea service personnel on government survivor benefits and personal financial management. If necessary, NMAA also represents members at no charge before the Board of Veteran's Appeals.

The Fleet Reserve Association applauds NMAA's 125-year history of dedication to sea service personnel and looks forward to working with them for many years to come. FRA members will benefit from NMAA's many educational programs which include Government Survivor benefits education, financial management education, retirement planning, survivor claims assistance and appeals, and SBP decision assistance.

NMAA is designated an approved financial counselor by the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard and, as such, is authorized to assist commanders in educating their commands via briefings and educational seminars. To learn more about the Navy Mutual Aid Association, call 1-800-628-6011, or visit [www.navymutual.org](http://www.navymutual.org).

FRA is the oldest and largest professional military association representing Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel. The federally chartered FRA is celebrating 80 years as the premier watchdog organization for safeguarding and enhancing military pay, health care and benefits by representing the concerns of its members before Congress and appropriate federal agencies. For more information about FRA, visit our web site at [www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org).

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## TRICARE NEWS

### AS I GET READY TO RETIRE, WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MY TRICARE BENEFITS?

As a retiree and sponsor, you should understand that the way you and your dependents experience the TRICARE benefit as “active duty” changes when you retire.

- ◆ Keep **DEERS** information up-to-date to ensure eligibility isn't lost; make sure dependents get their ID cards renewed in a timely manner.
- ◆ Retirees who pay Prime enrollment fees can make payment with monthly allotments drawn from DFAS, Coast Guard and Public Health Service retirement accounts.
- ◆ If retirees have any specific questions or need assistance in getting TRICARE information, they should call or visit the local **TRICARE Service Center** or contact the regional **Managed Care Support Contractor (MCSC)** where they reside. Retirees may also visit the web site at [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil).

### RETIREE AT COST HEARING AID PURCHASE PROGRAM (RACHAPP)

TRICARE programs do not cover hearing aids for retirees or their family members. However, some military facilities support a Retiree At Cost Hearing Aid Purchase Program (RACHAPP) or Retiree Hearing Aid Purchase Program (RHAPP) for retired US military personnel in need of hearing aids.

The **Military Audiology Association (MAA)** lists several military facilities that offer RACHAPP/RHAPP programs.

Before traveling to a particular base/post to participate in a RACHAPP/RHAPP program, it is highly recommended that you contact the facility first to ensure the program is available at that facility.

Please refer questions and report any errors, corrections, etc., concerning the information posted on the MAA web site to [webmaster@militaryaudiology.org](mailto:webmaster@militaryaudiology.org).

*Source: <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/retirees>*

### TRDP ELIGIBILITY INCLUDES “GRAY AREA” RETIREES

Eligibility for the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) extends to ALL retirees of the Reserve and Guard and their family members, including “gray area” retired Reservists who are entitled to retired pay but will not begin receiving it until age 60. Although eligibility for this group has been in effect since the TRDP first began in 1998, many retired Reserve and Guard members, and even more “gray area” retirees, still do not realize they are eligible.

Premiums for the TRDP are regionally based on the primary enrollee's residence ZIP code. Title 10 of the United States Code, Section 1076c mandates that monthly premiums for the TRDP be deducted automatically from retired pay through one of six discretionary allotments. However, “gray area” retired Reservists who are younger than age 60 and who enroll in the program are naturally exempt from the mandatory government deduction, so alternative payment arrangements such as direct billing or EFT will be made.

Today, over 791,000 retired members of the uniformed services, Medal of Honor recipients, unremarried surviving spouses, and their family members are enjoying comprehensive, affordable benefits under the TRDP. Enrollees in the TRDP can choose any licensed dentist within the TRDP service area or can select from a network of over 80,000 dentist locations nationwide. The TRDP service area includes all 50 United States as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, and Canada.

Retired Reservists and Guard members, including “gray area” retirees, who would like more information about the TRDP can visit the web site at [www.trdp.org](http://www.trdp.org) or call the contract administrator, Delta Dental of California, at 1 (888) 838-8737 for a complete TRDP enrollment packet.

*Source: <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/dental>*



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**REMEMBER** effective November 1, 2004, Region 6 (Southwest) merged with the South Region.

### UPDATE—PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLE (POV) DECAL PROGRAM

1. Overview. The CG has recently revamped the POV registration program. The purpose of the improved program is to increase the security and accountability of POV decals in a post 9-11 environment, provide a greater degree of positive access control to Coast Guard facilities using POV decals, and redesign the decal to reflect Coast Guard transfer to Department of Homeland Security.
2. Coast Guard members should be aware of the following aspects of the new POV registration program:
  - A. The POV decal will be similar in size to the DoD POV decal and will reflect the Coast Guard affiliation with DHS.
  - B. POV decals will be affixed to the top center of the windshield vice the lower driver's side of the windshield. This is to avoid obscuring the vehicle identification number (VIN) located in the same area.
3. Retired personnel are eligible for Coast Guard POV registration provided there is a **frequent** demonstrated need for access to a Coast Guard unit that requires the POV decal for vehicular access. Commands that have been authorized to issue decals will most likely need to issue them to their active duty, civilian and reserve members first, as supplies of the new decals are limited. Retired Coast Guard members who desire to "show the colors", would be better suited to do that with a Coast Guard bumper sticker or a Coast Guard front license plate (providing your state doesn't use a front license plate). On the other hand, a DoD sticker would give access to a DoD base commissary, and save having to register as a visitor. With a CG bumper sticker, you would still be "showing the colors". CG exchanges, CWOA, CPOA, etc., are just a few of the places where bumper stickers and license plates can be obtained.

## NOAA TO CONVERT NAVY SURVEILLANCE SHIP TO EXPLORE AND RESEARCH EARTH'S LARGELY UNKNOWN OCEANS



In a formal ceremony today, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the U.S. Navy marked the transfer of ownership of a former surveillance ship from the Navy to NOAA. The ship will be converted to a NOAA research vessel for exploring deep oceans. The transfer supports the NOAA fleet modernization effort and will save the Navy up to \$500,000 otherwise needed to deactivate the vessel. USNS *Capable* will be converted and renamed. It will be the first vessel devoted exclusively to NOAA's Office of Ocean Exploration. NOAA is an agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

"From the beginning, the transfer of this ship represents a great value to the U.S. taxpayer and when converted, it will provide significant and long-term benefits to ocean exploration and research," said retired Navy Vice Admiral Conrad C. Lautenbacher Jr., under secretary of commerce for oceans and atmosphere and NOAA administrator.

James E. Connaughton, chair, Council on Environmental Quality, spoke at the transfer ceremony and noted that the planned role of the new exploration vessel is significant for the advancement of oceans research and discovery. Congress established CEQ within the Executive Office of the President as part of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

"USNS [Capable](#) has done an outstanding job serving the Navy fleet commanders and Military Sealift Command," said Vice Adm. David L. Brewer III, USN, the commander of Military Sealift Command. "I am confident that the ship will continue to provide excellent service to NOAA in future years."

The Navy will transfer \$18 million of appropriated funds to NOAA in FY 2005 for conversion. NOAA will develop a plan to equip the ship for ocean mapping, deployment of unmanned submersibles, scientific work in onboard laboratories, and real-time transmission of images and data collected during ocean expeditions. The ship will carry multidisciplinary teams of scientist-explorers to investigate unknown or little known areas of Earth's oceans for the purpose of discovery and the advancement of knowledge. For details about the types of missions the ship will support, see <http://www.oceanexplorer.noaa.gov>.

*Capable* will be renamed through a ship-naming contest offered to students in grades six through 12 nationwide. Participating teams of students will select a name that reflects the spirit of ocean exploration and submit it with a classroom education project that supports and justifies the name selection. Contest details will be provided directly to schools. This will be NOAA's second such contest to encourage students to learn more about marine science and NOAA.

USNS *Capable* was originally built during the Cold War to tow an array of underwater listening devices to collect acoustical data on submarines. The ship also carried electronic equipment to process and transmit that data via satellite to shore stations for evaluation. After the Cold War, *Capable* was modified for a drug interdiction mission. The underwater acoustic array was removed, and an air search radar, integrated display system, sophisticated communications suite and other special mission equipment were installed to detect and monitor suspected drug traffickers.

NOAA is dedicated to enhancing economic security and national safety through the prediction and research of weather and climate-related events and providing environmental stewardship of our nation's coastal and marine resources. To learn more about NOAA, please visit: <http://www.noaa.gov>.

# National Archives

Washington, DC 20408

## NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **False Rumor Regarding Destruction of Veterans Records**

#### **Rumor Hinders National Personnel Records Center's Ability to Answer Veterans' Reference Requests**

Washington, DC. . . There is a false rumor circulating on the Internet, in e-mails, and among veteran service organizations that Official Military Personnel Files (OMPFs) at the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC), operated by the National Archives and Records Administration, will be digitized and then destroyed. This rumor is NOT TRUE.

Neither the Department of Defense (DoD) nor the National Personnel Records Center intend to destroy any OMPFs stored at the Center. The purpose of any electronic scanning would be to help preserve the originals and increase efficiency in handling reference requests.

The National Archives and Records Administration **preserves** and **protects** OMPFs that were transferred from the military service departments because they are permanently valuable records that document the essential evidence of military service for the veterans of our nation. NPRC stores and services OMPFs for retired, discharged, or deceased military personnel.

The National Personnel Records Center responds to approximately 4,000 requests pertaining to military records each day, totaling more than one million requests each year. Many of those requests are for Separation Documents (usually DD Form 214) and the Center answers the majority of those inquiries in ten days or less.

Requests resulting from this false rumor will have a negative impact on NPRC's ability to respond to requests from veterans with real immediate needs, such as medical treatment, employment, retirement, etc.

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For press information, contact the National Archives Public Affairs staff at 202-501-5526 or 301-837-1700.

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### FRA DELEGATES ELECT NEW NATIONAL OFFICERS

**ALEXANDRIA, VA** – During its recent 77th National Convention in Irving, Texas, FRA elected new national officers to serve its membership. Shipmate George R. Kaye was elected to serve as National President for 2004-2005, and Shipmate Edgar M. “Big Ed” Zerr was elected as National Vice President for 2004-2005. Convention delegates also elected current National Executive Secretary (NES) Joe Barnes to continue in that position through 2007.

November 12, 2004

### ASSOCIATION EVENTS CELEBRATE VETERAN’S DAY AND FRA’S 80TH ANNIVERSARY

**ALEXANDRIA, VA**—November 11th marks an important date for members of FRA, their families, and the millions of servicemen and women who have benefited from FRA’s diligent advocacy. In addition to honoring America’s veterans, the date also marks the 80th anniversary of the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA). Every member of the armed services—officer or enlisted, regular or reserve, on active duty or retired—is deriving some benefit achieved through the efforts of FRA.

To commemorate these two significant events, members of FRA’s Branch One, presided over by past Regional President North East Bill Reese, held an official ceremony in Philadelphia. Present were FRA National President George R. Kaye, National Executive Secretary (NES) Joe Barnes, National Financial Secretary Jerry Sweeney, and 120 FRA members. **The official speaker was Captain Jonathan Sarubbi of the United States Coast Guard Marine Safety Office in Philadelphia, PA. Captain Sarubbi is a 25-year veteran of the USCG.**

### A Place Beyond The Sea

When the rooms and halls are silent,  
No more footsteps can be heard.

When the voice is gone, and the heart is still,  
And the memory lingers in our thoughts as well.

We miss our friends from day to day,  
As we carry on in the same proud way.

The light of their Souls will never dim,  
As it moves away from the place we’ve been.

There is hope in life that our eyes can’t see,  
It is peace and joy beyond the sea.

We mourn the loss of those we love,  
Their Spirits are gone to a place far above.

Death is not the end for you and me,  
But eternal peace is beyond the Sea.

AE1 Steve Garling Ret. November 3, 2004

### OFFICERS RETIRED BETWEEN 1993 AND 1999

Retired Air Force Major Russ Graves, a graduate student at Texas A&M University, is seeking volunteers to complete a short, online survey for his dissertation entitled "A Comparative Study of the Life Satisfaction of Early Retirement Military Officers."

If you are an officer who retired from the armed forces between 1993 and 1999 he would like to include you in his doctoral research study by taking a short, online survey. The anonymous survey is designed to measure "life satisfaction" of retired officers (with 20 or more years of service) with officers who retired "early" (with less than 20 years of service).

The short survey is located at <http://retiredofficersurveytamu.edu> You may contact Major Graves at [r-graves@tamu.edu](mailto:r-graves@tamu.edu) with any questions about this study.

*Editors Notes:***Two RAS Staff Members Retire From Federal Service December 31, 2004**

**Mr. Lloyd Hatfield** completed over 25 years of Federal service, 17 of them being with the Retiree and Annuitant Services at PSC.

Lloyd came to the Coast Guard from the Department of Veterans Affairs in Topeka in 1987. Prior to the VA, Lloyd served 20 years in the U. S. Navy and retired in 1978 as a Chief Yeoman. Lloyd has seen a lot of changes over the years here at PSC, including the changes in our data processing from the WANG to CGHRMS and then to DIRECT ACCESS. He has also witnessed many personnel changes with his co-workers, both military and civilian.

Lloyd always placed customer service at the top of his priorities and was a key member of the Retiree and Annuitant Services staff, having started as a Military Pay Technician (Annuitant) and ending his career the past 3 years as a Lead Military Pay Technician (Audit). He is looking forward to sleeping in and spending more time behind the wheel of his 1959 Corvette. We wish Lloyd all the best and hope he enjoys his retirement in good health and with the satisfaction of knowing that he leaves with his former co-workers respect and a reputation as a dedicated civil servant.



**Mr. Jean Fecteau** completed over 14 years of Federal service, 11 of them being with the Retiree and Annuitant Services at PSC.

Jean came to the Coast Guard as a civilian after serving over 22 years in the Coast Guard and retired in 1985 as a Senior Chief Storekeeper. He first worked in the Accounting Branch, Comptroller Division as an accounting technician and moved to Retiree and Annuitant Services in 1993 as our accountant. He has also seen a lot of changes during his tour, such as the change from paper documentation in the supplemental payroll system to the Department of Treasury's Electronic Certification System and to yet another electronic variation called the Secure Payment System.

Jean has always been conscientious about his job and it showed! He was very thorough and took great pride in his duties. As a retired Coast Guardsman, Jean could relate to the members he served and was very customer service oriented. Jean is looking forward to spending more time with his wife, his 3 grandchildren, improving his golf game and NOT having to drive from the Kansas City area to Topeka 5 days a week. We all wish Jean the best in his retirement and hope he enjoys good health and happiness.

## REUNIONS AND NOTICES

### VIETNAM VETERANS WELCOME HOME

When: 13-19 June 2005  
 Where: Grand Palace Theater  
 Branson, MO  
 Phone: (888) 265-8387  
 Email: [www.operationhomecomingusa.com](http://www.operationhomecomingusa.com)

Vietnam Veterans interested in this reunion, please contact the above e-mail site for further information.

### USCGC CHASE (WHEC-718) REUNION

When: 29 April-1 May 2005  
 Where: Clarion Hotel & Conference Center  
 Atlantic City, NJ  
 Contact: [WWW.USCGCCHASE.ORG](http://WWW.USCGCCHASE.ORG)  
 or  
 USCGC Chase Reunion  
 c/o Jim O'Callaghan  
 P O Box 6733  
 Yorktown, VA 23690  
 Phone (757) 291-5041

### COAST GUARD AIR/COSMIC AIRLINES

When: 8-10 May 2005  
 Where: Peppermill Hotel/Casino  
 Reno, NV  
 Contact: Pat Peden  
 Phone: (775) 867-3029 or  
 E-mail: [patpeden@phonewave.net](mailto:patpeden@phonewave.net)

### CUTTERS AROUND THE CONTINENT REUNION

When: To be determined (sometime in 2007)  
 Where: To be determined  
 Contact: Jim Loback  
 10436 Teal Circle  
 Fountain Valley, CA 92708  
 Phone: (714) 968-8964

The 50th anniversary of the historic voyage by *Storis*, *Bramble* and *Spar*, circumnavigating the North American continent during the summer of 1957, will be remembered with a reunion in 2007. Anyone who served on *Storis*, *Bramble* and *Spar* at any time are invited to attend. If any interest, please respond by e-mail to: [StorisBrambleSpar@msn.com](mailto:StorisBrambleSpar@msn.com). Please include your full name, rank or rate, address and name (s) of the vessels and approximate dates of your service.

### CG INTEL & LAW ENFORCEMENT REUNION

When: 24-27 May 2005  
 Where: The Southern Oaks Inn  
 Branson, MO  
 Contact: Bruce Sheils at [bruahm@webtv.net](mailto:bruahm@webtv.net)  
 Phone: (501) 745-8502 or  
 Jack Pressler at [jacpressler@aol.com](mailto:jacpressler@aol.com)

A few of us have been kicking around the idea of a 'reunion' of former/retired and active XI, CGI, CG Intel and Law Enforcement officers and personnel and whatever else we've been called over the past half-century, or so. For further information, e-mail Bruce Sheils or Jack Pressler or call Bruce at the number listed above.

### 2005 CG INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 2005 Coast Guard Invitational Golf Tournament will be held at Barton Creek Resort in Austin, TX from 1-4 June 2005. Barton Creek is a premiere golf resort with **FOUR** top drawer golf courses and 4-star accommodations. This tournament will cost a bit more than past tournaments, but it will be money well spent. Deadline for signing up is 25 February 2005. COMDTNOTE 1710 lays out all the details and can be accessed at [http://www.uscg.mil/ccs/cit/cim/directives/CN/CN\\_1710\\_2004\\_11\\_4.pdf](http://www.uscg.mil/ccs/cit/cim/directives/CN/CN_1710_2004_11_4.pdf). If you are unable to access the COMDTNOTE, or have additional questions, you should contact Dr. Mike Parnarouskis (703) 368-7049. [mikep1121@comcast.net](mailto:mikep1121@comcast.net), Mr. Tom Taylor (202) 267-2991 [ttaylor@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:ttaylor@comdt.uscg.mil), or LCDR Casey White (202) 267-6065 [cjwhite@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:cjwhite@comdt.uscg.mil). Additional information on the Barton Creek Resort may be obtained via their web site: [www.bartoncreek.com](http://www.bartoncreek.com). **ALL** level of golfers are welcomed! Bring a friend and make it a vacation.

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*(Continued from page 14)***REUNIONS AND NOTICES****HOUSTON PILOTS HISTORY**

Frances Trimble, a freelance writer based in Houston, has been commissioned to write about the Houston Pilots history. She is looking for individuals who may have served with the Pilots when they were Coast Guard Temporary Reservists (8th Naval District) during WWII. If you have any information that would help Frances, please contact her at 6603 Preston Trail, Houston, TX 77069, phone (281) 444-5326 or e-mail at [ftut03@att.net](mailto:ftut03@att.net).

**NATIONAL RETIRED MILITARY GOLF CLASSIC (NRMGC)**

When: 31 May-4 June 2005  
 Where: Myrtle Beach, SC  
 Contact: NRMGC  
 P O Box 3608  
 Myrtle Beach, SC 29578  
 Phone: (800) 255-4763 or (866) 469-7853

The 22nd NRMGC will be played on 5 different courses at the Myrtle Beach National and Wildwing Golf Clubs. The event is open to only 864 men and 132 women and is the largest retired military golf event in the world. Over \$125,000.00 in cash and prizes will be awarded. Applications will be mailed in December 2004 to those on the mailing list. Applications will also be available at most military golf courses. Priority will be given to those who have played in the classic. After 1 February 2005, acceptance will be on a first come basis. For applications, call or write to the above phone numbers or address.

**THE COAST GUARD RETIREE FORUM**

A new forum based page geared for retired Coast Guard members was launched August 23, 2004. Topics including retired issues, medical issues, travel, general scuttlebutt, and a question and answer format for all the above topics will be included. To read post, post threads in the forum, a person must register to be a member. This is done online and acceptance is done via email almost instantly, therefore, it is imperative that prospective members give a valid email address. The forum will be heavily moderated by member peers in an effort to keep down the spam or trash postings. The web site for this forum is: <http://www.laesser.org/forums/>

**1966 SQUADRON ONE DIVISION-13 CAT-LO VIETNAM REUNION**

When: September 2005?  
 Where: Reno or Las Vegas, NV  
 Contact: Jerry Sampont  
 Phone: (360) 457-671  
 Email: [division131966@yahoo.com](mailto:division131966@yahoo.com)

A reunion is being planned for anyone who was assigned to Squadron One Division-13 Cat-Lo Vietnam during 1966. We are still in the planning stages and would like to see how many are interested. A reunion was held for the 1966 crew of the Point White WPB 82308 in August 2003 and was such a success, we would like to have one for the entire Division-13. If interested please contact Jerry Sampont at the above phone number or email address.

**DISCONTINUANCE OF MILITARY ID CARDS TO THE PHILIPPINES**

Effective immediately military ID cards will no longer be mailed to retired Coast Guard members or their beneficiaries residing in the Philippines. Fraud and theft have become too commonplace to ensure delivery of ID cards to the intended recipient. DEERS enrollment will still be performed by completion of form DD-1172, Application for Uniformed Services Identification Card/DEERS Enrollment. Retiree and Annuitant Services will issue letters to sponsors or beneficiaries, informing them the application was processed and advise them of the expiration date for medical benefits. The sponsor (or beneficiary) will be able to use this letter, in lieu of an ID card, with a TRICARE provider in the Philippines, as proof of eligibility for health care benefits.

**USCGC ZINNIA (WAGL)**

Researcher is seeking photograph of the USCGC *Zinnia*, and any crewmembers who assisted in the transfer of the USCGC *Zinnia* to the U.S. Air Force in March 1972. Please contact: B. C. James, P.O. Box 871, Floral City, FL 34436-0871.

## RETIRED COAST GUARD OFFICER LEAVES LARGE BEQUEST TO CGMA

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA) was recently the recipient of a very generous bequest, \$412,000, from the estate of LCDR Richard H. Britt, USCG (Ret.), who died in June 2003 at the age of 86. This is the largest bequest ever received by CGMA.

Mr. Britt was born in 1916 in Springfield, MA, and graduated from the University of Maine with a degree in Civil Engineering. He joined the Coast Guard during World War II and retired in 1966 with over 20 years of active service. His assignments included CGC Half Moon, CGC Taney, and various shore units. After retirement, he lived in Juneau, Alaska, where he worked as an environmental engineer for the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance is honored and appreciative of LCDR Britt's generosity, and his commitment to the future of CGMA.

CGMA is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and contributions to CGMA are deductible for income and estate tax purposes. Bequests may be made to Coast Guard Mutual Assistance, Inc., 4200 Wilson Blvd., Suite 610, Arlington, VA 22203-1804.

As an independent non-profit charitable organization, CGMA has provided need-based financial aid to members of Coast Guard family for over 80 years. For more information about CGMA visit their Web site at [www.cgmahq.org](http://www.cgmahq.org).

## U.S. COAST GUARD VIETNAM WAR MEMORIALS 1965-1973

Report: The two duplicate USCG Vietnam War Memorials sponsored by the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association, as announced in earlier issues of Evening Colors, have been completed. The first one was dedicated at USCG Training Center, Cape May, New Jersey on July 16, 2004, and the second one at USCG Academy, New London, CT on October 23, 2004.

Their large bronze plaques give abstracts of the USCG missions, activities and operations afloat, ashore and aviation, as well as the names of 64 vessels, the several stations and other units ashore, aviation and the men who lost their lives in combat operations.

Both commands gave enthusiastic support, prominent landscaped placements and hosted the dedication ceremonies. These included a USCG band, helicopter flyovers, multiple USCG and government speakers, veterans and guests.

This project was made possible primarily by the tax deductible contributions of USCG veterans. Additional contributions are still needed. Contributions should be made payable to: "**CG COMVETS Vietnam Memorial Fund**". Mail to:

William G. Hicks  
586 Fairwood Drive  
Tallmadge, OH 44278-2026

*Source: CAPT Donald Taub, USCG, Ret*



**U.S. COAST GUARD IN VIETNAM WAR, 1965 - 1973**

**THEY DIED THAT OTHERS MIGHT LIVE IN PEACE**  
 ENC MORRIS S. BEESON - LTJG DAVID C. BROSTROM - FN HERIBERTO S. HERNANDEZ  
 LTJG MICHAEL W. KIRKPATRICK - EN1 MICHAEL H. PAINTER - EN2 JERRY PHILLIPS - LT. JACK C. RITTICHER

OVER 1,000 USCG MEN SERVED IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, AFLOAT, ASHORE AND AIRBORNE, IN OPERATIONS MARKET TIME AND TIGHT REIGN, COMMAND AND SUPPORT, AND SPECIAL COMBAT OPERATIONS.

**OPERATION MARKET TIME, COASTAL SURVEILLANCE FORCE, TASK FORCE 115**  
 USCG VESSELS OPERATED ALONG THE ENTIRE COAST OF SOUTH VIETNAM. OPERATIONS INCLUDED INTERDICTION OF ENEMY SUPPLY VESSELS - NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORTING LAND OPERATIONS - SUPPORT OF USCG PATROL BOATS AND U.S. NAVY SWIFT BOATS - JOINT AMPHIBIOUS COMBAT OPERATIONS WITH U.S. NAVY SEAL TEAMS, AND U.S. ARMY SPECIAL FORCES MOBILE STRIKE TEAMS - HUMANITARIAN MEDICAL AND CIVIL ACTION AID TO VIETNAM VILLAGES - TRAINING OF SOUTH VIETNAM NAVY.

**IN-COUNTRY OPERATIONS**  
 OPERATION TIGHT REIGN INSTALLED AND OPERATED FIVE LORAN-C STATIONS - COASTAL COMMAND CENTERS OPERATED IN-SHORE PATROL BOATS - BUOY TENDERS AND ATON DETAILS INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED AIDS TO NAVIGATION - OTHER DETAILS & DETACHMENTS INCLUDED PORT SECURITY, EXPLOSIVE LOADING, AND MERCHANT MARINE - USCG PILOTS IN USAF COMBAT AIR RESCUE SQUADRONS - USCG AIR LOGISTICS TO LORAN STATIONS.

**COMMAND AND SUPPORT**  
 USCG ACTIVITIES VIETNAM, SAIGON - TASK FORCE 115, CAM RANH BAY - USCG SOUTHEAST ASIA SECTION (LORAN), BANGKOK, THAILAND - USCG COMMANDER, SUBIC BAY, PHILIPPINES (SQUADRON THREE WHEC'S, U.S. NAVY MARKET TIME DESTROYERS, AND CRUISER-DESTROYER REPRESENTATIVE)

**VESSELS**

- SQUADRON ONE**  
 26 - 82' WFB'S 1965 - 1970 \*
- DIVISION-11, AN THOI, PHU QUOC IS.**  
 POINT BAKES  
 POINT CLEAR  
 POINT COMFORT  
 POINT GARNET  
 POINT GLOVER  
 POINT GREY  
 POINT MARONE  
 POINT MAST  
 POINT YOUNG
- DIVISION-12, DANANG**  
 POINT ARDEN  
 POINT CAUTION  
 POINT DUNE  
 POINT ELLIS  
 POINT GAMMON  
 POINT LOMAS  
 POINT ORIENT  
 POINT WELCOME
- DIVISION-13, CAT LO, VUNG TAU**  
 POINT CYPRESS  
 POINT GRACE  
 POINT HUDSON  
 POINT JEFFERSON  
 POINT KENNEDY  
 POINT LEAGUE  
 POINT PARTRIDGE  
 POINT SLOCUM  
 POINT WHITE

- 255'**  
 ANDROSCOGGIN W-68  
 KLAMATH W-66  
 MENDOTA W-69  
 MINNETONKA W-67  
 OWASCO W-39  
 PONTCHARTRAIN W-70  
 SEBAGO W-42  
 WACHUSETT W-44  
 WINNEBAGO W-40  
 WINONA W-65
- 211'**  
 BARATARIA W-381  
 BERING STRAIT \*\* W-382  
 CASTLE ROCK \* W-383  
 COOK INLET \* W-384  
 ORESHAM W-387  
 HALF MOON W-278  
 YAKUTAT \*\* W-380

- SQUADRON THREE**  
 30 WHEC'S 1967 - 1972
- 327'**  
 BIBB W-31  
 CAMPBELL W-32  
 DUANE W-33  
 INGHAM W-35  
 SPENCER W-36  
 TANEY W-37
- 378'**  
 CHASE W-718  
 DALLAS W-716  
 HAMILTON W-715  
 MELLON W-717  
 MORGENTHAU W-722  
 RUSH W-723  
 SHERMAN W-720

- SQUADRON TWO 1972**  
 ABSECON \* W-274  
 CHINCOTEAGUE \* W-375  
 MCCULLOCH \* W-386

- BUOY TENDERS & SUPPORT SHIPS**  
 1966 - 1972
- BASSWOOD WLB-388  
 BLACKHAW WLB-390  
 IRONWOOD WLB-297  
 PLANETREE WLB-307  
 NETTLE WAK-169

**NOTES**  
 \* VESSELS TURNED OVER TO SOUTH VIETNAM NAVY  
 \*\* TWO DEPLOYMENTS

**SHORE UNITS**

- LORAN-C, OPERATION TIGHT REIGN, 1966 - 1975**  
 SOUTHEAST ASIA SECTION, BANGKOK, THAILAND  
 LORAN STATIONS  
 LAMPANG, THAILAND  
 BATTAPHI, THAILAND  
 UDORN, THAILAND  
 TAN MY, VIETNAM  
 CON SON IS. VIETNAM

- USCG ACTIVITIES VIETNAM, SAIGON  
 COASTAL COMMAND CENTERS, SQUADRON-ONE  
 DIV-11 (SOUTH) AN THOI, PHU QUOC IS.  
 DIV-12 (NORTH) DANANG  
 DIV-13 (CENTRAL) CAT LO, VUNG TAU  
 HEADQUARTERS, SQUADRON-2, SUBIC BAY

**USCG DETAILS & DETACHMENTS IN VIETNAM:**  
 AIDS-TO-NAVIGATION, MERCHANT MARINE, EXPLOSIVE LOADING, PORT SECURITY & WATERWAYS.

**AIR UNITS**  
 USCG AUGMENTED USAF COMBAT AEROSPACE RESCUE & RECOVERY SQUADRONS  
 31<sup>ST</sup> ARRS CLARK R.P. 27<sup>TH</sup> ARRS DANANG 39<sup>TH</sup> ARRS TUY HOA

DEDICATED BY COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION  
 2004



# USCG Retirements

Name	Rank	Date of Retirement	Years of Service
ACHOR, MICKEY	MKC	20040901	22
ADAMS, DOUGLAS	PSC	20040830	14
ADLER, STEVEN	EM2	20040914	27
AGNEW, DONALD	MKC	20041001	36
ALVARADO, RAFAEL	EMC	20041001	22
AMEDY, WAYNE	BOSN4	20040901	30
AMES, DAVID	ETC	20040901	24
ANDERSON, DON	CDR	20041001	27
ANDREW, PETER	YNC	20041015	35
APPLETON, LORRAINE	LCDR	20040904	31
AQUINO, VINCENT	BM2	20041101	20
AUSTIN, WILLIAM	MK1	20040807	43
AYRES, GLEN	MKC	20041101	20
BAILEY, CRAIG	CDR	20041001	23
BALLINGER, FRANKIE	MKC	20041001	22
BALLS, WILLIAM	MK2	20040811	38
BARNARD, DEREK	MST1	20040910	24
BARNES, SCOTT	ETC	20041101	21
BAROCO, MICHAEL	BMC	20041001	20
BARRETT, THOMAS	VADM	20040901	35
BASNETT, GEORGE	PS1	20040906	31
BASNIGHT, GEORGE	EM1	20040821	39
BATALON, THOMAS	OS2	20040823	30
BEAN, GARY	BMCS	20040901	27
BELISLE, RICHARD	CDR	20041001	21
BELZ, DAVID	RADM	20041101	34
BERMUDEZ, MIGUEL	YN1	20041001	20
BETTS, JOHN	BMC	20040901	21
BILLIAN, STEPHAN	CDR	20040901	22
BINDER, DAVID	CDR	20040803	38
BISKUPIAK, KENNETH	BMC	20040901	20
BLACK, ROBBIE	EM2	20040913	13
BLISS, RAMON	AMT1	20041001	20
BOLDUC, JEFFERY	AETC	20041001	20
BOONE, ERIC	PERS4	20041001	26
BOSTATER, RICHARD	FSC	20041101	23
BOSTEL, JOHN	MKC	20040901	20
BOSTIC, ALAN	AMT1	20041001	20
BOURQUIN, JAMES	PSCS	20041011	38
BOYD, EMMANUEL	HSC	20040901	24
BRIALES, LUIS	DCCS	20041101	28
BROGA, CHARLOTTE	LCDR	20041101	26
BROWN, APRIL	LCDR	20041101	23
BROWN, DAVID	COMM2	20041101	21
BROWN, EDITH	YNC	20041001	31
BROWN, GREGORY	AST2	20040901	20
BROWN, GREGORY	DC1	20040901	20
BRUNKE, RICHARD	CDR	20040901	33
BRUNO, DEEANN	YNC	20040901	26
BUCKLEY, AARON	AMT3	20040713	03
BUCKLEY, LEWIS	CAPT	20041001	35
BURCHAM, TERRY	AST2	20041101	20
BURKEY, EDWARD	FS1	20040831	12
BURKHALTER, JERRY	ETC	20041101	20
BURLINGAME, SCOTT	CDR	20041001	21
BUTCHEE, MARTIN	FSCS	20041001	30
BUTTERY, JUDITH	MUCS	20041001	25
CADDELL, GLENN	SKC	20041101	23
CALER, WENDELL	BM1	20041028	19
CALHOUN, BARRY	LCDR	20041001	20
CALPIN, PATRICK	ELC4	20040901	30
CAMPBELL, DOUGLAS	LCDR	20040901	24
CARLSEN, CHRISTOPHER	BOSN4	20041001	30

Name	Rank	Date of Retirement	Years of Service
CARLSON, RICHARD	PERS3	20041001	30
CARMICHAEL, JAMES	RADM	20041101	34
CARPER, LINN	CDR	20041101	22
CARSON, JOSEPH	PS1	20040902	28
CARTER, PAMELA	YNMCM	20040601	30
CATON, DAVID	BMCS	20041001	24
CERDA, SERGIO	CDR	20040701	23
CHADWICK, MICHAEL	BOSN2	20040701	21
CHAMPINE, WILLIAM	MK1	20040914	37
CHENEY, BRUCE	LCDR	20041001	22
CERRY, TIMOTHY	CDR	20041101	20
CHESTNUT, IVAN	YN2	20040802	14
CHURCH, GARY	AET1	20041001	24
CLANCY, TIMOTHY	CDR	20041101	21
COBB, MAGDALENE	SK1	20040901	28
COGHLAN, CONSTANCE	MUCM	20041001	31
COLE, DAVID	LCDR	20041101	20
COMERFORD, JAMES	CAPT	20040801	37
COMFORT, DANIEL	BMC	20040801	20
CONNER, MICHAEL	BM2	20041001	22
COOPER, ROBERT	PERS4	20041001	26
CORLEY, BRYAN	MKC	20040901	21
COSTA, DOUGLAS	AET1	20041001	20
COUCH, LORINDA	LCDR	20040901	21
COURTAWAY, MICHAEL	MKCS	20041101	30
COUSER, THOMAS	ET1	20040901	22
CRAIG, JOSEPH	MKC	20041101	20
CRANE, ELIZABETH	BM3	20040802	09
CRUIKSHANK, RICHARD	MKC	20041101	24
CULLIMORE, MICHAEL	ENG4	20040901	31
CULLIMORE, SEAN	ENG3	20041101	26
CURTISS, JOSEPH	DCC	20041101	21
DALE, KEVIN	CAPT	20041001	26
DALRYMPLE, MARK	BMC	20041001	22
DANG, PHILIP	OSC	20041020	41
DAVIS, WILLIAM	PERS3	20040911	41
DECKER, ROBERT	ET1	20040820	29
DELRIE, BRANDON	ET2	20040830	07
DEMONT, PAUL	BMC	20041101	23
DENNER, ROBERT	BMC	20040901	21
DENNISTON, MICHAEL	FS2	20040901	21
DESHAYES, BURTON	CDR	20040901	20
DICKSON, DENNIS	CDR	20041001	22
DIEHL, MARK	MK1	20040901	21
DIGGINS, PAUL	ET1	20041001	20
DILLINGER, DANNY	EMC	20041101	22
DOLDAN, JOSEPH	PSCM	20040925	36
DOMENICI, PHILIP	COMM4	20041001	30
DONALDBAYNES, SHARON	CDR	20041001	20
DONALDSON, TIMOTHY	BMC	20040901	20
DOVEL, JAMES	MK1	20041001	20
DRAHOS, BRUCE	CAPT	20041001	26
DUCKWORTH, ROBERT	MK3	20040804	12
DUDYK, REBECCA	DC3	20040527	04
DUFILHO, HAROLD	LCDR	20040926	36
DYER, JOHN	DC2	20040901	20
DYER, MICHAEL	OSCM	20041001	34
EASTERDAY, TIMOTHY	MK1	20041001	22
EDGERTON, MICHAEL	LCDR	20041001	20
EDWARDS, JENNIFER	YN3	20040923	01
EGEMO, RICHARD	RDC	20001103	22

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MAJOR, DAVID	IVCM	20040829	28	RANCK, DON	GM1	20041101	21
MANN, DENNIS	OSC	20041001	26	RAPP, CONNIE	PERS2	20041101	20
MARCAZZO, NEIL	YNC	20041013	38	RASK, ANDREW	BM1	20041012	27
MARSH, CHRISTOPHER	FS1	20040802	12	RAY, TIMOTHY	BMCM	20041001	23
MARTELL, CLIFFORD	MK1	20040901	20	REAMY, JIMMY	PS1	20041013	28
MASON, KENNETH	ETC	20040809	38	REED, REBECCA	YN1	20041001	23
MATHEWS, DANNY	AMTC	20040901	21	REID, MATTHEW	CDR	20040901	20
MATHIEU, JAMES	LCDR	20040901	28	RENNICK, JEANNINE	BMC	20040901	22
MAUCHER, WILLIAM	SKC	20040901	20	REYES, MARK	MSTCS	20040901	24
MAY, JEFFREY	YN1	20041001	22	RHODES, CHARLES	AMT1	20041001	20
MAYO, WILLIE	SK1	20041001	22	RICHARDSON, CARMEN	SK2	20040901	20
MCKEEHAN, PATRICK	PERS4	20040928	37	RITCHIE, CLAY	AMT2	20041001	20
MERCADO, JUAN	LT	20040901	22	ROBERTS, JAMES	MED4	20010919	37
MERKLE, NORRIS	CAPT	20041001	25	ROBERTS, RANDY	AET1	20041001	20
MERRITT, DONALD	BMC	20041101	32	ROBINSON, SHANE	ENG2	20041001	20
MILES, DUANE	BM1	20040901	20	ROBINSON, THERESA	SKC	20041001	23
MILLAR, RICHARD	AMT2	20041101	22	ROCA, EDELBERTO	MK1	20041001	33
MILLER, CHARLES	YN1	20040912	35	ROCHE, TARYN	BM1	20040901	20
MILLER, DON	LT	20041101	25	ROCK, JOSEPH	LCDR	20041001	20
MILLER, KRISTIE	LCDR	20041001	20	ROGUCKI, STANLEY	ET1	20040901	20
MILLMAN, DAVID	GMC	20040901	20	ROMAN, DAVID	MSTC	20041001	21
MOBLY, SAMUEL	PSS4	20040825	31	ROOEN, RODNEY	OSC	20041101	21
MOLESSA, GEORGE	CAPT	20040901	28	ROSADO, ADALBERTO	F&S4	20040901	30
MONTOUR, ANDRE	IT1	20041101	20	ROSALA, BRIAN	SN	20040827	05
MOONEY, DAVID	LCDR	20040901	20	ROSE, ARNOLD	BM2	20040818	26
MOORE, EDWARD	ETCM	20040924	31	RUBLE, MARK	ENG2	20040901	24
MOORE, TIMOTHY	ETC	20041101	21	RUSCH, JOHN	PERS4	20041101	29
MORRIS, JOHN	MKC	20040901	20	SANDERS, CRAIG	BOSN2	20040901	28
MOUL, DONALD	MK1	20041001	20	SANTHESON, KYLE	BOSN3	20041101	24
MURCHISON, MARK	BOSN2	20041001	24	SAUCEDA, DAVID	BMC	20040901	32
MURRAY, JAMES	PO2	20041018	39	SCHALLERT, ANTHONY	ETC	20041001	20
MUTH, JOHN	SKC	20041101	20	SCHINDLER, DAVE	AMT1	20041101	20
MYKICH, RICHARD	ETCS	20040901	23	SCHLEGEL, LAMAR	FSC	20041101	20
NAGLE, AUSTIN	YN1	20041001	21	SCHMITT, CARL	LT	20041001	24
NEWBROUGH, RICHARD	AET1	20040901	20	SCHNITZER, CHRISTINE	SK1	20041001	20
NEWTON, JIM	PS2	20040917	28	SCHOTT, JOHN	CAPT	20041001	27
NOKES, SCOTT	ET3	20041101	20	SCHRATZ, MICHAEL	AMTC	20040901	22
NORRIS, KENNETH	AVI3	20040901	29	SCHROTER, WALTER	ENG4	20040901	28
NORTON, BRUCE	ET1	20041001	22	SCHULTZ, BARRY	MK1	20040901	22
OCKER, ELAINE	SKCS	20040910	29	SCHULTZ, ROBERT	AMTC	20041001	25
OCONNOR, ROBERT	CAPT	20041014	38	SCHULTZ, ROBERT	PSCM	20041001	25
ODEAR, ROBERT	DCC	20040901	20	SCHULTZ, SCOTT	PERS4	20041001	30
OELSCHLAEGER, DAVID	MKC	20041101	21	SCOTT, AMANDA	SN	20040802	03
OILER, STEPHEN	MKC	20040901	20	SEAMAN, AARON	BM2	20041028	08
OLDHAM, GARY	BM1	20040901	22	SEIBERLING, STEVEN	CDR	20041001	23
ORGAIN, CARL	LT	20040901	20	SEMRAU, WILLIAM	CAPT	20041101	25
ORR, TIMOTHY	AETC	20041001	20	SETNICKY, CHARLES	MKCS	20041101	23
OSORIO, JOSE	BM1	20040901	21	SHARP, RANDALL	BMC	20040901	22
PALUMBO, JOSEPH	PSCS	20040620	38	SHECKLER, TIMOTHY	DCC	20041001	20
PARKER, LUCINDA	FS1	20041001	20	SHELTON, VERNELL	IT1	20041001	20
PASCHAL, WILLIAM	BMCM	20041101	30	SHOUHEY, JOHN	CDR	20040901	21
PATTERSON, BRIAN	FS1	20040802	34	SHOURDS, TAMMY	YN1	20040901	20
PERKINS, RANDALL	LCDR	20040901	20	SHREVE, TRAVIS	GM3	20040831	02
PERRIGO, JOYCE	SK1	20041005	28	SINGLETON, RICHARD	MK2	20040916	10
PETERSON, TOBY	ENG2	20040901	24	SLACK, JOHN	BMC	20041001	29
PHELPS, KEVIN	BMC	20040901	21	SLOUHA, DONALD	GM1	20040901	22
PHILIBERT, GLENN	OSCS	20040901	20	SMITH, CLARENCE	MK1	20041001	20
PHILLIPS, DEREK	YN1	20040901	20	SMITH, EDWARD	SK2	20040824	08
PICKARD, LLOYD	AMT1	20041101	22	SMITH, MERLE	CDR	20040811	38
PICKERING, KIRK	LCDR	20041001	24	SMITH, MICHAEL	ENG4	20040901	30
PICKETT, JOHN	GM2	20041101	21	SMITH, RODERICK	CDR	20041101	21
PIERCE, HAROLD	BM1	20041001	21	SMOCK, DANIEL	BMC	20041101	20
PIERCE, MARK	EM2	20040923	05	SNODGRASS, WILLIAM	SNBM	20040827	01
PIVARNICK, KENNETH	ET1	20040801	20	SPANIER, GEORGE	BOSN4	20041001	30
PLOTNER, GEORGE	MSTC	20040903	23	SPENCER, LAURA	SKC	20041001	20
POTTS, JOHN	MKC	20040901	24	STANEK, JEFFREY	GMC	20040901	25
POWELL, BOBBY	FSCM	20041006	39	STANUSH, ALVIN	PSS3	20040822	38
PRAY, THOMSON	LCDR	20041004	36	STARNES, JOSEPH	SN	20040805	01
PRESTON, RICHARD	CAPT	20040901	25	STORK, RENNEN	GM2	20041001	20
PURIFOY, KERRY	SK1	20041001	20	STOVER, STEVEN	ETC	20040901	25
RAMOS, SUSAN	HSCS	20041101	20				

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STRATTON, RICHARD	BM2	20040805	35
STRICKLER, KEVIN	ENG4	20041001	25
STUART, KENNETH	BMCS	20040901	21
SUGRUE, TIMOTHY	LT	20041001	29
SULLIVAN, DAVID	ET1	20040801	20
SUMPTER, ROBERT	EMCS	20041101	23
SUTTICH, JON	FSCS	20041101	41
SVENSSON, DANIEL	CDR	20040901	20
TATE, WILLIAM	YN1	20040901	21
TAYLOR, JEFF	ENG3	20041101	24
TAYLOR, RICHARD	ET1	20040901	20
THOMAS, RICHARD	AMTC	20041101	26
THOMPSON, SAMUEL	YNC	20041001	31
TIERNEY, DIANA	YNC	20041001	20
TIERNEY, FREDERICK	WEPS4	20041001	32
TIERNEY, MARK	EM3	20040802	02
TILLMAN, JOHN	SK1	20041001	26
TISCH, TIMOTHY	CDR	20041001	22
TOLLES, MARK	FS1	20040901	20
TREVINO, JULIA	OSC	20040901	20
TSUGAWA, LLEWELLYN	MK1	20040814	39
TURLEY, DANNY	ETCS	20041101	26
TURNBULL, WILLIAM	AMTC	20041001	27
TYNDALL, NORMAN	EMC	20041004	29
VANDERSTAD, ALAN	ENG2	20041001	21
VEAZ, ALVIN	MK3	20040826	25
VEEK, PHILLIP	BMCM	20040901	26
VICKERY, NOEL	GMC	20041101	21
VILA, ROBERTO	BM1	20041101	23
VOORHIES, RALPH	CDR	20040901	37
WAGNER, KEVIN	WEPS2	20041101	20
WAGNER, WILLIAM	CAPT	20041001	26
WALTER, DAVID	SKC	20041101	20
WARREN, BERNARD	OSC	20040901	25
WEAVER, JOHN	WEPS4	20040901	30
WEAVER, PAUL	BM1	20040901	21
WEBER, ROBERT	LT	20040819	38
WEILLER, CHRISTIAN	MSTCS	20040901	21
WEIS, STEPHEN	SK1	20040901	25
WHITE, KATHLEEN	YNC	20041001	20
WHITE, TIMOTHY	MSTCM	20040901	20
WHITESIDE, JOHN	MK2	20041001	33
WHITMER, DOUGLAS	CAPT	20040901	27
WIESEN, KURT	SKC	20040901	20
WIETFELD, ERIC	AMTC	20041101	20
WILBURN, KENNETH	PSS4	20040831	35
WILLIAMS, JOHN	CAPT	20040901	37
WILLIAMS, LACHELE	PERS2	20040901	21
WILLIAMS, RAYMOND	MST1	20041003	25
WILMOTH, JAMES	EMC	20041028	23
WILSON, LON	OSCM	20041005	35
WINSLOW, MARK	OSCS	20041001	26
WINTERMUTE, RAND	LCDR	20041001	18
WOLF, PHILLIP	BMCM	20040901	22
WOOD, BRUCE	FS2	20040901	21
WOODELL, JONATHAN	BMC	20040901	21
WYCO, ROBERT	BMCS	20041001	22
YATES, JOANNE	SKC	20041001	22
YATTO, RICHARD	CAPT	20040901	27
YETMAN, CARL	ETC	20040601	20
YOUNG, CLINT	BM3	20041028	07



LILLESTOLEN, TED	CAPT	20040901	29
MOAKLEY, JOHN	CAPT	20041001	28
PRAHL, NICHOLAS	RALH	20040901	34

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### Military Retiree Paydays for CY 2005

January 3	February 1
March 1	April 1
May 2	June 1
July 1	August 1
September 1	October 3
November 1	December 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.*



### VETERANS AFFAIRS DISABILITY COMPENSATION AND YOUR RETIRED PAY

By law, all Veterans Affairs (VA) disability compensation awarded to a retiree is offset dollar for dollar from a retiree's retired pay.

Disability benefits received from the VA are not included in your Coast Guard/NOAA taxable retired pay income, and **IS NOT** reported to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). If you retired from the armed services based on years of service and are later given a retroactive service-connected disability rating by the VA, your retirement pay for the retroactive period is excluded from income up to the amount of VA disability benefits you would have been entitled to receive. Some tax preparers will ask for a corrected 1099R. Coast Guard policy is that the money paid to you at the time was taxable income and must be reported to the IRS. You can take your VA award letter with you when you have your taxes prepared and they can make the adjustment at that time. You can claim a refund of any tax paid on the excludable amount (subject to the statute of limitations), by filing an amended return on Form 1040X for each previous year during the retroactive period.

As always, if you have any questions please call your PSC (RAS) pay technician and they will be happy to assist you.



LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	RANK	DATE	CITY	STATE
ADAMS	DILLARD	DCC	20041006	PORT RICHEY	FL
ALLEN	ROBERT	AMC	20040917	DELAND	FL
ALLIGOOD	JAMES	LCDR	20041010	WASHINGTON	DC
ANDERSON	CHARLES	QMC	20041018	SARALAND	AL
ARENS	GERALD	LCDR	20040926	EAST LONGMEAD	MA
ARMSTRONG	HARRY	CSC	20040925	LEHIGH ACRES	FL
AVERY	BURTON	EN1	20040915	BAILEYVILLE	ME
BALDWIN	GEORGE	QMC	20040818	REDWOOD CITY	CA
BARRETT	WARREN	LCDR	20040914	MIAMI	FL
BEACHAM	WALTER	BMC	20040924	DAYTONA BEACH	FL
BENEFIEL	DAVID	ADCM	20041110	GAINESVILLE	FL
BENSON	WILLIAM	ENC	20041116	FORT PIERCE	FL
BENTLER	WILLIAM	BOSN4	20040902	STOCKTON	CA
BICKEL	DONALD	ENC	20040906	SO WEYMOUTH	MA
BISSELLE	ROBERT	CDR	20041101	BETHESDA	MD
BLANCO	MARC	SSC	20041116	PORTSMOUTH	NH
BORILLO	JAIME	YNCS	20041005	PHILIPPINES	RP
BRANDON	JESSIE	ETC	20041010	PORTSMOUTH	VA
BRINKMEYER	WILLIAM	CAPT	20041028	SAN ANTONIO	TX
BRINSON	CHARLES	LT	20041004	MILLEN	GA
BUHK	HOWARD	BMCM	20041113	WASHOUGAL	WA
BURNS	ROBERT	AECS	20040829	SEMMES	AL
CABLE	EMMETT	CS1	20041025	CHATTANOOGA	TN
CAMPBELL	BENNIE	YNCS	20040827	LAKELAND	FL
CARINO	PETER	FS1	20040923	PORT RICHIE	FL
CHAFFEE	ROSS	DC1	20040922	ROHNERT PARK	CA
CHARLES	JEFFREY	YNC	20040916	POPLARVILLE	MS
COATS	WILLIAM	ENC	20040806	NORTH PALM BCH	FL
COTTON	HENRY	RELE4	20040902	LOUDON	TN
CROTEAU	JOHN	ENC	20040901	ISLIP	NY
CROWLEY	ARTELL	BOSN4	20040822	GLOUCESTER	MA
DIEL	OSCAR	LT	20041008	LONG BEACH	CA
DYER	JIMMIE	ENC	20040930	MEDFORD	MA
ELBERTSON	GARY	RMC	20040924	GLENPOOL	OK
FLORES	DAVID	BM1	20040903	AULANDER	NC
FULCHER	MAXWELL	BMC	20040910	S DATONA	FL
GARVIS	DAVID	CDR	20041020	CHATTANOOGA	TN
GEORGE	SAMUEL	HM1	20041018	OGDEN	UT
GIANAKIS	ELFTERIOS	MKC	20040903	CUPERTINO	CA
GOWEN	JAMES	MKCM	20040826	SAINT ELMO	IL
GRABINSKI	STANLEY	QMC	20040829	MARYSVILLE	CA
GRAY	CLYDE	ENC	20041029	AVON	NC
GRIFFIN	DANIEL	SPCK4	20040927	SPARKS	GA
GRIMO	PETER	BM1	20041028	HOLLYWOOD	FL
GWYNN	JASON	AMT3	20040611	KALAMAZOO	MI

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	RANK	DATE	CITY	STATE
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HALEY	BOB	ADC	20040913	ROSEVILLE	CA
HALVEY	THOMAS	AECM	20040820	POMPANO BCH	FL
HARPER	WILLIAM	BMC	20041023	PALM COAST	FL
HARRINGTON	JERRY	BMCM	20040920	STURGEON BAY	WI
HAVELKA	LEONARD	CS1	20040806	DAVID CITY	NE
HAYES	CHARLES	CAPT	20040828	SIMPSONVILLE	SC
HEDGECOCK	MAURICE	AVI4	20041109	SAN DIEGO	CA
HENELL	KENNETH	ADCM	20040915	KEY LARGO	FL
HICKEN	ROBERT	ETCS	20040808	SEATTLE	WA
HOCH	CHARLES	ENC	20040830	GRAND RAPIDS	MI
HOWARD	DONALD	SKC	20041006	EDGEWATER	FL
HUNT	MICHAEL	YNCS	20041117	HELOTES	TX
JACKSON	CHARLES	CSC	20040820	BOISE	ID
JAMES	ANDREW	MKC	20041015	TOPEKA	KS
JARUSZEWICZ	JOHN	BMC	20040913	WATERFORD	CT
JAUCH	EDMUND	CAPT	20040821	CUPERTINO	CA
JAVIER	LORENZO	SS1	20040827	NAVARRE	FL
JENKINS	CLAUDE	CAPT	20041019	SATELLITE BCH	FL
JOHNSON	DAVID	COMM4	20041113	HENDERSON	NV
KANE	JOSEPH	MMCS	20040802	WATERFORD	CT
KAUFMANN	KENNETH	QMC	20040906	NEW MILFORD	NJ
KEENAN	IRVIN	RMC	20041031	LAKE WALES	FL
KELLY	EDWARD	MK2	20041002	BALTIMORE	MD
KELLY	JAMES	CAPT	20040930	WATERFORD	CT
KISSINGER	EARL	LCDR	20040912	ORLANDO	FL
KNIGHT	RUDOLPH	BMCS	20041007	OLYMPIA	WA
KOCH	EDWARD	CDR	20041014	RIDGE	NY
LAVIGNE	JOSEPH	ENC	20040927	PLYMOUTH	MA
LONG	CLARENCE	SPCK3	20040926	KENNEWICK	WA
LOVE	ODELL	SN	20040922	KANSAS CITY	MO
MAHLMANN	JOHN	CDR	20040927	LOUISVILLE	KY
MCCARTHY	JUSTIN	CAPT	20041023	RIVERSIDE	CA
MCCLANAHAN	FINIS	BOSN3	20040918	SAN FRANCISCO	CA
MCHALE	THOMAS	BOSN4	20040817	WESTMINISTER	MD
MCLEAN	CHARLES	ENCM	20040831	TITUSVILLE	FL
MCSWAIN	CHARLES	AVI4	20040911	MOBILE	AL
MELTON	WILLIAM	ENG2	20040904	MONCK'S CORNER	SC
MENDONCA	JAMES	MKCS	20041113	WILTON	CA
MERCER	ADOLPH	BMC	20040928	MOREHEAD	NC
MILLER	RICHARD	YN2	20040902	ONEIDA	TN
MILLS	ROBERT	CAPT	20041031	SAVANNAH	GA
MOLINA	CARLOS	BMCS	20040918	LAS CRUCES	NM
MONTFORD	GABRIEL	ENG4	20040905	TAMPA	FL
MOORE	STATON	QM1	20040912	MARSHALLBERG	NC
MUNKERS	CLIFFORD	TT1	20041024	SPRING HILL	FL
MURPHY	HARVEY	YNCM	20041006	PRESCOTT	AZ
MURPHY	LAURENCE	CAPT	20041024	WOBURN	MA
NABORS	HUGH	CDR	20040910	CHESTERFIELD	MO
NEWTON	GEORGE	CDR	20040925	LAWRENCE	KS
NORGARD	HAROLD	CDR	20040808	NO ST PAUL	MN
ODOM	GEORGE	ENC	20041107	JACKSONVILLE	FL
OROURKE	RICKI	BMC	20040920	HAMDEN	CT

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	RANK	DATE	CITY	STATE
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OSBORN	RICHARD	ADC	20040817	BABYLON	NY
OTTS	GARL	EMCS	20041108	OLEAN	NY
PARKER	BLANCHE	LCDR	20040821	SANTA ANA	CA
PATNODE	KENNETH	TTCS	20040915	WARRENTON	OR
PENDLETON	ROBERT	CWO4	20040922	ACCOKEEK	MD
PETKOVICH	MILES	CSC	20041103	TAMPA	FL
PIERCE	WILLIAM	CAPT	20040918	BOCA RATON	FL
PYLE	DONALD	BMCM	20040928	PALM HARBOR	FL
RANDALL	SILAS	RMC	20041031	WATERFORD	CT
RAYMER	ROBERT	CDR	20040918	SCOTTSDALE	AZ
REID	LEROY	CAPT	20040825	KENNESAW	GA
REYNOLDS	GEORGE	CAPT	20040914	MERCER ISLAND	WA
RILEY	JAMES	RMC	20040916	GRANDVIEW	MO
ROGERSON	RAY	MKCS	20040913	LEESBURG	FL
ROTH	KEITH	AVTC	20040917	DONALSONVILLE	GA
ROTHSTEIN	MARVIN	PS1	20040826	LONG BEACH	NY
RUTHERFORD	MARSHALL	CDR	20041021	SAN DIEGO	CA
RYALS	LAWRENCE	RD2	20041101	WINDSOR	CT
RYAN	WALTER	CAPT	20041007	DEERFIELD BCH	FL
SABO	EDWARD	ENG3	20041116	BLOOMSBURG	PA
SARTIN	LARRY	LCDR	20040913	ROSWELL	NM
SCHMAELING	HERBERT	EMCM	20041024	PORT CHARLOTTE	FL
SCHMITZ	JOHN	CWO4	20040930	SUSSEX	NJ
SCHUTZENDORF	GILBERT	CAPT	20040826	CLEARWATER	FL
SCHWEITZER	MERRILL	CAPT	20040916	PORTLAND	OR
SIMS	LEONARD	LCDR	20041001	REDONDO BEACH	CA
SINCLAIR	ROBERT	F&S2	20040927	CASSVILLE	MO
SMALLWOOD	NELSON	SKC	20040704	LAS VEGAS	NV
SMITH	CHARLES	CDR	20041023	HUNTSVILLE	AL
SNEDDON	ALEXANDER	BMCM	20040824	FOREST	VA
STARNES	JOSEPH	SN	20040805	GOOSE CREEK	SC
STRICKLAND	MURDOCK	EMC	20040901	JACKSONVILLE	FL
SWINDELL	AARON	RD1	20040923	JACKSONVILLE	FL
TALICOL	GEORGE	SS2	20041010	SUNRISE	FL
TAYLOE	ZELMA	WO1	20040822	OWENS CROSS R	AL
TAYLOR	LEWIS	DCCM	20040824	VALLEY	AL
TITUS	KENNETH	LTJG	20040806	AUSTIN	TX
TUCKER	DONALD	SNYN	20040812	JACKSONVILLE	FL
TURLEY	DONALD	ADC	20040808	VALLEY VIEW	TX
TUTTLE	RAYNARD	MACH2	20040929	EVERETT	WA
VALDOVINOS	GUSTAVE	FICS	20040925	GREENFIELD	WI
VANWINKLE	ERNEST	PERS4	20041021	S SAN FRAN	CA
WALTON	GEORGE	CAPT	20041021	SATELLITE BEA	FL
WEAVER	ROBERT	CS1	20041105	SAULT STE MAR	MI
WHATLEY	MACKIE	BMCM	20041113	CLEVELAND	TN
WHITE	DAVID	PSC	20040803	CHARLESTON	WV
WILKINS	RONALD	DCCS	20040926	FREELAND	MI
WILLIAMS	BERT	BM1	20041005	JACKSONVL BCH	FL
WILLIAMS	RICHARD	ASMCM	20041027	NAPA	CA
ZIENTAK	SYLVESTER	DC1	20041002	DACULA	GA

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WILLIAMS, SR.	MALCOLM	CAPT	20040324	WATERFORD	CT
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## Dependent TAPS

Name of Dependent	Relationship	Date of Death	Location
Kay Likens	Wife of RMC Willie W. Likens, USCG, Ret	05 May 04	Winter Park, FL
Caroline A. Tiongson	Wife of SSCS Fernando R. Tiongson, USCG, Ret	28 Aug 04	Somerville, MA
Rita M. Cassara	Wife of CWO4 Nicholas J. Cassara, USCG, Ret	10 Aug 04	Mesa, AZ
Mildred Emory Starr	Wife of CDR Douglas Perret Starr, USCG, Ret	20 Jul 04	Bryan, TX
Jeanne C. Collins	Wife of LCDR Charles M. Collins, USCG, Ret	31 Aug 04	Cape May, NJ
Rose L. Dunaway	Wife of CWO4 Frank G. Dunaway, USCG, Ret	19 Sep 04	Port Angeles, WA
Shirley M. Long	Wife of CDR Charles H. 'Bud' Long, USCG, Ret	18 Feb 04	Tehachapi, CA
Lillian L. Nicholas	Wife of MUC Dale H. Nicholas, USCG, Ret	13 May 04	Meza, AZ
Rosemary Bennett	Wife of EMC Wallace Bennett, USCG, Ret	18 Oct 04	Amelia, OH
Katherine R. Gallant	Wife of ENCS Ralph E. Gallant, USCG, Ret	12 Sep 04	Oregon City, OR
Deborah Ann Beaver	Wife of CWO2 Douglas G. Beaver, USCG, Ret	13 Sep 04	Spruce Pine, NC
Cora Lee Burluson	Mother In-Law of CWO2 Douglas G. Beaver, USCG, Ret	8 Aug 04	Spruce Pine, NC
Norma L. Kindell	Wife of BMC Douglas J. Kindell, USCG, Ret	27 Oct 04	Bremen, ME
Alexander J. Meldrum	Father of BMC Allen Meldrum, USCG, Ret	16 Oct 04	Oviedo, FL
Lillian M. Holman	Wife of ENC Virgil J. Holman, USCG, Ret	21 Jul 04	Napa, CA
Martha W. Madden	Wife of LCDR Earle J. Madden, USCG, Ret	9 Sep 04	Carriere, MS
Scott M. Grieco	Son of LT Charles M. Grieco, Jr., USCG, Ret	18 Sep 04	Huntington, WV
Susan E. Jackson	Wife of MKC Silas Jackson, III, USCG, Ret	14 Feb 04	Orlando, FL
Betty J. Gallagher	Wife of YNCM Robert E. Gallagher, USCG, Ret	24 July 04	Reno, NV

If you have lost a loved one and would like their name printed in Dependent TAPs, please contact the Editor with their name, date of death, your name and retired rank, and city/state of residence. You can write the Editor at USCG Retiree Newsletter, PSC (RAS), 444 SE Quincy Street, Topeka, KS 66683-3591; or e-mail the Editor at: "[psc-ras@hrsic.uscg.mil](mailto:psc-ras@hrsic.uscg.mil)". You may also fax your request to (785)-339-3770.

## Tax-free Compensation Available to Veterans Under Combat-Related Special Compensation

The increase in applications for the Combat Related Special Compensation pay, which officials expected to take place when the benefit was expanded to include all combat-related disabilities rated as service-connected by Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) at 10 percent or higher, has just not happened.

CRSC staff, thinking the lack of participation may be because many retired members have still not heard about the program or perhaps are confusing the CRSC criteria with that of Concurrent Retirement Disability Payments (CRDP), are making an all out effort to spread the word. **When in doubt – apply. It may very well be the key to receiving additional tax-free money.**

CRSC is awarded to active duty military retirees with 20 years or more active duty or Reservists and Guardsmen who retired at age 60 and who have a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) disability which is combat related.

Although CRSC specifically addresses “combat-related” disabilities, retirees who developed disabilities from other than actual combat may be eligible. Disabilities due to exposure to Agent Orange, combat training, simulated war exercises, or hazardous service, are all examples that may be compensated.

Veterans receiving VA compensation, even those already receiving CRDP, should send in all documentation which addresses how the disability came about and let the CRSC staff determine if the disabilities qualify for the program. Those eligible for both CRSC and CRDP can determine, on an annual basis, which payment to elect since CRDP may increase as it is phased in over a 10-year period.

### Send documents to:

**Coast Guard: Coast Guard Personnel Command (adm-1), 4200 Wilson Blvd. Ste 1100, Arlington, VA 22203  
1-866-307-1336**

**NOAA: Commissioned Personnel Center, 1315 East-West Highway Room 12100, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3202 Attn: Katherine Raymond 1-800 224-6622**

Appropriate supporting documentation includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Department of Defense Form 214, Certificate of Release from Active Duty.
- Findings and Recommended Disposition of Active Duty service Physical Evaluation Board.
- Retirement orders.
- Any documentation indicating combat-related findings.
- Assignment or temporary duty orders.
- Service Medical records which discuss how the condition was incurred.
- Any VA disability rating decisions which discuss how the condition was incurred.

Applications and guidance are available online at <http://www.dior.whs.mil/forms/DD2860T.PDF>. Applicants can print and send the application and any supporting documentation to the addresses listed above. Coast Guard members contact Coast Guard Personnel Command's website at: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cgpc/adm/adm1.htm>

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### **CORRECTION**

In our October-December 2004 issue, page 8, we incorrectly identified the source for the article on the FAIR-WEATHER as RADM Bow, Jr., NOAA Director, NMAO and NOAA Corps. His correct name and title are: RADM Samuel P. De Bow, Jr., Director, Marine and Aviation Operations and NOAA Commissioned Corps. We regret any confusion this may have caused.

## Personnel Service Center, Retiree & Annuitant Services (RAS) - Directory Assistance

### Questions, Address or Direct-Deposit Changes

#### If you need information or have questions about:

- ◆ Your retired or Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuity payments
- ◆ Your Retired/Annuitant Statement
- ◆ IRS Form 1099R (reporting taxable income)

#### or you need to change:

- ◆ Your home mailing address (for Retired/Annuitant Statement, newsletter, 1099R)
- ◆ Your financial institution or account number for your direct deposit
- ◆ Report a change to your Designation of Beneficiary for Payment of Unpaid Retired Pay (Note: Use Form \*CG PSC-3600 Designation of Beneficiary for Payment of Unpaid Retired Pay)

You may make the requests listed above by **telephone**, by **fax** or in **writing**. Our telephone and fax numbers are:

Toll free: 1 800 772-8724  
Commercial: (785) 339-6415  
Fax: (785) 339-3770

### Allotments, SBP Coverage and Beneficiary Changes

#### If you need to:

- ◆ Start, stop or change and allotment (use Form \*CG PSC-7221 Retired Allotment Authorization Form)
- ◆ Report a change to your Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) coverage

You must make the requests listed above in **writing**. You may **fax** your request to (785) 339-3770 or mail to:

Commanding Officer (RAS)  
USCG Personnel Service Center  
444 SE Quincy St  
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

(\*) Note: forms available from our website  
<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/forms>

**1 800 PSC-USCG/1 800 772-8724**

**If outside the U.S. (785) 339-3415**

### Income Tax Withholding Changes

#### If you need to:

- ◆ Start or change the amount of State Tax Withholding (Retirees can call, e-mail or use \*IRS Form W-4, or state form. **If using IRS form, indicate that the form is for State Income Tax Withholding, not federal, which state it's for and the dollar amount to be withheld, (minimum amount is \$10.00, no cents).** We cannot withhold state tax for annuitants)
- ◆ Change your Federal Income Tax Withholding (Retirees use Form W-4, Annuitants use Form W-4P)
- ◆ Change exemptions or additional withholding

Federal tax changes **must** be in writing. The original Form IRS W-4 or W-4P must be mailed to PSC (RAS) for action and filing, per IRS requirements. PSC (RAS) cannot accept a faxed W-4 or W-4P. Please mail to:

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USCG Personnel Service Center  
444 SE Quincy St  
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

(\*)Note: forms available from our website  
<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/forms>  
or directly from the IRS

### Report of Death

To report the death of a Coast Guard, NOAA retiree/annuitant or a Lighthousekeeper call:

Toll free: 1 800 772-8724  
Commercial: (785) 339-3415  
Fax: (785) 339-3770

#### Or write:

Commanding Officer (RAS)  
USCG Personnel Service Center  
444 SE Quincy St  
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

E-mail articles, dependent taps entries, reunion notices, etc., to **PSC-RASNewsletter@hrsic.uscg.mil** or call us at the numbers listed below (phone menu option #4). The deadline for the next issue is February 9, 2005.

**E-mail: PSC-RAS@hrsic.uscg.mil**

**Website: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/ras.htm>**

## Other Important Phone Numbers and Websites

Medical/Dental Benefits	Phone	Websites/Notes
Eligibility (DEERS)/ID Cards	<b>1 800 538-9552 (TTY/TDD) 1 866 363-2883</b>	<a href="http://www.tricare.osd.mil/deers">http://www.tricare.osd.mil/deers</a> In CA: 1 800 334-4162 In AK & HI: 1 800 527-5602
Mail-Order Pharmacy	1 866 363-8667	<a href="http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/tmop.cfm">http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/tmop.cfm</a>
Retiree Dental Plan	1 888 838-8737	<a href="http://www.trdp.org">http://www.trdp.org</a>
TRICARE Overseas	1 888 777-8343	<a href="http://www.tricare.osd.mil/overseas/">http://www.tricare.osd.mil/overseas/</a>
TRICARE United States	phone numbers available on web site	<a href="http://tricare.osd.mil">http://tricare.osd.mil</a>
TRICARE For Life	1 888 363-5433	<a href="http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tfl/default.cfm">http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tfl/default.cfm</a>
Senior Pharmacy Program	1 877 363-6337	<a href="http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/seniorpharmacy.cfm">http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/seniorpharmacy.cfm</a>
Federal Long-Term Health Insurance	1 800 582-3337	<a href="http://www.opm.gov/insure/ltc/">http://www.opm.gov/insure/ltc/</a>
CG Health Benefits Advisor	1 800 942-2422	
Veterans Benefits	Phone	Websites/Notes
Department of Veterans Affairs	1 800 827-1000	<a href="http://www.va.gov">http://www.va.gov</a>
Insurance Information	1 800 669-8477	<a href="http://www.insurance.va.gov">http://www.insurance.va.gov</a>
Veterans Group Life Insurance		<a href="http://www.insurnace.va.gov/sglisite/vgli/vgli.htm">http://www.insurnace.va.gov/sglisite/vgli/vgli.htm</a>
<b>New VGLI Applications and VGLI Reinstatements:</b> OSGLI PO Box 5000 Millville, NJ 08332-9928	Fax # for other than deaths and accelerated benefits 1 800 236-6142 Overseas phone (973) 548-5699	<b>Death and accelerated benefits claims only:</b> Phone: 1 800 419-1473 Fax: 1 877 832-4943 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:osgil.claims@prudential.com">osgil.claims@prudential.com</a>  <b>General Correspondence:</b> Office of Service members' Group Life Insurance 290 West Mt. Pleasant Ave. Livingston, NJ 07039
Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents	1 800 827-1000	<a href="http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current_benefits.htm">http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current_benefits.htm</a> VA Pamphlet 80-02-1
Headstones & Markers	1 800 697-6947	<a href="http://www.cem.va.gov/hm.htm">http://www.cem.va.gov/hm.htm</a>
Other	Phone	Websites/Notes
Final Active Duty Pay	1 866 772-8724 Overseas (785) 339-3550	<a href="http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/ses.htm">http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/ses.htm</a> Commanding Officer (SES) USCG Personnel Service Center 444 SE Quincy St Topeka, KS 66683-3591
Contact PSC (SES) for information on Severance Pay, Separation Pay, Disability Severance Pay, LES's, IRS Form W-2.		

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**Other Important Phone Numbers and Websites**

Other	Phone	Websites/Notes
Travel Claims	1 866 772-8724 Overseas (785) 339-2200	<a href="http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/tvl.htm">http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/tvl.htm</a> Send final travel claim to: Commanding Officer (TVL) USCG Personnel Service Center 444 SE Quincy St. Topeka, KS 66683-3591
Service Records	(314) 801-0800	<a href="http://www.archives.gov/research_room/vetrecs/">http://www.archives.gov/research_room/vetrecs/</a> Write to: National Personnel Records Center 9700 Page Avenue St. Louis, MO 63132-5100
For copies of DD214's, personnel records, medical & dental records, and service medals—requests must be in writing and include complete name, rank, SSN, dates of service and date of birth.		
Social Security	1 800 772-1213	<a href="http://www.ssa.gov">http://www.ssa.gov</a>
WWII U. S. Merchant Marine Awards and Decorations	1 800 996-2723 Overseas (202) 366-2646	<a href="http://www.marad.dot.gov/contact_us.html">http://www.marad.dot.gov/contact_us.html</a> Attn: Patricia Thomas, Medals and Decorations Maritime Administration U. S. Department of Transportation 400 7th Street, SW, Room 7304 Washington, D.C. 20590

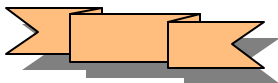
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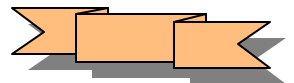
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## NAUTICAL TERMS, PHRASES & TRIVIA



**As the Crow Flies** - When lost or unsure of their position in coastal waters, ships would release a caged crow. The crow would fly straight towards the nearest land thus giving the vessel some sort of a navigational fix. The tallest look-out platform on a ship came to be known as the crow's nest.

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