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Admiral Thad W. Allen

COMMANDANT
U.S. COAST GUARD

Admiral Thad W. Allen assumed the duties of the 23rd Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard on May 25th, 2006. Admiral Allen is a native of Tucson, Arizona and graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1971.

Admiral Allen previously served as the Coast Guard Chief of Staff and Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Headquarters, in Washington, D.C., from May 2002 to April 2006. He also served as the Chairman of the Department of Homeland Security's Joint Requirements Council from 2003 to 2006. In September 2005, Admiral Allen was designated the Principal Federal Official for Hurricane Katrina response and recovery operations in

Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. He additionally served as Principal Federal Official for Hurricane Rita response and recovery activities in Louisiana.

Prior to his assignment as Chief of Staff, Admiral Allen served as Commander, Coast Guard Atlantic Area, Fifth Coast Guard District, and U.S. Maritime Defense Zone Atlantic in Portsmouth, VA, where he was the operational commander for all Coast Guard activities in an area of responsibility spanning five Coast Guard Districts, encompassing more than 14 million square miles and involving 26,000 military and civilian employees, and 27,900 Auxiliarists. Admiral Allen led the Coast Guard's Atlantic Area forces in response to the terrorists attacks of September 11, 2001.

In his other flag assignments, Admiral Allen commanded the Seventh Coast Guard District where he directed Coast Guard operations in South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and throughout the Caribbean. He has also been assigned as the Coast Guard's Director of Resources at Coast Guard Headquarters, where he was responsible for formulating the Coast Guard's budget, developing long range plans and managing the Coast Guard's performance plan.

A specialist in operations both in coastal and offshore environments, Admiral Allen has served aboard three Coast Guard cutters: the *Androscoggin*, *Gallatin* and *Citrus*, which he commanded. His coastal command operational assignments include Captain of the Port/Group Long Island Sound, Connecticut; Group Atlantic City, New Jersey and LORAN Station Lampang, Thailand. Admiral Allen's other assignments included a tour as search and rescue controller in the Greater Antilles Section, San Juan, Puerto Rico; Intelligence Watch Officer at DEA/INS El Paso Intelligence Center, El Paso, Texas; Chief Budget Officer, Maintenance and Logistics Command



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Atlantic, Governors Island, New York; Deputy Project Manager, Fleet Modernization and Rehabilitation (FRAM) Project, and Assistant Division Chief, Programs Division, Office of the Chief of Staff, Coast Guard Headquarters.

Admiral Allen holds a Master of Public Administration degree from the George Washington University and received the Alumni Achievement Award in 2006. He also holds a Master of Science degree from the Sloan School of Management of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 2003, Admiral Allen was elected a National Academy of Public Administration Fellow.

Admiral Allen is married to the former Pamela A. Hess of Champaign, IL. She is the Assistant Dean for Student Services at the George Mason University School of Management. Together they have three grown children, Amanda, Meghan and Lucas and two grandsons. Admiral Allen is the son of Clyde and Wilma Allen. Clyde Allen is a retired Coast Guard Chief Damage Controlman and World War II veteran.

From: Admiral Thad W. Allen

To: The Men and Women of the Coast Guard:

I am deeply honored and humbled to serve you and the American people as the 23rd Coast Guard Commandant. I pledge you my passion, devotion, and energy to ensure you have the best possible tools, support, and leadership to carry out your missions, wherever you sit in our Service.

Situational Assessment:

Let me be frank and very clear: We operate in a strategic environment that has changed dramatically in the past five years and will continue to change. This requires continuous adaptation from the Coast Guard. I realize there has been extensive change in our Service in the past decade and the new Sector structure is still "breaking in." However, we live in a world of dynamic threats and hazards and must adapt accordingly. We will not change for change's sake but purposefully, with strategic intent and always focused on our first priority and duty to the Nation: Mission Execution.

Strategic Drivers:

The Global War on Terrorism, Maritime Transportation Security Act, Homeland Security Act, National Strategy for Homeland Security, and the National Strategy for Maritime Security have mandated new areas of mission emphasis for us. Your extraordinarily successful operations in response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and to Hurricane Katrina in 2005 significantly elevated our visibility and the demand for our services across all levels of government. Our unique blend of capabilities, competencies and authorities applied across multiple missions are recognized and valued as never before. As a result, expectations for our performance and contributions in routine and crisis operations are greater than ever. Meeting new demands while sustaining the trust and confidence of the public we serve requires us to continually challenge ourselves and improve the way we do business.

My Strategic Vision:

We will focus our entire organization on improving and sustaining Mission Execution. We will do this by structuring

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U. S. Coast Guard Personnel Service Center

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Evening Colors is a publication containing news of general interest, suggestions, and information to keep Coast Guard and NOAA retirees and their family members informed of recent developments. This publication shall not be considered authority and is non-record material.



TRDP's improved IVR and web site enhance customer service

by Nancy White

New automated telephone services and an improved, easy-to-use web site provide both visitors and enrollees with complete, comprehensive information about the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP).

Automated features added to the redesigned Interactive Voice Response telephone system, or "IVR," include the ability to request a list of dentists in a specific area, including specialists, be faxed or mailed. Callers can also get a complete breakdown of TRDP covered services, including time limitations; streamlined navigation through the automated telephone system makes it easier than ever for TRDP enrollees to obtain such information as their eligibility; status of a claim, maximum used to date and remaining deductible amount.

The IVR at **(888) 838-8737** is available for automated services 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Callers who wish to speak directly to a customer service associate can dial the IVR Monday through Friday during the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. PST.

Those with Internet capability can log on to the TRDP's dedicated, customer-friendly web site at www.trdp.org and take a "virtual tour" of the program. Further navigation through the web site allows users to enroll in the TRDP, find a local network dentist through the online dentist search function, download a claim form, view or print the entire benefits booklet, and click on "Related Sites" to get the latest dental health updates and find useful links to important government and health information.

There is also an online Customer Inquiry Form that allows customers to contact Delta electronically during a time that is convenient for them and to get prompt responses to their specific questions about the TRDP—all within reach of their computer.

Another convenient feature of the TRDP web site is the online Consumer Tool Kit[®]. Much like the IVR, this self-service tool for enrollees allows them to verify their eligibility, get up-to-date benefits information, verify maximums and deductibles used to date, review processed claims and reimbursements, and even print extra ID cards for themselves and their enrolled family members.

To all Beneficiaries of the Military Health System:

We face a serious challenge to the future of our military health benefit. We have experienced significant increases in the cost of healthcare; they have doubled in just five years and our analysts project steep increases over the next 10 years, to \$64 billion in 2015, which represents 12 percent of the projected Defense budget in that year.

Our health benefit ranks among the very best in the nation. We have comprehensive coverage that we continue to enhance; our access is unparalleled with a national network of more than 220,000 physicians, all U.S. hospitals, and 55,000 retail pharmacies that supplement our own military medical facilities. We have exceptional quality of care and our providers focus on the safety of their patients while striving to earn their patients' satisfaction. Together, we must sustain this benefit.

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NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

March 30, 2006

“40,000 LETTERS CAN’T BE WRONG,” SAYS MOAA’S PRESIDENT

Alexandria, Va....“40,000 letters can’t be wrong. The veterans are speaking to Congress, and Congress is listening,” said VAdm Norb Ryan, Jr., USN (Ret), president of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA).

The comment came after Ryan testified before the House Armed Service Subcommittee on Military Personnel on March 29.

At the start of the committee meeting, ten mail trays of letters from MOAA members were stacked in front of the witnesses, representing about 40,000 total that went to the Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. Each letter had appeared as a tear out in the February issue of MOAA’s *Military Officer* magazine and urged Senate and House leaders not to raise fees and co-payments for TRICARE, the military’s health care program.

One legislator indicated that the stacks of mail would have to be moved so the Committee could see the other witnesses.

The Department of Defense (DoD) is attempting in the President’s Budget to raise fees and pharmacy co-payments for military retirees under the age of 65. They say they need to make up what they consider to be a shortfall in DoD’s health care budget.

MOAA and other veterans organizations objected strongly to DoD’s tactics, saying their proposed raises would increase fees by two and three times for some retirees.

MOAA has offered DoD the chance to look at 16 ways DoD can save money before raising fees. MOAA has asked Congress for an independent review of the situation before allowing DoD to proceed.

A significant number of MOAA’s more than 360,000 members have responded to DoD’s proposals with letters, e-mails, phone calls, postcards, and visits to Capitol Hill.

“Our people responded quickly and sincerely,” said Ryan. “The ball game is not over by any means, but these wonderful letters from our dedicated members show the power of what one letter can do combined with others.”

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U.S. Department of
Homeland Security
**United States
Coast Guard
Auxiliary**



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Press Release

COAST GUARD AUXILIARY TO BE PRESENTED NATIONAL AWARD FOR BOATING AND WATER SAFETY

SACRAMENTO – The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary has been selected to receive the National Water Safety Congress' National Award for its role in promoting boating and water safety.

Only one such award is presented annually to an individual, organization, firm or agency that has made a significant contribution to water safety issues/programs on a national scale. This is the highest award given by the National Water Safety Congress.

According to Jeffrey Hoedt, Chief-Office of Boating Safety for the U.S. Coast Guard, "It's quite an accomplishment for the Auxiliary to receive this prestigious recognition, and I'm glad to see it happen. Without a doubt, the Auxiliary does incredible work in making America's boating public safer."

"The Coast Guard Auxiliary appreciates the recognition of our past and continuing efforts to keep both the recreational and commercial boater safe on the water," said National Commodore Gene Seibert.

Warren McAdams, National Directorate Commodore for Recreational Boating Safety, will be accepting this award on behalf of the National Commodore at the upcoming International Boating and Water Safety Summit (IBWSS). Regarding the award, McAdams said "We provide support to the US Coast Guard, and recreational boating safety is one of our primary missions. Our members will take great pride in the recognition and honor bestowed on them by the National Water Safety Congress!"

The award will be presented during the International Boating and Water Safety Summit awards banquet, the evening of May 3, 2006, at the Westin Innisbrook Resort in Palm Harbor, Fla.

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For over 60 years, tens-of-thousands of men and women of the Coast Guard Auxiliary have spent millions of volunteer hours helping the Coast Guard carry out its missions. For more information on the Coast Guard Auxiliary, visit our website at: <http://www.cgaux.org> or www.auxpa.org



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has recently learned that an employee, a data analyst, took home electronic data from the VA, which he was not authorized to do. This behavior was in violation of our policies. This data contained identifying information including names, social security numbers, and dates of birth for up to 26.5 million veterans and some spouses, as well as some disability ratings. Importantly, the affected data did not include any of VA's electronic health records nor any financial information. The employee's home was burglarized and this data was stolen. The employee has been placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation.

Appropriate law enforcement agencies, including the FBI and the VA Inspector General's office, have launched full-scale investigations into this matter. Authorities believe it is unlikely the perpetrators targeted the items because of any knowledge of the data contents. It is possible that they remain unaware of the information which they possess or of how to make use of it. However, out of an abundance of caution, the VA is taking all possible steps to protect and inform our veterans.

The VA is working with members of Congress, the news media, veterans service organizations, and other government agencies to help ensure that those veterans and their families are aware of the situation and of the steps they may take to protect themselves from misuse of their personal information. The VA will send out individual notification letters to veterans to every extent possible. Veterans can also go to www.firstgov.gov as well as www.va.gov/opa to get more information on this matter. The [firstgov](http://www.firstgov.gov) web site is being set to handle increased web traffic. Additionally, working with other government agencies, the VA has set up a manned call center that veterans may call to get information about this situation and learn more about consumer identity protections. That toll-free number is 1-800-FED INFO (333-4636). The call center will be open beginning today, and will operate from 8 am to 9 pm (EDT), Monday-Saturday as long as it is needed. The call center will be able to handle up to 20,000 calls per hour (260,000 calls per day).

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs R. James Nicholson has briefed the Attorney General and the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, co-chairs of the President's Identity Theft Task Force. Task Force members have already taken actions to protect the affected veterans, including working with the credit bureaus to help ensure that veterans receive the free credit report they are entitled to under the law. Additionally, the Task Force will meet today, 22 May 2006, to coordinate the comprehensive Federal response, recommend further ways to protect affected veterans, and increase safeguards to prevent the reoccurrence of such incidents.

The VA's mission to serve and honor our nation's veterans is one we take very seriously and the 235,000 VA employees are deeply saddened by any concern or anxiety this incident may cause our veterans and their families. We appreciate the service our veterans have given their country and we are working diligently to protect them from any harm as a result of this incident.

THEFT OF VA DATA PLACES VETERANS AT RISK – SENATE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW MATTER

May 22, 2006

Media contact: Jeff Schrade (202) 224-9093

(Washington, DC) U.S. Senator Larry Craig is urging veterans and their spouses to carefully monitor their financial and other personal information in light of the theft of millions of electronic records of veterans.

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our service as a three-pronged force: shore-based operations, maritime operations, and deployable operations. We've taken bold steps forward by creating Sectors for shore-based operations. We've taken equally bold steps by advancing the Deepwater acquisition for maritime presence, patrol, and response. And we've created truly deployable forces. We must now expand our deployable force capabilities and support them with proper doctrine, logistics, training, and exercises. Across all of our forces, we will partner with other services and agencies to integrate our efforts. To further optimize the mission execution of this three-pronged force, we will assess our command and control structure. We will also reevaluate and realign our Mission Support system, including organizational structures, human resources, maintenance, logistics, financial management and information systems. Each of you, regardless of your pay grade, job or rating, or where you sit in our organization, is critical to mission success. You must have the tools and support you need to do your job. We *will* ensure Coast Guard men and women are the best trained and most versatile workforce in government, equipped with the most capable fleet of multi-mission ships, aircraft, boats and command and control systems available. We will remain aligned with our Department, sister services, and partner agencies. I have already assigned responsibility for a substantial list of specific initiatives to our Flag and SES corps. Information on these initiatives will follow shortly and I will keep you updated on their progress.

We have an extraordinary legacy of excellence as America's Coast Guard. We will build on that legacy. We will rise to meet all the challenges confronting us. Let's turn to. Semper Paratus!

Admiral Thad Allen

NATIONAL COUNCIL RETIREE PROGRAM COORDINATOR'S OFFICE STATUS

The National Coast Guard Retiree Council Headquarters Retiree Program Coordinator's Office has been established, and is staffed by members of the Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council and other DC Area Retiree volunteers. The Office will serve as a Headquarters point of contact for retirees needing assistance to determine who or where they should direct their inquiries. This will be a valuable contact point between the active duty Coast Guard and the Coast Guard military retiree community. This is important in these times of organizational change within the Coast Guard along with changing benefits and programs. There is no intent to curtail direct contact if the contact information is known.

Space has been allocated in Room 5500 at Coast Guard Headquarters for the Retiree Program Coordinator's Office. It is equipped with a computer, e-mail, and telephone service (202) 267-1727. Retirees will be able to call or e-mail questions and concerns.

The following has been set up:

Voice Mail

The National Retiree Council Help Desk phone number is **(202) 267-1727**.

General E-Mail Address

A "general E-mail address", NRHD@comdt.uscg.mil. E-mail questions are to be sent to this address.

Watch standers will monitor the voice mail and e-mail and respond in an appropriate manner.

CAPT Bob Warakomsky is spearheading the program and will be the Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council's Coordinator.

Watch standing procedures, frequently asked questions (FAQ), a list of links with key programs and other resource material are under development. Watch standers will not be expected to be an expert on USCG Programs, but rather, watch standers will assist in directing the "caller" to the right source is the main thrust.

The watch standing Team will maintain contact with the Council liaison, Jarvis Kolen, as a direct point of contact to interface with HQ for administrative support that may be required.

The Office will be up and running by the middle of May but a "learning curve" is expected.

REUNIONS AND NOTICES

MILITARY RETIREES And Dependents

All Branches of the Armed Forces/Uniformed Services
You are Invited to

THE NINTH ANNUAL NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND MILITARY RETIREE ACTIVITY DAY

SPONSORED BY
NEW HAMPSHIRE AIR NATIONAL GUARD IN COOP-
ERATION WITH: HANSCOM AIR FORCE BASE. THE
PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD, BRUNSWICK NA-
VAL AIR STATION, FORT DRUM, AND THE NATIONAL
GUARD AND ARMY RETIREE COUNCILS FROM
MAINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE, AND VERMONT.

HERE'S WHAT'S AVAILABLE

LEGAL ASSISTANCE, HEALTH CARE INFORMATION,
SURVIVOR BENEFITS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES,
COMMISSARIES, EXCHANGES, VETERANS ADMINI-
STRATION VETERANS CEMETERIES, VETERANS
HOMES, DEERS/ID CARD RENEWALS, AND MUCH
MORE.

COME AND JOIN US SATURDAY AUGUST 5, 2006

157th Air Refueling Wing of the New Hampshire Air Na-
tional Guard at the Former Pease Air Force Base. All ac-
tivities will be indoors. Photo identification card required
for driver, military or drivers license.

0800-0900 REGISTRATION
0900-0945 OPENING CEREMONY
0945-1300 STATIONS AND OPEN

Directions to RAD 2006

From North (ME)- Take 95S across high level bridge into NH, turn right on 4, 16 and Spaulding Turnpike, turn right on exit 1, turn left at bottom of ramp (Newington Road) into Pease Tradeport. From North (NH and VT) -take 4S, 16S and Spaulding Turnpike S across Bay Bridge into Newington, turn right on exit 1, turn right at bottom of ramp (Newington Rd) into Pease Tradeport. From South-Take 95N, left on 4N, 16N and Spaulding Turnpike N, turn right on exit 1, turn left at bottom of ramp (Newington Rd) into Pease Tradeport.

For More Information Contact: MG (RET) Homer Johnson at 603-964-5943 or homernh@comcast.net

NORTH CAROLINA COAST GUARD RESERVE REUNION

When: 14 October 2006

Where: USCG Sector North Carolina
Fort Macon
2301 East Fort Macon Road
Atlantic Beach, NC

Contact: CAPT Burt Womble, USCGR, Ret
1400 Chip Shot Drive
Morehead City, NC 28557

Phone: (252) 222-0610

E-mail: bwomble1@ec.rr.com

For more information visit the USCG Reserve Home-
page www.uscg.mil/reserve

USCGC KUKUI (WAK-186) REUNION

When: 3-5 November 2006

Where: Old Town
Alexandria, VA

Contact: CAPT Jim Donahue, USCG, Ret
5905 N 14th Street
Arlington, VA 22205

Phone: (703) 536-7886

E-mail: jameshdonahue@comcast.net

The second reunion of the infamous Coast Guard Cutter *KUKUI*. Events scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. All those who served aboard *KUKUI*, and their spouses, are invited to attend. Information will be mailed to those who want to attend.

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REUNIONS AND NOTICES**WORLD WAR II COAST GUARD MANNED
USS CENTAURUS (AKA-17) 15TH REUNION**

When: 28-30 September 2006
 Where: Sheraton National Hotel
 Arlington, VA
 Contact: G. E. McCabe, Jr.
 Phone: (904) 280-3013
 E-mail: congem@comcast.net

The ship participated in six amphibious assaults during WWII and was awarded six battle stars and credited with downing two kamikaze planes at Okinawa.

**HILLSBORO INLET LIGHTHOUSE CENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION**

When: 11 November 2006
 Where: Hillsboro Inlet Lighthouse
 Pompano Beach, FL
 Contact: Mr. Hib Casselberry
 Immediate Past President
 Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation
 Society (HLPS)
 671 Lakeside Circle
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 Pompano Beach, FL 33060
 Phone: (954) 782-3313
 E-mail: LTHOUSE@GATE.NET
 Website: www.HillsboroLighthouse.org

The HLPS Centennial Committee is looking for all who have served, lived, or worked at the Hillsboro Inlet Lighthouse. You are invited to attend special centennial activities Veteran's Day Weekend, 11 November 2006.

The HLPS newsletter "Big Diamond" is also looking for stories and photographs taken over the years that include the Lighthouse grounds, structures, and inlet. To the many Coast Guard families who have vacationed at the Lighthouse, please dust off those wonderful photos and share your historical treasures.

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. Or visit the website: <http://www.storisbramblespar.org>. Please include your full name, rank or rate, address and name(s) of the vessels and approximate dates of your service.

**U.S. COAST GUARD NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
FORMER STEWARDS AND STEWARDMATES INC.**

When: 17-20 August 2006
 Where: Savannah, GA
 Contact: CPO William Bell, USCG, Ret
 Phone: (301) 596-2908
 or
 CPO John Nixon, USCG, Ret
 Phone: (386) 446-8575

USCGC MCCULLOCH (W-386) FIFTH BI-ANNUAL

When: 27-28 October 2006
 Where: The Blockade Runner Resort Hotel
 Wrightsville Beach, NC
 Phone: 1 800 541-1161 (for reservations)
 Contact: Joe Pickens
 Phone: (303) 372-5648
 E-mail: n8uxe@citynet.net

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REUNIONS AND NOTICES**2006 LSA REUNION**

When: 5-7 October 2006

Where: Best Western Executive Inn
200 Taylor Avenue North
Seattle, WA 98109

Phone: (206) 448-9444 or
Toll free 1 800 351-9444

LSA Contact: Jay McCarthy, Membership Director
(561) 495-1761

or Larry Ryan, President
(719) 536-0366

Our Reunion Host is the Lightship *Swiftsure* # 83. She was an active Lightship from 1909 to 1951.

All former U. S. Coast Guard sailors who were assigned aboard a Lightship at some time in their tours of duty are strongly encouraged to join your shipmates in Seattle for this special event. The hotel is adjacent to the Space Needle. Be sure to say you are with the "Lightship Sailors Association" to get their special discount rate.

The LSA Reunion Schedule is as follows:

Thursday October 5th, 2006

0700-1400 - LSA Registration, receive ID Badges
1400-1700 - Annual Membership Meeting
1700 - Wine and Cheese Social

Friday October 6th, 2006

AM - Tour Boeing Field Museum of Flight
PM - Tour CG Base Museum, Pier 36 including CG Ice Breakers if in port

Saturday October 7th, 2006

AM - Tour NW Seaport Museum and/or Free Time
1400 - Annual Lightship Sailors Memorial Wreath Laying on board LS #83 *Swiftsure*
1800 - Annual Banquet Dinner with cash bar

Sunday October 8th, 2006

After official program ends, Southern Gospel Country style music by Adrian and Sharon Van Houten (LV 196)

Unless otherwise noted, breakfast and lunch are on your own as is Thursday's dinner

Visit our website <http://www.uscglightsailsors.org>

JOINT MILITARY SERVICES' RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY

The Twin Cities Joint Military Services' Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2006 at Mystic Lake Casino/Hotel at 2400 Mystic Lake Blvd, Prior Lake, Minnesota 55372. The event will begin at 0730 with check-in and continental breakfast. The sessions will begin at 0830 and end at 1700. Senator Norm Coleman has been invited to be our keynote speaker.

Since this is an unfunded activity a registration fee of \$26.00 per person must be collected in advance. The fee covers the cost for the use of the facilities and equipment, continental breakfast, break refreshments, lunch, taxes, and gratuities. Registrations with a check for fees should be mailed to Retired Activities Office, Navy & Marine Corps Reserve Center, 6400 Bloomington Rd, Fort Snelling, Saint Paul, MN 55111. Please include your retired Rank/Rate, Name, Address, Phone, E-mail, branch of service, and name of spouse or guests attending with you. For information call Air Force RAO at (612) 713-1516 or (800) 231-3517 Monday thru Friday 1000 to 1400 hours; or Navy RAO (612) 727-2854 Tuesday or Thursday 1000 to 1400 hours. Persons that fail to register in advance will be charged \$40.00 at on-site registration to cover the additional charges resulting from last minute changes.

Sessions will include information on veterans benefits, retiree pay, retiree issues, legal services, space "A", long-term care, TRICARE retiree dental plan, TRICARE and TRICARE for Life health benefits.

The Mystic Lake Hotel has extended a special standard room rate of \$89.00 (single/double occupancy, \$10 more for each additional person) for those wishing to stay overnight. The reservations must be made prior to August 29th and you must specify that you are attending the "Joint Military Retiree Council event". Call (952) 445-9000 or (800) 262-7799 to make reservations.

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**Air Force Retiree Activities Office,
Navy and Marine Corps Retired
Activities Office, and
Twin Cities Joint Military
Retiree Council**

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When: 5-7 October 2006
 Where: Mt. Pleasant, SC
 Contact: Jack L. Elam
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 Lecanto, FL 34461
 Phone: (352) 746-0079
 E-mail: jlecpe10058@earthlink.net

If you are interested in attending this reunion, or have information on the whereabouts of *Ingham* shipmates, please contact Jack at the above address or number.

USCGC COOS BAY REUNION

When: 13-16 September 2006
 Where: St. Louis, MO
 Contact: Bill Hardy
 7036 Valley
 Port Sheldon, MI 49460
 Phone: (616) 738-0765
 E-mail: hardyb643@sbcglobal.net

COAST GUARD RESERVE COMPANY R4 FIFTY YEAR REUNION

September 29-October 1, 2006 at Coast Guard Training Center Cape May. All R4 graduates are encouraged to attend. R4 is one of the first 6x8 reserve training companies to train and graduate from RTC Cape May from October 3, 1956 to March 1957. Visit R4's website at USCGR4.org for vintage photos, agenda, lodging options and more information. A variety of activities will include a welcome reception on Thursday, attendance at a recruit graduation on Friday, base tour and update on changes at Cape May since the 1950's, banquet dinner Friday evening and opportunities to share our life's experiences. For additional information contact: CDR Mike Nilsson, USCG, Ret., at (213) 248-0147, mmnilsson@aol.com or CDR Vic Saucedo, USCG, Ret., at vic.saucedo@lmco.com or Richard Storek at rich@storekstudio.com.

165' and 125' (buck and a quarter) CUTTERS REUNION

When: 14-16 September 2006
 Where: Elkhorn, MD
 Contact: Harrison Ochs
 Phone: (314) 822-9931

HAWAII COAST GUARD RETIREE COUNCIL

The Hawaii Coast Guard Retiree Council will meet 1900 to 2100 at Club 14, Sand Island on the second Wednesday of every August, November, February, and May. Contact CAPT Lesperance at (808) 488-5205 or jlesperance@hawaii.rr.com if you have any questions.

THE BERING SEA PATROL ALASKA VETERANS REUNION

When: 25-26 August 2006
 Where: Kansas City, MO
 Contact: Ed McLees
 1508 NE 98th St
 Kansas City, MO 64155
 Phone: (816) 436-5588
 E-mail: eamclees@earthlink.net

To all US Coast Guard personnel who served in Alaska. If you served on any unit in Alaska for 21 days or more you are welcome to join our organization and come to our reunion. We are open to active duty, retired and former members of the US Coast Guard. For further information visit our web site www.BSPAV.org or contact Ed at the above addresses or phone number.

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*(Continued from page 11)***REUNIONS AND NOTICES****HEAR YE - HEAR YE - HEAR YE****EMTel/TT/IT and Cable Boat operators reunion
15-17 September 2006**

All you pole climbers and Cable Boat operators/MK guys are invited to attend the annual EMTel, TT, IT reunion to be held at The American Legion Post 67 in Cary, NC. The address of the Post Home is 8523 Chapel Hill Road, Cary, NC. Contact person on site is Curtis Leary, (919) 469-3010 or Bo Stapelton, (757) 340-3732. E-mail Curtis at gssi36@earthlink.net. Great food, fun and our normal pole climbing stories by all. A newsletter with more information will be mailed prior to the reunion.

**COAST GUARD USS CALLAWAY (APA-35)
40TH REUNION**

When: 18-22 September 2006
 Where: Grantville, PA
 Contact: Wallace E. Shipp
 5319 Manning Place, NW
 Washington, DC 20016
 Phone: (202) 363-3663

**U. S. COAST GUARD CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS
ASSOCIATION (CPOA)**

When was the last time you saw an edition of The Chief Magazine? If it's been awhile, most likely your CPOA mailing address is not current. We are looking to reunite lost members and members not current in their \$24.00 annual dues with the CPOA. If your mailing address has changed or your USCG CPOA membership has lapsed and you are interested in reestablishing contact with the CPOA notify Command Master Chief Kevin Isherwood, National USCG CPOA Membership Chairman at (808) 541-2083 or via email kisherwood@D14.uscg.mil

"Once a Chief, Always a Chief"**"In Respect for those that have gone before us...as
a Guide for those that Follow."****U.S. COAST GUARD TUG ASSOCIATION
REUNION 3**

When: 21-23 September 2006
 Where: Hilton Mystic, CT/USCG Academy
 New London, CT
 Contact: C. A. (Sandy) Schwaab, CWO3, Ret
 Phone: (401) 364-1004
 E-mail: snsschwaab@cox.net
 Website: www.cg-tugs.org

This 3rd reunion is open to all current members of the USCG Tug Association (Full, Associate, & Friends) and any active duty, retired, and former Coastguardsmen/women who served in USCG Tugs. The three-day event will include activities at the Hilton, Foxwoods Casino, and USCG Academy. See all information and registration forms at the website.

USCGC ROCKAWAY W-377 4TH REUNION

When: 27-29 October 2006
 Where: Hilton Wilmington Riverside
 301 N. Water Street
 Wilmington, NC
 Phone: (888) 324-8170
 Contact: Frank Carlsson, CWO2, Ret
 Phone: (352) 253-0588
 E-mail: adselinc@aol.com

Tom McCarthy
TAD51@yahoo.com

Mail: CGC Rockaway Reunion
 PO Box 1514
 Tavares, FL 32778

Website: uscgc-rockaway.org

All Coast Guard, Navy shipmates interested in this reunion please contact Frank or Tom at the above addresses or phone numbers.

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*(Continued from page 12)***REUNIONS AND NOTICES****USCGC MENDOTA REUNION**

The USCGC *Mendota* will hold its 2006 reunion at the Shell Island Oceanfront Suite Hotel at Wrightsville Beach, NC during 13-15 October 2006. The hotel is now taking reservations at 1 (800) 689-6765. Ask for the Coast Guard rate. This should be our best reunion ever. We need start up money as usual. Send donations to "Mendota Reunion", P.O. Box 122, Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480. Contact is Jack Wilson at (910) 256-4583 or jwswr@bellsouth.net. Announcement mailed soon.

A.G.C. FLAGSHIP ALLIANCE

Reunion Announcement 2006

When: Sunday, September 10th through Thursday, September 14th, 2006

Where: Chattanooga Choo-Choo Holiday Inn, Chattanooga, Tennessee

AGC-1 - Appalachian	AGC-10 - Auburn
AGC-2 - Blue Ridge	AGC-11 - Eldorado
AGC-3 - Rocky Mount	AGC-12 - Estes
AGC-4 - Ancon	AGC-13 - Panamint
AGC-5 - Catoclin	AGC-14 - Teton
AGC-6 - Duane	AGC-15 - Adirondack
AGC-7 - Mt. McKinley	AGC-16 - Pocono
AGC-8 - Mt. Olympus	AGC-17 - Taconic
AGC-9 - Wasatch	AGC-18 - Biscayne
AGC-369 - Williamsburg	
WAGC-31 - Bibb	WAGC-35 - Ingham
WAGC-32 - Campbell	WAGC-36 - Spencer
WAGC-33 - Duane	WAGC-37 - Taney
WAGC-34 - Hamilton	
LCC-19 - Blue Ridge	LCC-20 - Mt. Whitney

Contact: Mary B. Knierim
16690 SE 85th Langham Court
The Villages, Florida 32162
Telephone: (352) 751-3448
E-Mail: mbk1277@comcast.net

USS BADOENG STRAIT (CVE-116) REUNION

When: 24-27 September 2006
Where: Las Vegas, NV
Contact: Henry Trotter
106 Sage Drive
Universal City, TX 78148
Phone: (210) 658-3447
E-mail: hctrotter@yahoo.com

2006 PTERODACTYL ROOST

(The Annual gathering of the Ancient Order of the Pterodactyl—the Coast Guard Aviation Association)

When: 17-20 September 2006
Where: Traverse City, MI
Headquarters: Bay Shore Resort
Phone: 1 800 634-4401

Come and celebrate the 90th anniversary of Coast Guard Aviation. This year's Roost will be held in beautiful northern Michigan, hosted by Air Station Traverse City. Active duty awards will be prominent along with special tours and events. Please visit our website for the latest information and a schedule of events.

<http://www.uscg.mil/d9/astc/Pterodactyls/Ptero.htm>

"There will be a **Governor's Island 'Brats Only'** reunion during the weekend of 3-6 August 2006 in New York City. Brats who grew up on Governor's Island from 1966 to 1996 are invited to attend this event. Rooms are being blocked at the Hotel Pennsylvania at Penn Station. Although we're still in the planning stages, there has been a reception scheduled for Thursday, August 3rd, and a banquet scheduled for Saturday, August 5th in one of the ballrooms at the hotel. We will be gathering on the island and will plan that at the reception. For more information, log on to the Brats website at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GovernorsIslandBrats2> or contact Dawn Fenner at dreamer7772000@yahoo.com."

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REUNIONS AND NOTICES**70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 327' SECRETARY CLASS CUTTERS
1936-2006**

USCGC BIBB	W-31	USCGC CAMPBELL	W-32
USCGC DUANE	W-33	USCGC HAMILTON	W-34
USCGC INGHAM	W-35	USCGC SPENCER	W-36
USCGC TANEY W-37			

October 5th thru 8th, 2006, Mt. Pleasant, Patriots Point, SC.

Anyone who served on any of these 7-Sisters is invited to this once-in-a-lifetime event. Come one, come all, bring your sea stories, pictures, memorabilia, significant other, and enjoy your shipmates company. Hope to see you all there! **SEMPER PARATUS!**

HOTEL RATE is \$94.00 per room at Mt. Pleasant Holiday Inn, 250 Johnnie Dodds Blvd, Hwy 17, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464. **Call 1-800-290-4004 to make your own reservations. Use Code: CGC**

ACTIVITY FEE is \$125.00 per person, includes admission to Patriots Point and all transportation plus Memorial Service presented by the Cutter *INGHAM* honoring 327 sailors who have crossed the bar, followed by luncheon on-board *USS Yorktown* (CV10) - Grand Photo dockside-Tour of Charleston Sites & Coast Guard 378's at the Navy Yard - Warren Lasch Conservation Center to see confederate submarine *H.L.Hunley*, Hospitality Room, Business Meetings, Ladies Tea, Gala Banquet. **Check payable to "327 Cutters Celebration" to Jim Kelly.**

FOR INFORMATION Contact Gordon Bell -- (215)-393-6195 or Jim Kelly, Treasurer, 40 Lisa Lane, Uncasville, CT 06382, (860) 848-1160 327CuttersCele@comcast.net All seven ships associations please notify your memberships. Thank you.

DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 15, 2006**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN REGISTRATION COUPON BELOW**

ACTIVITY PACKAGE RESERVATION FEE = \$125.00 PER PERSON. Please make check payable to: "327 Cutters' Celebration" and send to: Jim Kelly, Secretary-Treasurer, USCGC Campbell Association, 40 Lisa Lane, Uncasville, CT 06382 Phone: 860-848-1160 e-Mail: jkelly3@earthlink.net

Name: _____ Spouse: _____ Phone: _____

Ship's Name: CGC _____ W- _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Name of Guest(s) Attending: _____ Date of Arrival: _____

Banquet Meals: Chicken _____ (Number) or Sirloin of Beef _____ (Number)

Letters to the Editor

To all Coast Guard retirees and veterans in zip code 98579 and surrounding area.

R-retired
O-old
M-men (or women)
E-eating
O-out

Looking forward to all the sea stories.
 Contact:

ENCS Ted R. Ward, USCG, Ret.,
 at (360) 273-0466 or
tward220@comcast.net

SK2 Edward G. Smith, USCG, Ret.,
 is interested in starting a reunion for
 the USCGC *Venturous* (WMEC-625).
 Anyone interested please contact
 SK2 Smith at:

(361) 937-2238 (home)

(361) 947-4397 (cell)

Or e-mail: Edwardesmit@aol.com

USLHS Question

I am building a Model T Ford, U. S.
 Light House Service truck. Can any-
 one tell me the color these vehicles
 were painted prior to becoming part of
 the Coast Guard? Thank you.

George King III
 859 Route 32
 N. Franklin, CT 06254

Phone: (860) 642-7103

E-mail: gking@rcn.com

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Dear Editors of Evening Colors,

I would like to extend my gratitude
 for the acknowledgement of attend-
 ing the 1st reunion of the Coast
 Guard Cutter *Confidence* in Las Ve-
 gas, Nevada on April 21-23. It was
 nice to visit with the past crew mem-
 bers. Although there were no mem-
 bers of the pre-commissioning crew
 there other than myself, I had a won-
 derful time visiting with everyone.
 Especially the ex CO's which were
 on board the *Confidence* after I ro-
 tated off the ship. They had some
 good stories to share with me and I
 had stories of my own to share with
 them. I would especially like to thank
 the 3 members who upheld the reu-
 nion and their participation in putting
 this together, Mike Baugus, Bob
 Kramer, and Greg Bennett. There
 was talk of putting together another
 reunion in the next 2 to 3 years and
 more will come later on this topic. I
 would like to see more of the earlier
 crew of the Coast Guard Cutter *Con-
 fidence* at the next reunion. I served
 onboard pre-commissioning in early
 1966 to early 1969.

Thank you,

MKCS Dale J. Matlock, USCG, Ret
matlock3337@hotmail.com

What are they doing now?

I enlisted in the Coast Guard in early
 1951 as SR. Attended "Boot Camp"
 at Cape May, NJ and was then sta-
 tioned in the 5th CG District office in
 Norfolk, VA, in Pay and Supply sec-
 tion under LCDR Kehoe. I was there
 about a year rising to SK3 then went
 aboard the USCGC *Ingham* (W-35)
 as the Engineering Officer's Store-
 keeper.

In mid 1953 I attended Officer Candi-
 date School in New London, CT and
 was commissioned Ensign in July
 1953.

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Following my commissioning, I was
 assigned to the CGC *Lowe* (WDE-
 425) and served in various duties
 such as 1st Lt (Deck Officer), Ass't
 Gunnery, Ass't Communications and
 Watch Officer.

Upon decommissioning of the *Lowe* in
 1953 I was then transferred to the
Pontchartrain, a 255' cutter in Long
 Beach, CA and spent the next 2 years
 at sea.

I was released from active duty in
 1955 and returned to Kansas City,
 MO. Having accumulated a large
 credit of GI Bill, I then started college
 and obtained a degree in economics,
 law degree and juris doctorate.

For the next 30 years I was an attor-
 ney in Kansas City, MO specializing in
 trial work. On my 62nd birthday in
 November 1991, my wife and I retired
 and moved to our home on
 Siesta Key, FL, off Sarasota, FL.

We lived in Florida until January 2006
 when we sold our home in Florida and
 moved here to Pratt, KS, a town of
 5,900 on the prairie of Kansas. It was
 my wife's birthplace and a large num-
 ber of her brothers and family live
 here and we are now much closer to
 our kids. We love it here in this small
 community. It's a simple life and we
 truly love the small town values.

My two oldest children took over my
 law firm in Kansas City, MO. My wife
 and I still spend 3 months a year in
 the winter in Florida, 1 month each fall
 in the Great Smoky Mountains of
 western North Carolina plus traveling
 around to see our 5 children and 11
 grandkids.

The Coast Guard turned my life into a
 great opportunity. I had a great car-
 eer.

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After returning to Kansas City, I affiliated with the Coast Guard reserve unit there. As was the case in 1955, I was reverted to Ensign. I remained in the CG Reserve for many years rising to Captain and served in all capacities in the various units such as Training Officer, Executive Officer, Commanding Officer of 1 unit, then Reserve Group Commander of 4 units in the Midwest. I spent almost 40 years as a member of the USCG.

It was my privilege to become a close friend of RADM Russell R. Waesche while in the reserve and later after he retired and was the DOT representative in Kansas City, MO.

I had a wonderful career in the Coast Guard and many, many pleasant memories. I recall my years of sea duty and time spent on Ocean Weather Station duty in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. What a joy it was.

Sincerely,

CAPT William B. Korth, USCGR, Ret

Job Opportunities

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Nonprofit veterans organization in Lanham, MD, is seeking a Communications Director with the following required qualifications:

- ◆ Strong management, organizational and communications skills;
- ◆ Prior publications and media relations knowledge; and
- ◆ excellent writing skills, to include experience with news releases, speeches and organization messages.

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Must be a United States veteran or presently with the National Guard or Reserves. College degree or equivalent experience required. Excellent benefit package.

Send cover letter with salary requirement to:

Maria Isaja
AMVETS
4647 Forbes Boulevard
Lanham, MD 20706
Phone: (301) 683-3051
misaja@amvets.org

EOE

The Baltimore Maritime Museum is looking for a maintenance engineer for the historic ships USCGC *Taney*, Lightship 116 "*Chesapeake*" and USS *Torsk*.

This would be a great "retirement job" with flexible hours and would be ideally suited to a retired MK, Machinists Mate, or possibly electrician, or retired YARD technician with experience.

The job primarily requires someone with knowledge operating and maintaining HVAC, plumbing and ship-board electrical. Contact:

Paul Cora
 Curator, Baltimore Maritime Museum
 USCGC TANEY
 701 E. Pratt St., Pier 5
 Baltimore, MD 21202

Phone: (410) 382-0200
 FAX: (410) 396-3393
 E-mail:
paul@baltomaritimemuseum.org

Editor's notes

Various publications are available to retired military members to keep you up-to-date on many subjects.

These announcements are published to serve the best interests of our readers and are neither an advertisement nor endorsement by the United States Coast Guard of the product which is referenced.

Retired Military Almanac:

Uniformed Services Almanac, Inc.
 PO Box 4144-SC
 Falls Church, VA 22044
 (888) 872-9698
<http://www.militaryalmanac.com>

Retired Military Personnel Handbook:

FEDweek
 11541 Nuckols Road, Suite D
 Glen Allen, VA 23059
 (804) 288-5321
 Fax: (804) 288-5123
[Http://www.FEDweek.com](http://www.FEDweek.com)

SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN AND RESERVE COMPONENT SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN OPEN ENROLLMENT

Are you eligible to make an election to participate in the SBP during the open enrollment but don't know what your lump sum buy in would be? Now there is an easy way for you to find out. Simply log on to www.dod.mil/actuary/. Under the SBP Open Season tab, you will be able to calculate your monthly SBP Premium and the open enrollment buy in cost by following the easy to understand form. This tab also offers the cost, benefit, and future value of your 2005-2006 open season enrollment election.

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KEEPING RETIREE AND ANNUITANT SERVICES INFORMED

There have been a few recent instances on retiree accounts where retirees failed to report the unfortunate passing of his/her spouse. It is critical when the spouse predeceases the retiree and Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) costs are being deducted for spouse coverage. In one of these cases, the spouse had predeceased the retiree 20 years prior to the retiree himself passing, and PSC (RAS) only became aware of the spouse's death during final pay processing. Title 31, U.S. Code 3702 states "A claim against the Government presented under this section must contain the signature and address of the claimant or an authorized representative. The claim must be received by the official responsible under subsection (a) for settling the claim or by the agency that conducts the activity from which the claim arises within 6 years after the claim accrues..." Following enactment of Public Law 107-314 (Bob Stump National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003), for claims presented on or after December 2, 2002, waivers of the 6-year time limit can be made by the Secretary of Defense upon application by the secretary (Department of Homeland Security for U.S. Coast Guard) for amounts less than \$25,000. Any waivers submitted to Secretary of Department of Homeland Security would require clear documentation as to why the necessary information had not been reported in a timely fashion.

All retirees are reminded to inform PSC (RAS) as soon as possible following changes of marital status (divorce, death, annulment, marriage just to mention some), death of a designated SBP beneficiary, or any other changes which could impact retired pay.

Send your reunion or other notices to:

Evening Colors
 Commanding Officer (P & D)
 U.S. Coast Guard Personnel Service Center
 444 SE Quincy Street
 Topeka, KS 66683-3591

E-mail: PSC-DG-RASNewsletter@hrsic.uscg.mil

Phone: (toll free, U.S. only) 1-800-772-8724 or
 (785) 339-2236

Personnel Locator: If you are searching for an individual, we can help. Place your personal correspondence to that individual in a sealed envelope, making sure to include how they can get in touch with you. On the outside of that envelope, address it to them with their full name and rank/rate (for military). Please write your return address and attach a stamp on the envelope. Then, place that envelope in a larger envelope and address it to:

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

RAS will complete the person's address and place it in the mail.

Need a corrected DD-214?

If your DD-214 is incorrect and you want a corrected form (DD-215), you need to send your request in writing to:

Commander CGPC (ADM-3)
 United States Coast Guard
 4200 Wilson Blvd, Suite 1100
 Arlington, VA 22203-1804

Please include your name, rank/rate, SSN, and date of retirement.

More DD-214 information

Great news for veterans—the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214 online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>. This will cut the waiting time veterans have had in the past waiting for copies of their DD-214s.

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"Today I learned that a VA employee downloaded data regarding up to 26.5 million veterans and some spouses. After taking that data home, which was in violation of VA policy, the information was reportedly stolen from the government researcher's home."

"The FBI is involved in the investigation and the VA employee has been placed on administrative leave. As law enforcement officials do their jobs, I encourage veterans to actively monitor their financial and personal information. This could be a planned breach or it could be a simple burglary in which information was stolen and the thief doesn't know what he has," Craig said.

"When the dust settles, the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs will consider holding a hearing on this situation to see what steps should have been taken to prevent this from happening, as well as what legislation may be needed to make sure that this doesn't happen again."

VA has set up a manned call center that veterans may call to get information about this situation and learn more about consumer identity protections. That toll free number is **1-800-FED INFO (333-4636)**.

The call center will be open beginning today, and will operate from 8 am to 9 pm (EDT), Monday-Saturday as long as it is needed. The call center will be able to handle up to 20,000 calls per hour (260,000 calls per day).

Additional information is available at <http://www.firstgov.gov>

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As we have implemented the many enhancements to TRICARE, individual's cost shares have essentially remained the same since 1995.^[1] As a result, we pay a continually increasing percentage of our beneficiaries' health costs. In 1995, beneficiaries paid approximately 27 percent of their healthcare costs; today they pay only 12 percent.

These factors have led to civilian employers, and some state governments, to shift healthcare costs to DoD by encouraging their employees who are military retirees to use the very attractive TRICARE health benefit instead of their own health insurance options.

In addition to our benefit enhancements, increased use by more beneficiaries, and no cost share increases, we experience the same double-digit healthcare inflation as all health plans in the nation. We implemented a number of management initiatives designed to reduce the costs of delivery and to enhance performance within our health system, but these actions alone will not contain the escalating costs.

I assure you that the military and civilian leadership in this Department honor the great sacrifices that our Service members and their families make, especially in time of war. Their sacrifices remind us of the valuable contributions made by those who served in years past. We know that the health benefits enjoyed by all of our beneficiaries are richly deserved. We are committed to sustaining this world-class health system by placing it on a sound fiscal foundation for the long-term. We believe that the changes in beneficiary cost shares will make this great program available for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Elder Granger
Brigadier General, MC, USA
Deputy Director

[1] Premiums for Federal Employees Health Benefit Plan (FEHBP) rose 115% from 1995 to 2005.



USCG Retirements

Name	Rank	Date of Retirement	Years of Service
ALLEN, EARLEEN	PERS4	20060401	28
ALMODOVAR, GILBERTO	HSC	20060501	26
AMES, KIRBY	YN1	20060501	20
AMMON, ROBERT	CDR	20060501	36
ANDERSON, EDWARD	MKC	20060321	14
ANDREWS, CURTISS	OSC	20060501	22
ANTIDORMI, MICHAEL	OSCS	20060407	30
ARENDALE, STEVEN	AST1	20060501	21
ARRANT, JAMES	PS1	20060501	38
ARTAC, LEON	PSCS	20060302	38
BAILEY, SONJA	YN1	20060425	19
BARNINGER, LARRY	LCDR	20060329	35
BASIL, PETER	CDR	20060401	20
BASINGER, CARRIE	OS1	20060501	24
BECKER, ANNE	LT	20060501	21
BIRD, BRANDY	HS3	20060425	02
BLANCHARD, ANGELA	YNC	20060501	25
BRABHAM, PAUL	CDR	20060401	20
BRESNAHAN, SUNNI	YN2	20051110	05
BROOME, HOLLYE	SN	20060215	03
BUCKLEY, MICHAEL	ET1	20060306	19
BUNZEY, MICHAEL	HSCS	20060501	30
BURDETT, PETER	PSS4	20060415	39
BURGY, JOHN	LCDR	20060313	40
BURNS, JOHN	OSC	20060501	21
BYRD, PAUL	BM2	20060205	27
CAPORALE, ISABEL	OSC	20060308	21
CARLSON, SEAN	FN	20060425	03
CARR, STEVEN	F&S3	20060401	21
CARROLL, DALE	MK2	20060223	32
CHENETTE, PAUL	FS2	20060316	38
CHILDS, YVONNE	SK1	20060401	21
CLARK, JOHN	PS1	20060428	14
CLARK, KENNETH	ASTC	20060301	24
CLARK, RICHARD	CAPT	20060208	37
COBB, CHANDLER	SN	20060123	03
COLBY, ERIC	SN	20060425	05
CORELL, ROBERT	MK2	20060203	36
CORRADINO, ANTHONY	ETC	20060301	22
CRADDOCK, STEPHEN	BOSN4	20060401	31
DALEY, JOHN	IV1	20060324	33
DAVIS, DONALD	BOSN4	20060330	37
DAVIS, KELLY	YNC	20060501	20
DEAN, NANCY	LCDR	20060329	31
DEBBAN, RODNEY	YN1	20060204	30
DEBOLD, PAUL	BMCM	20060423	39
DEWITT, DEBRA	YN1	20060309	21
DILLINER, JOSEPH	BM1	20060501	17
DOGGETT, WILLIAM	BM3	20060425	03
DREW, ROBERT	PS2	20060413	35
DURHAM, DAVID	CAPT	20060406	23
DURSESE, MARTIN	BMC	20060501	22
DYAL, DONNIE	HS2	20060412	06
DYKES, ERNEST	MKCS	20060501	25
DYSON, DAVID	BM1	20060428	24
EBOLI, ROBERT	MSTC	20060205	26
ELAM, KAREN	YN1	20060401	20
ELLIOTT, DENNIS	AMT1	20060401	20
EPPELSON, ROGER	BMC	20060401	21
EUTSEY, JOHN	OSC	20060501	41
FAGERSTROM, DONALD	MAT4	20060311	40
FEINAUER, JUDITH	YN1	20060327	32

Name	Rank	Date of Retirement	Years of Service
FLINT, WALTER	GMCM	20060501	30
FOGELL, BONNIE	YNC	20060301	20
FRIED, DONALD	MK1	20060210	24
FULCHER, MARY	YNC	20060223	23
GARNER, GEORGE	PS1	20060405	38
GOGGINS, DANIEL	CAPT	20060314	22
GOLDEN, ROBERT	MST1	20060310	31
GOODREAU, MITCHELL	LT	20060301	24
GORDON, MICHAEL	GM2	20060420	16
GORSKI, DAVID	PSS4	20060207	36
GRANT, RICKY	IT1	20060301	21
GROCHOWSKI, VINCENT	OSC	20060412	11
GROVER, DONN	OS2	20060413	38
GUNN, CARTER	CDR	20060312	20
HAINES, TERRELL	DPC	20060422	35
HALE, ANGELA	IT2	20060501	08
HALL, RICHARD	LCDR	20060501	21
HARDY, NICKOLAS	MK1	20060425	12
HARRELL, STEVEN	F&S3	20060501	22
HARTLE, JOHN	SK1	20060331	38
HARVEY, VIRGINIA	YNC	20060224	22
HATTEN, ERIC	FS2	20060309	09
HEBB, RICHARD	EM1	20060501	25
HENDERSON, JEFFREY	LT	20060314	38
HENLEY, MARK	AMT1	20060401	22
HERTZOG, PAUL	BMC	20060401	23
HESS, PATRICIA	SN	20060425	03
HILLIGAS, DONALD	MKC	20060301	20
HOCKADAY, PAMELA	LT	20060301	22
HOFFER, DANIEL	GM3	20060215	01
HOOVER, GERALD	AST1	20060501	20
HORNIK, RUSSELL	MKC	20060211	38
HUDKINS, JEFFREY	CDR	20060501	21
HUGHES, STEPHEN	BM2	20060501	32
HUNTER, LARRY	LCDR	20060420	33
INGRAM, BENJAMIN	SN	20060209	04
INNES, GEORGE	PS1	20060214	35
IVEY, BENJAMIN	BMC	20060401	23
JENKINS, MCKENZIE	PS1	20060409	35
JOHNSON, EDWARD	LCDR	20060221	38
JONES, LEILANI	YN2	20060501	20
KAMYSEK, KARL	BMC	20060501	21
KANE, MICHAEL	CDR	20060224	36
KASLER, KARL	AVI4	20060501	30
KEDGE, JOHN	LT	20060501	23
KELLEY, BEVERLY	CAPT	20060501	30
KESSELL, SAMUEL	PSC	20060403	39
KETELAAR, RONALD	MK2	20060407	35
KING, KELLI	FN	20050729	02
KIRKSTAD, FRANCIS	MKC	20060203	39
KLEMPAY, THOMAS	MK2	20050315	05
KNUTH, NANCY	YNC	20060222	30
KOEPFLE, JOSEPH	AMT3	20060215	05
KOONS, DAVID	ET1	20060426	39
KOVACS, JEROME	ET1	20060327	39
KUHN, RONALD	LCDR	20060322	35
LAGRAND, LARRY	PS1	20060122	24
LALA, MARY	YN1	20060309	23
LAMBERT, JAMES	BM2	20060316	26
LANDON, GORDON	PS1	20060429	26
LAPAUGH, BENJAMIN	BM3	20060215	08

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LAPPIN, DELBERT	YNC	20060405	39
LAURES, JAMES	LT	20060220	36
LEE, GARY	LT	20060301	29
LEGWIN, JOHN	CAPT	20060206	37
LEKOS, RONALD	IVCM	20060108	39
LEMAGIE, PATRICK	PSC	20060223	26
LIDDLE, KEVIN	MK1	20060301	21
LYNN, LEROY	OSC	20060301	20
MACKENZIE, JONATHAN	ELC2	20060501	21
MACKENZIE, WAYNE	LCDR	20060301	20
MAJORS, DAVID	MSS4	20060401	29
MARSHALL, MELVIN	BM1	20060215	18
MARTIN, CHARLES	FS1	20060215	14
MARTIN, DAVID	ITC	20060401	20
MCCLURE, MARK	MK3	20060501	07
MCDONALD, STEPHEN	IV1	20060311	29
MCGUIRE, JAMES	MKC	20060326	37
MEINERS, MANFRED	PS2	20060217	31
MELLO, CHARLES	CDR	20060301	20
MENCH, RONALD	LT	20060501	21
MILLER, BRIAN	BMC	20060401	20
MINTNER, JOSEPH	PSC	20060215	36
MIRANDA, GREGORY	DC1	20060501	20
MOON, JEREMY	MST3	20060309	03
MORALES, HECTOR	OSCS	20060401	29
MOSER, JOHN	ETC	20060301	30
MOST, ROBERT	CDR	20060207	38
MURPHY, MICHAELA	SN	20060321	03
MYERS, DEREK	LT	20060301	20
NELSON, SAMUEL	ENS	20060427	00
NOBLE, CHARLES	LT	20060501	30
NOLL, GEORGE	PS1	20060424	40
NORTHCUTT, BARRY	AMTC	20060501	26
NORTON, SCOTT	LCDR	20060327	35
OCTON, MICHAEL	AMTCS	20060501	29
ODONNELL, THOMAS	ENG4	20060501	32
OLIVER, JEFFREY	MKCS	20060501	21
OSWALD, ROSS	COMM4	20060224	40
PARKER, MELANIE	OS1	20060309	05
PATERSON, ARTHUR	MK1	20060226	41
PIECUCH, RORY	IT2	20060224	05
PILKINGTON, DERRICK	OS2	20060321	04
PORTWINE, RICHARD	OS1	20060228	36
POULER, DAVID	ETCM	20060401	26
POULSEN, DAVID	CDR	20060401	22
PUGSLEY, CHARLES	BMCM	20060301	30
QUIANE, PETE	PSC	20060204	35
REDER, TIM	PSC	20060208	26
REVETT, MARK	CDR	20060407	36
RHODES, BRIAN	BM1	20060501	20
RICH, JOHN	MK1	20060224	18
RIVERA, LAURA	PERS3	20060401	30
RIZZI, JOHN	MST3	20060218	28
ROBINSON, ROY	DC1	20060427	42
RUDDICK, ROBERT	MK2	20060215	17
RULLAN, JORGE	BM2	20060224	04
SANCHEZ, ROBERT	LT	20060501	20
SARNS, SAMUEL	BM3	20060323	06
SCHIFFER, JOSEPH	MK2	20060225	28
SCHNITZER, JON	OSC	20060501	20
SCHOENE, EUGENE	EM3	20060324	32
SCHRODER, DANIEL	LCDR	20060501	20
SCHWAMB, LAWRENCE	MK1	20060313	41
SHERMAN, JOSEPH	CDR	20060401	21
SHEYKA, NICHOLAS	PSC	20060210	35
SHINGLETON, TRAVIS	MK2	20060501	08
SHORT, MICHAEL	GM1	20060215	13
SILECCHIA, THOMAS	PS2	20060308	28
SIMMONS, JON	BM3	20060215	11
SIMS, MATTHEW	EM3	20060223	06
SMITH, DARIN	AST2	20060113	10

SMITH, STEVEN	SKCS	20060401	20
SORDEN, NICHOLAS	SN	20060323	02
SOULES, ROBERT	F&S3	20060501	26
SPILLMAN, CHRISTOPHER	MK3	20060202	02
STAATS, RICHARD	MKC	20060330	40
STAIER, JOSEPH	LCDR	20060223	34
STEELE, WILLIAM	BM2	20060215	16
SWOPE, CHARLES	MK1	20060501	20
SYGITOWICZ, GENISSA	LTJG	20060301	04
THOMAS, DAVID	FS2	20060301	20
THOMAS, DONALD	EMC	20060501	23
TORRENS, BRADLEY	ASTCS	20060401	28
TRAINOR, ROBERT	BOSN4	20060501	31
VANORDEN, WILLIAM	CAPT	20060306	29
VANPATTEN, JOHN	LCDR	20060315	33
VENTURA, DAYNE	OSC	20060422	25
VILLARREAL, HOMERO	BMC	20060501	30
VROMAN, ROBERT	EM1	20060220	41
WADSWORTH, EDWARD	PSC	20051020	40
WALKER, ANTHONY	LCDR	20060401	33
WALKER, DALE	CAPT	20060301	28
WALLACE, JOSEPH	ELC3	20060301	20
WARD, LESTER	AETCS	20060401	27
WATERS, GEORGE	ASTCM	20060501	30
WATERS, MARY	PERS3	20060429	33
WATSON, JOHN	EM1	20060318	40
WENDLANDT, EDGAR	CDR	20060301	20
WESTRANDALL, KATHY	YN2	20060407	11
WICKER, MICHAEL	BMC	20060203	40
WILCOX, KRISTIN	IT1	20060501	09
WONG, ROBIN	YN1	20060401	32



CLARY, JOHN	CAPT	20060401	30
GARDNER, JAMES	CAPT	20060401	27

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ABBOTT	ROBERT	CWO4	20060220	LITTLETON	CO
AGUILAR	ANDREW	PSC	20060321	SANTA ROSA	CA
ALBINO	PEDRO	EN1	20060415	MAUNABO	PR
ALEXANDER	HAL	BM1	20060321	PANA	IL
ALLEN	BERNARD	MKC	20060408	CORBIN	KY
ANDERSON	ALAN	ELE4	20060227	MUSKEGON	MI
APPLEGATE	GERALD	CAPT	20060323	SPANISH FORT	AL
ARMITAGE	GLEN	CAPT	20060316	BALLSTON SPA	NY
BADE	PAUL	CDR	20060504	NORFOLK	VA
BAKER	RICHARD	QMCS	20060420	OCKLAWAHA	FL
BAKER	ROBERT	YN1	20060221	SAN ANTONIO	TX
BALL	LOUIS	CAPT	20060417	SANTA MONICA	CA
BARDSLEY	RANDOLPH	AMTCM	20060325	WESTBORO	MA
BEARD	A	CDR	20060213	FAIRFAX	VA
BEAUREGARD	DAVID	LT	20060423	WASILLA	AK
BECHTEL	WILLIAM	PSS4	20060221	MONTGOMRY VLG	MD
BENDIOLA	ALFREDO	SS1	20060402	SACRAMENTO	CA
BLAKE	PATRICK	SS1	20060412	VIRGINIA BEACH	VA
BLAY	GENE	EN1	20060408	GREENVILLE	IN
BOCK	IRWIN	IV1	20060309	HANOVER PARK	IL
BOSSERT	EDWIN	SK1	20060227	CARLSBAD	CA
BOYCE	CLIFFORD	ENC	20060302	MARIETTA	MS
BOYER	DENNIS	BMC	20060502	MYRTLE POINT	OR
BRANDT	GARTH	BMCM	20060429	BELLINGHAM	WA
BRENNAN	ROBERT	EMCM	20060406	PALM SPRINGS	CA
BROWN	ROBERT	DCCS	20060510	CLOVERDALE	CA
BURNETT	HORACE	SD1	20060221	ST PETERSBURG	FL
BUTTKE	ALLEN	EM1	20060321	BURNSVILLE	NC
CLYDE	HARRY	ETCM	20060427	GLEN BURNIE	MD
COFIELD	C	CHRELE3	20060327	ELLERSLIE	GA
COLE	CHARLES	MK1	20060408	TRAVERSE CITY	MI
COLLIER	BILLY	BMC	20060313	SANDY	OR
COOLEY	ELEANOR	CAPT	20060312	DRACUT	MA
COON	LEE	ENCM	20060421	BILLINGS	MT
COUGAN	HARRY	LCDR	20060430	CHATTANOOGA	TN
COYLE	JOSEPH	CAPT	20060216	CHEVY CHASE	MD
CRITTENDEN	THOMAS	LCDR	20060405	VIRGINIA BEACH	VA
DAVEY	DONALD	CHMACH3	20060322	FLAGLER BEACH	FL
DAVIS	JOHN	BMC	20060223	CANADA	CA
DEE	ROBERT	CSC	20060401	N WINHAM	ME
DRURY	EUGENE	QM1	20060226	ASHFORD	WA
EARLE	WILLIAM	CAPT	20060329	PORT ISABEL	TX
ETHERIDGE	FREDERICK	CSC	20060221	WILLINGBORO	NJ
FERGUSON	DANIEL	BM3	20060114	NEWPORT NEWS	VA
FERGUSON	HARRIS	MK1	20060423	WOODBINE	NJ
FIELDS	OSCAR	CSC	20060104	PLAQUEMINE	LA

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FURSTENBERG	ADOLPH	BMC	20060407	CAPE CORAL	FL
GERDES	DAVID	CWO4	20060418	FALMOUTH	ME
GODDU	LLOYD	CAPT	20060314	NIANTIC	CT
GOGGINS	DANIEL	CAPT	20060314	WESTLAKE	OH
GREEN	DONALD	MKCS	20060206	SALEM	CT
GUILFOYLE	RAYMOND	SN	20060420	ARCADIA	FL
GUNN	CARTER	CDR	20060312	VIRGINIA BEACH	VA
HAMBLIN	DREW	CDR	20060513	BAY POINT	CA
HANSON	EDWARD	IV1	20060225	SHELTON	WA
HARDIN	JOHN	AE1	20060425	BROOKSVILLE	FL
HARMON	KELLER	BMCS	20060210	MARSHFIELD	ME
HARRIS	CLARENCE	HMCM	20060303	POWAY	CA
HARRIS	FRANCIS	ENC	20060405	CHINCOTEAGUE	VA
HASTINGS	RAY	BOSN2	20060421	LAUREL	DE
HAYNES	EUGENE	BMC	20060408	GRESHAM	OR
HENDERSON	FIDILLA	ETC	20060506	RALEIGH	NC
HERNANDEZ	FRANCISCO	SSC	20060303	SUISUN	CA
HODGDON	JAMES	AE1	20060405	FRANKLIN	NH
HOYT	JOHN	CAPT	20060216	HUMBLE	TX
HUDSON	ALTON	ENC	20060219	PASADENA	MD
HURLEY	ASTOR	PS2	20060320	GLOUCESTER	VA
HURST	JOHN	CS1	20060325	NORWICH	CT
JOHNSON	GLENN	BMC	20060207	JOPPA	MD
KAFTANOWICZ	STANLEY	ENC	20060429	DELAIR	NJ
KAUFMANN	ALBERT	LCDR	20060322	ORLANDO	FL
KAVANAUGH	MATTHEW	CAPT	20060504	CHICAGO	IL
KENNELLY	JAMES	CAPT	20060118	SHORT HILLS	NJ
KING	THOMAS	YN1	20060425	BLUE RIDGE	GA
KITTS	LAWRENCE	FIC	20060212	SCOTT DEPOT	WV
KLEMM	FRANCIS	RMC	20060504	OAK ISLAND	NC
KOFKA	JOHN	YN1	20060204	SUN LAKES	AZ
KREBS	WILLIAM	EN1	20060509	OFALLON	MO
KROHN	STEVEN	BMC	20060225	DEPOE BAY	OR
KRUM	PAUL	MKC	20060310	DRUMS	PA
LAGRAND	LARRY	PS1	20060122	SILSBEE	TX
LAKE	LACY	ENC	20060405	LAKE LUZERNE	NY
LAKE	ROGER	AVI3	20060225	NYSSA	OR
LAMSON	ROBERT	ENCS	20060105	PUERTO REAL	PR
LANDON	JOHN	ENCS	20060330	MILFORD	DE
LANTIERI	ROGER	CWO3	20060329	CAPE MAY	NJ
LARMEY	ROBERT	SKCM	20060311	CHULA VISTA	CA
LARSON	LAMBERT	CDR	20060205	SANTA FE	NM
LASANEN	PETER	BMCM	20060411	CHASSELL	MI
LATHAM	WILLIAM	CDR	20060123	BREWSTER	MA
LERETTE	CHARLES	YNCS	20060205	APOPKA	FL
LEYH	WILLIAM	ET1	20060220	VACAVILLE	CA
LINDSAY	JAMES	PERS3	20060420	PORT ANGELES	WA
LITTLEFIELD	JON	PS1	20060220	FALMOUTH	ME
LOHMANN	HENRY	CAPT	20060502	KENSINGTON	MD
LONG	HARRY	CSC	20060429	GULFPORT	MS
LOOS	CARL	TTCM	20060325	EARLINGTON	WA
LUCHUN	ROBERT	CAPT	20060217	BALLWIN	MO
MACA	JAMES	BMC	20060206	BROWNWOOD	TX

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MADRID	EDWARD	ETCM	20060407	SHERMAN OAKS	CA
MAHER	JAMES	CAPT	20060223	WARRENTON	OR
MANNING	ALFRED	RADM	20060219	MERCER ISLAND	WA
MATSUBA	HOWARD	BMCS	20060221	GULFPORT	MS
MAYHUGH	DWIGHT	BM1	20060225	BLUE SPRINGS	MO
MCCORMICK	ARTHUR	SN	20060205	HADLEY	PA
MCDANNALD	KENNETH	PSCS	20060413	PATEROS	WA
MCGOUGH	JOHN	LCDR	20060506	JACKSONVILLE	FL
MCGOVERN	WILLIAM	BM1	20060408	GLENDALE	AZ
MCNARY	ORVILLE	AEC	20060509	ELIZABETH CITY	NC
MCQUEENY	MICHAEL	CDR	20060317	OAK PARK	IL
MEAD	STANLEY	LCDR	20060307	HILLSDALE	MI
MIDGETT	JAMES	EM1	20060430	KITTY HAWK	NC
MITTENDORFF	WILLIAM	CAPT	20060504	ST LOUIS PARK	MN
MONTGOMERY	WILLIAM	CAPT	20060305	LOUISVILLE	KY
MOODY	RAYMOND	EN1	20060321	BELCAMP	MD
MULLINS	FRED	CDR	20060314	SONOMA	CA
MUSSELWHITE	WESLEY	CSCP	20060301	WALTERBORO	SC
NORTHCOTE	HOWARD	CS1	20060216	SCAPPOOSE	OR
OGBURN	HAROLD	HMC	20060507	SHOSHONI	WY
OLEARY	ALFRED	ENS	20060504	SAN CLEMENTE	CA
ONEAL	DERHL	F&S2	20060124	TALLAHASSEE	FL
OVERMAN	CARL	LCDR	20060320	ELIZABETH CITY	NC
PARKER	WILLIAM	CAPT	20060428	ROCKLAND	ME
PATTY	ROBERT	JOC	20060315	ABILENE	TX
PERREAULT	ROGER	BM1	20060214	FALL RIVER	MA
PHILLIPS	EDWARD	CAPT	20060502	LEDYARD	CT
PINTER	HERMAN	LCDR	20060408	BAY CITY	MI
PRATHER	GEORGE	CHMACH3	20060430	HOMESTEAD	FL
QUAMME	WESLEY	CAPT	20060421	VIRGINIA BEACH	VA
RABON	ROBERT	CAPT	20060414	KURE BEACH	NC
LANIA	JOSEPH	GM1	20060330	REDLANDS	CA
RATE	FRANK	BOSN3	20060415	LAKE PORT	MI
REA	RICHARD	CAPT	20060207	NEW BERN	NC
REEVES	MANNIE	HMC	20060307	PALMETTO	GA
ROBINSON	JOHN	EM2	20060201	CARRIERE	MS
ROSENFELD	WILLIAM	LCDR	20060304	GRAND PRAIRIE	TX
ROY	ALFRED	BMC	20060406	SANBORNVILLE	NH
SAPP	RICHARD	BMC	20060329	PALM BAY	FL
SAYLOR	DAVID	LCDR	20060309	SAVANNAH	GA
SCHULTZ	ROBERT	BM1	20060217	LAKE JACKSON	TX
SCOTTRON	DENIS	CWO2	20060201	FRIENDSHIP	ME
SERBIN	MELVIN	ADC	20060428	STREAMWOOD	IL
SETTLEMIER	ROBIN	BM1	20060421	LEBANON	OR
SIMPSON	HERBERT	WEPS4	20060416	HERMOSA BEACH	CA
SIMS	JESSIE	ENC	20060222	AURORA	IL
SMITH	FREDERICK	CAPT	20060306	ST PETERSBURG	FL
SMITH	KENNETH	QMC	20060411	MOBILE	AL
SMITH	SHERWOOD	ADCS	20060228	TAMPA	FL
SOUZA	FRED	GMC	20060206	EASTPORT	ME
STERNER	DALE	HM1	20060428	ESTERO	FL
STEVENS	RICHARD	YNC	20060419	BREMERTON	WA
STLOUIS	THOMAS	QMCS	20060429	LAKESWOOD	WI

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STURGIS	WILLIAM	PERS3	20060425	PORTSMOUTH	VA
SWANSON	CARL	CDR	20060421	SONORA	CA
SWINEGAR	JOHN	BMC	20060315	ALBANY	NY
THOMPSON	JOHN	BMC	20060303	PASADENA	MD
THORPE	THOMAS	CAPT	20060328	PORTLAND	OR
TIFFT	PAUL	CAPT	20060315	SAN DIEGO	CA
TOYNE	HARRY	LCDR	20060306	NORTH HIGHLAND	CA
TREVENA	CLIFFORD	SK1	20060323	ESKO	MN
VASSAS	JAMES	SSC	20060321	DOVER	DE
VINCENT	JAMES	LCDR	20060413	MENOMINEE	MI
WAGELI	WILLIAM	ADCM	20060420	SAVANNAH	GA
WARCHOL	ANTHONY	BMC	20060418	CHARLEVOIX	MI
WARD	BRUCE	CWO3	20060331	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK
WEST	ROBERT	ATCS	20060406	GRAYSON	GA
WHITEHURST	REGINALD	MMCS	20060314	S MILLS	NC
WILKINS	CLYDE	BMC	20060420	LAGRANGE	GA
WILLIAMS	BERNARD	BMC	20060213	PASADENA	MD
WILLIAMS	HENRY	SS1	20060126	COLOMBIA	MO
WILLSEY	KENNETH	SK1	20060318	LAKE ANN	MI
WOOD	HAROLD	CAPT	20060509	MYSTIC	CT
WOOD	JACK	BMCM	20060410	THE DALLES	OR
WRIGHT	ROBERT	CDR	20060316	PORTSMOUTH	VA
YACKOVETSKY	ANDREW	CWO4	20051121	MYSTIC	CT
YADAO	CISARIO	DC1	20060215	HILLSBORO	OR
ZIPFEL	JAMES	F&S4	20060404	NORFOLK	VA

Memorial Day



Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. There is also evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War: a hymn published in 1867, "Kneel Where Our Loves are Sleeping" by Nella L. Sweet carried the dedication "To The Ladies of the South who are Decorating the Graves of the Confederate Dead" (Source: Duke University's Historic American Sheet Music, 1850-1920). While Waterloo, N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day. It is more likely that it had many separate beginnings; each of those towns and every planned or spontaneous gathering of people to honor the war dead in the 1860's tapped into the general human need to honor our dead, each contributed honorably to the growing movement that culminated in General Logan giving his official proclamation in 1868. It is not important who was the very first, what is important is that Memorial Day was established. Memorial Day is not about division. It is about reconciliation; it is about coming together to honor those who gave their all.



Name of Dependent	Relationship	Date of Death	Location
Constance E. Wilson	Wife of DC1 Donald L. Wilson, USCG, Ret	04 Mar 06	Azle, TX
Vicki Nalepa	Wife of MKCM Samuel A Nalepa, USCG, Ret	28 Dec 05	Long Island, NY
Dorothy F. Manchester	Wife of TT1 Thurston M. Manchester, Sr., USCG, Ret	16 Jul 05	Addison, ME
Marcelle L. Emerson	Wife of Capt Robert Emerson, USCG, Ret., Dec'd	05 Jan 06	Juneau, AK
Carol Ann Hobson	Wife of Capt Andrew F. Hobson, USCG, Ret	11 Apr 06	Vacaville, CA
Linda J. Kraft-Morgon	Wife of IVCS Gregory L. Morgon, USCGR, Ret	01 Mar 06	Blue Jay, CA
Carolyn T. Ingraham	Wife of OSCM George P. Ingraham, USCGR, Ret	22 Jan 06	Kailua Kona, HI
Lois J. Muessel	Wife of CWO4 William W. Muessel, USCG, Ret	13 Jan 06	Newport, RI
Betty G. Mottola	Wife of BMC E. R. Mottola, USCG, Ret	15 Apr 06	Clermont, FL
Carol Mary Ravizza	Wife of QMCM Richard S. Ravizza, USCG, Ret	22 Jun 05	Saugus, CA
Kayla Mary O'Mara	Daughter of LT Dennis J. O'Mara, USCG, Ret	24 Jan 06	Goodrich, MI
Linda M. Nolen	Wife of CWO3 Bruce G. Nolen, USCG, Ret	03 Apr 06	Woodbridge, VA
Linda M. Wojtanik	Wife of LT Drew Wojtanik, USCG, Ret	26 Feb 05	St. Clairsville, OH
Betsy A. Hallock	Wife of MKC Kenley W. Hallock, USCG, Ret	22 Feb 04	Lincoln, VT
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Retired/Annuitant Pay Direct Access issue
 Password reset (TPAX, Direct Access or TOPTS) Pay Problem
 Travel/TPAX Claim or settlement issue/question Other
 Advancements Enlisted Employee Review

7. What Branch did you contact?

Retiree/Annuitant Services (RAS) Customer Care (CC)
 Advancements (ADV) Information Division (ID)
 Legal (LGL) Military Accounts Support (MAS)
 Procedures & Development (P&D) Separations (SES)
 Travel (TVL)

8. Method of Contact:

Phone E-Mail Fax Web Page
 Letter CG Message In-Person

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9. A response/resolution was provided within:

The Same Day The Next Day
 The Third Day Longer
 No Response/Resolution Received

10. The response was:

Timely/Acceptable Untimely/Unacceptable

11. The knowledge of your customer service representative was:

Very Good Good
 Poor Very Poor
 Not Applicable (If No Response/Resolution Received)

12. The professionalism of your customer service representative was:

Very Good Good
 Poor Very Poor
 Not Applicable (If No Response/ Resolution Received)

13. The PSC process for getting your concerns resolved was:

Very Good Good Poor Very Poor

14. In thinking about your most recent experience with PSC, the overall quality of customer service you received was:

Very Good Good Poor Very Poor

15. What could have been done to serve you better? (Please use the space below to provide any comments)

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) 339-3415
Fax: (785) 339-3770

Allotments, SBP Coverage and Beneficiary Changes

If you need to:

- ◆ Start, stop or change an allotment (you may use Form *CG PSC-7221 Retired Allotment Authorization Form, fax in the form or a written request, call us or send us an e-mail request). If you e-mail us with the request, your pay tech will call you to verify your information.
- ◆ Report a change to your Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) coverage (must be in writing)

You may **fax** your request to (785) 339-3770 or mail to:

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

E-mail: PSC-DG-RAS@uscg.mil

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

Income Tax Withholding Changes

If you need to:

- ◆ Start or change the amount of State Tax Withholding (Retirees can call, e-mail, fax 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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()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 Lighthouse keeper call:

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

Or write:

Commanding Officer (RAS)
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E-mail articles, dependent taps entries, reunion notices, etc., to **PSC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil** or call us at the numbers listed below (phone menu option #4). The deadline for the next issue is August 9, 2006.

1 800 PSC-USCG/1 800 772-8724

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

Other Important Phone Numbers and Websites

Medical/Dental Benefits	Phone	Websites/Notes
Eligibility (DEERS)/ID Cards	1 800 538-9552 (TTY/TDD) 1 866 363-2883	http://www.tricare.osd.mil/deers In CA: 1 800 334-4162 In AK & HI: 1 800 527-5602
Mail-Order Pharmacy	1 866 363-8667	http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/tmop.cfm
Retiree Dental Plan	1 888 838-8737	http://www.trdp.org
TRICARE Overseas	1 888 777-8343	http://www.tricare.osd.mil/overseas/
TRICARE United States	phone numbers available on web site	http://tricare.osd.mil
TRICARE For Life	1 866 773-0404	http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tfl/default.cfm
Senior Pharmacy Program	1 877 363-6337	http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/seniorpharmacy.cfm
Federal Long-Term Health Insurance	1 800 582-3337	http://www.opm.gov/insure/ltc/
CG Health Benefits Advisor	1 800 942-2422	
Veterans Benefits	Phone	Websites/Notes
Department of Veterans Affairs	1 800 827-1000	http://www.va.gov
Insurance Information	1 800 669-8477	http://www.insurance.va.gov
Veterans Group Life Insurance		http://www.insurance.va.gov/sglisite/vgli/vgli.htm
New VGLI Applications and VGLI Reinstatements: 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	Death and accelerated benefits claims only: Phone: 1 800 419-1473 Fax: 1 877 832-4943 or e-mail: osgil.claims@prudential.com General Correspondence: Office of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance 290 West Mt. Pleasant Ave. Livingston, NJ 07039
Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents	1 800 827-1000	http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current_benefits.htm VA Pamphlet 80-02-1
Headstones & Markers	1 800 697-6947	http://www.cem.va.gov/hm.htm
Other	Phone	Websites/Notes
Final Active Duty Pay	1 866 772-8724 Overseas (785) 339-3550	http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/ses.htm 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	http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/tvl.htm 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	http://www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs/ Write to: National Personnel Records Center 9700 Page Avenue St. Louis, MO 63132-5100
For copies of 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. DD-214s are now available via the website http://vetrecs.archives.gov/		
Social Security	1 800 772-1213	http://www.ssa.gov
WWII U. S. Merchant Marine Awards and Decorations	1 800 996-2723 Overseas (202) 366-2646	http://www.marad.dot.gov/contact_us.html Attn: Patricia Thomas, Medals and Decorations Maritime Administration U. S. Department of Transportation 400 7th Street, SW, Room 7304 Washington, D.C. 20590

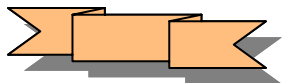
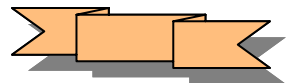
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Phone: 1-800-772-8724 or (785) 339-3415**

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**NAUTICAL TERMS, PHRASES & TRIVIA****Holystone**

Soft sandstone, often used to scrub the decks of ships. Sailors had to kneel as if in prayer when scrubbing the decks. Holystone was often called so because it is full of holes

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