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"Aid and Attendance" an Under-Used Benefit

WASHINGTON— The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is reaching out to inform wartime veterans and surviving spouses of deceased wartime veterans about an under-used, special monthly pension benefit called Aid and Attendance.

"Veterans have earned this benefit by their service to our nation," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson. "We want to ensure that every veteran or surviving spouse who qualifies has the chance to apply."

Although this is not a new program, not everyone is aware of his or her potential eligibility. The Aid and Attendance pension benefit may be available to wartime veterans and surviving spouses who have in-home care or who live in nursing-homes or assisted-living facilities. Many elderly veterans and surviving spouses whose incomes are above the congressionally mandated legal limit for a VA pension may still be eligible for the special monthly Aid and Attendance benefit if they have large medical expenses, including nursing home expenses, for which they do not receive reimbursement.

To qualify, claimants must be incapable of self support and in need of regular personal assistance.

The basic criteria for the Aid and Attendance benefit include the inability to feed oneself, to dress and undress without assistance, or to take care of one's own bodily needs. People who are bedridden or need help to adjust special prosthetic or orthopedic devices may also be eligible, as well as those who have a physical or mental injury or illness that requires regular assistance to protect them from hazards or dangers in their daily environment.

For a wartime veteran or surviving spouse to qualify for this special monthly pension, the veteran must have served at least 90 days of active military service, one day of which was during a period of war, and be discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

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Wartime veterans who entered active duty on or after September 8, 1980, (October 16, 1981, for officers) must have completed at least 24 continuous months of military service or the period for which they were ordered to active duty.

If all requirements are met, VA determines eligibility for the Aid and Attendance benefit by adjusting for un-reimbursed medical expenses from the veteran's or surviving spouse's total household income. If the remaining income amount falls below the annual income threshold for the Aid and Attendance benefit, VA pays the difference between the claimant's household income and the Aid and Attendance threshold.

The Aid and Attendance income threshold for a veteran without dependents is now \$18,234 annually. The threshold increases to \$21,615 if a veteran has one dependent, and by \$1,866 for each additional dependent. The annual Aid and Attendance threshold for a surviving spouse alone is \$11,715. This threshold increases to \$13,976 if there is one dependent child, and by \$1,866 for each additional child.

Additional information and assistance in applying for the Aid and Attendance benefit may be obtained by calling 1-800-827-1000. Applications may be submitted on-line at <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>. Information is also available on the Internet at <http://ww.va.gov> or from any local veterans service organization.

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(Source:VA News Release 19 Dec 2006)

Medical Identity Theft—Protect Yourself and Your TRICARE Benefit

By Michael Elliott
TRICARE Management Activity
February 28, 2007

Medical identity theft is a hidden crime on the rise that often goes unnoticed and victims seldom report. As a TRICARE beneficiary, you are not immune to this crime. Medical identity theft and fraud occurs anytime someone other than you uses your name or uniformed services identification card to receive care. They also may occur if someone files a claim in your name for care or services you never received.

TRICARE and the Defense Criminal Investigative Service collaborate to pursue and prosecute medical identity theft cases. A recent case successfully prosecuted involved a person who posed as an eligible TRICARE beneficiary and used a stolen uniformed services identification card to get medical care totaling more than \$60,000.

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USCGC WHITE ALDER

(WLM/WAGL-541)

To Family and Friends,

Marine Safety Unit (MSU) Baton Rouge, Louisiana maintains a memorial flag pole dedicated to all crew members who served on the CGC WHITE ALDER when she was tragically lost in the Mississippi River on December 7, 1968, killing 17 of her 21 crew. If you are a friend or family member of any lost soul aboard, we would like to extend our deepest sympathies to you for your loss.

On December 7, 2008, the 40th anniversary of this tragic loss, MSU Baton Rouge would like to host a memorial service commemorating the lives of all 21 crew members, presenting each family with a Coast Guard Ensign. The ensigns will be flown proudly from the memorial flag pole that is located on the banks of the Mississippi River, marking her final resting place at Latitude 30° 12' 01" N Longitude 91° 10' 02" W.

In order to do this, we must locate the remaining four crew members, or their families, and the families of the 17 crew members who lost their lives. If you have any information that would help us in this process, please contact either MST3 Robert F. Feus, Jr. (225) 298-5400 x 227 e-mail: Robert.F.Feus@uscg.mil or MSTC Matthew Valenti (225) 298-5400 x 235 e-mail: Matthew.J.Valenti@uscg.mil. You may also reach them by mail at:

Commanding Officer
MSU Baton Rouge
Baton Rouge, La 70809
FAX: (225) 298-5408

CREW MEMBERS WHO SURVIVED

Chief Boatswain's Mate Richard F. Batista (On Leave at the Time)
Boatswain's Mate Second Class Richard Kraus
Fireman Bruce L. Kopowski
Seaman Apprentice Lawrence E. Miller

CREW MEMBERS LOST

Chief Warrant Officer (BOSN) Samuel C. Brown, Jr.
Chief Engineman William J. Vitt
Engineman First Class John B. Rollinson
Commissaryman Second Class Charles R. Morrison
Electrician's Mate Second Class Michael R. Agnew
Quartermaster Second Class John R. Cooper, Jr.
Yeoman Second Class Joseph A. R. Morin
Boatswain's Mate Third Class Guy T. Wood
Engineman Third Class Walton E. O'Quinn, Jr.
Fireman Maurice Cason
Seaman Frank P. Campisano III
Seaman Richard W. Duncan
Seaman Roger R. Jacks
Seaman Steven D. Lundquist
Seaman Apprentice Walter P. Abbott, III
Seaman Apprentice Larry V. Fregia
Seaman Apprentice Ramon J. Gutierrez

WHEN THE TIME COMES, WILL YOUR SURVIVOR KNOW?

- ◆ **How to file a death report**
- ◆ **How to claim final retired pay due**
- ◆ **How to get the elected survivor annuity started**
- ◆ **How to claim other federal benefits that may be due such as:**

1. Department of Veterans Affairs Entitlements
2. Dependency Indemnity Compensation
3. Social Security
4. ID Cards
5. Burial Flags

After a retiree dies the survivor is faced with applying for many benefits, with little knowledge of the often very confusing processes. All this happens while they are trying to deal with overwhelming grief. To help answer the many questions during that stressful time we have simplified our *Survivor Information Booklet*. By taking the time now to review this booklet, gather the supporting documents that are required and filing them in a location from which they can be readily retrieved, you can help to ease the stress that is experienced during this time. To further assist your survivors, we have initiated an Express Annuity Start system to simplify the processing and expedite payment of benefits. To take advantage of this new system, fill out the Form PSC-1884, (found in booklet or on our website at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/forms/psc1884.pdf>) sign, date and return to us.

NOTE: For those requesting by mail, booklets are printed on-demand at this time. After submitting your request please be patient and they will be mailed as soon as available. Although the booklet and the online version were updated in January 2004, mainly to reflect correct phone numbers and to add Web Links, most information in previous editions is correct.

The booklet "**Information for Survivors of USCG, USCGR, and NOAA Retirees**" is available on our web site: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/survivorguide.pdf>.

You may order by providing the below information to us either by mail, fax, or e-mail. Please provide all information.

Name and Grade: (for Officers) or Name and Rate: (for Enlisted)	
SSN: (last 2 digits only, if ordering by e-mail)	
Street Address or P.O Box #:	
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City	
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Mail to: COMMANDING OFFICER (RAS)
 USCG PSC, ATTN: SURVIVOR PKT
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 TOPEKA, KS 66683-3591

Fax to: 785-339-3770

E-Mail: psc-dg-ras@uscg.mil (Be sure to include all the information requested above with the exception of the full SSN. Only send the last two digits of your SSN when corresponding with us by electronic mail)

Letters to the Editor

I regret to report the passing of a true CG hero. CAPT Thomsen was the namesake of the USCG's premier innovation award - the CAPT Niels P. Thomsen Innovation Award (he invented the quick-release buoy chain stopper - which dramatically improved buoy deck safety). CAPT Thomsen was also a decorated WW-II veteran (was the Navigator of the USS Hunter Liggett, a CG-crewed attack transport, when that vessel was part of the invasion of Guadalcanal), commanded a cutter in defense of the Alaskan sea frontier during WW-II, and commanded the USS Menkar when that vessel was instrumental in establishing the LORAN-A chain in the Pacific. He was also a former officer in the U.S. Lighthouse Service and was integrated into the USCG when the USLS was merged into the CG in 1939 (he was appointed to the rank of CWO (BOSN)). With CAPT Thomsen passes a great deal of CG history.

Cliff Samuel
Compensation Division
USCG Headquarters

Giant Listing of Military Reunions

Did you know there is a compiled list of over 1,600 United States Military Reunions for 2006, and the list is growing at an alarming rate for 2007! The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA) is the responsible organization for compiling this vast comprehensive FREE listing of military reunions affecting all branches of military services on a world-wide basis. Are you interested in finding someone from an organization you were assigned to? SIMPLE: Check it out at: <http://www.trea.org> and click onto 'REUNIONS/BUDDIES' even put your name out there. It will not cost you a "Red cent". If you wish to submit a reunion to be added to this huge list, you can submit it either from the <http://www.trea.org> web site or send it to: TREAreunionsite@mac.com.

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Senior Retired Officers (O5 and above) in the 9th District geographic area are invited to contact ISC Cleveland Decedent Affairs Officer if they would like to be placed on a notification list for the timely dissemination of important information such as the death of CG Flag Officers. Those interested in being a part of this initiative are encouraged to reply via e-mail with their rank, name and e-mail address to be used. Those who do not have e-mail or who prefer to leave their information via telephone can call the number below. Those who responded to the ISC letter dtd 30Nov06 and are currently on the DAO notification list need only reply if their contact information has changed.

Decedent Affairs Officer
LT Jeannie Paschal
ISC Cleveland, OH
Phone: 216-902-6285
e-mail: jeannie.a.paschal@uscg.mil

I am a journalist trying to reconstruct details of a rescue of four crewmen aboard the fishing boat *Sanak* that ran aground north of Coos Bay, OR, in September 1983. I would appreciate hearing from anyone involved in helicopter rescue at Air Station North Bend in 1983, including but not limited to Lloyd McKinney, Lew Dunn, Pete Jones and Robert Adams. Please contact Bonnie Henderson at (541) 485-6311 or bzenderson@yahoo.com

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Letters to the Editor (cont.)**What's the connection between the U. S. Coast Guard and the famous mystery writer Agatha Christie?**

Submitted by Captain W. G. Churchill, USCG, Ret

In 1938, a year after publication of one of her greatest books, Death on the Nile, Agatha Christie and her husband Max Mallowan (a noted archaeologist) purchased a beautiful country estate in the southwest of England. They named it "Greenway". It was to be a place where they could live in comfort and she could continue to write. But then came World War II.

Under emergency conditions, the British government requisitioned a great many large country estates for special purposes like training establishments, recuperation hospitals for the wounded, HQ's for secret operations, and billeting for allied officers. Greenway did not escape. Ms. Christie and her husband had to move out.

So how was Greenway to be used? It became officer housing for the U. S. Coast Guard!

A number of officers lived there in the months of preparation for the D-Day landings. They must have had time on their hands for one in particular who fancied himself an artist, decided to do a bit of decorating on the ceiling of Ms. Christie's library. Lt. Marshall Lee painted an extraordinarily beautiful frieze portraying battles and ports in North Africa where his flotilla had been engaged.

When Agatha Christie returned to Greenway after the war, the last thing she expected to see was this frieze. But she fell in love with it and declared it would stay as her 'modern archaeology'.

Agatha Christie died in 1976. The estate continued to be used by her children but in 2000, Greenway was given to England's National Trust, a charity which seeks to preserve historic properties for the benefit of future generations. By this time the house had fallen into disrepair. Even Lt. Lee's paintwork was beginning to peel. But this year a multi-million dollar restoration will begin and, when finished, the estate will be opened to the public. Visitors will be able to see the home where some of the world's best mystery stories were written and...where a few 'Coasties' lived while waiting to fight...and left their mark.

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 (510)437-3070 or via email kevin.d.isherwood@uscg.mil

"Once a Chief, Always a Chief"

"In Respect for those that have gone before us...as a Guide for those that Follow."

Calling All New Jersey Coasties-I am trying to have a license plate made in New Jersey for active duty, former active duty, retired and parents of Coasties. NJ State Bill #S2290/A3704 is currently in committees and will not be posted for a vote unless we can come up with the names of 200 New Jersey Coasties who are willing to purchase it. I am reaching out to you-if you are willing to purchase it please submit your name, address and contact information to me and I will submit to the Senator. My e-mail address is: uscg043@yahoo.com. Please put NJ Coast Guard License plate in the subject line. The website for the bill, if you wish to view is: <http://www.njlegstate.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp>. Point of contact: Joanne Niestemski uscg043@yahoo.com

REUNIONS AND NOTICES

TRACEN YORKTOWN always welcomes retirees at this command. The Yorktown Retiree Council prides itself in maintaining contact with the Coast Guard retirees in the area. Office hours are 0800-1400, Mon-Wed, except all Federal Holidays, phone number (757) 856-2136. E-Mail:

Adrian.H.Rymer@USCG.Mil

LFConley@USCG.Mil

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The Retiree Council no longer will mail hard copy quarterly newsletters. Henceforth, all information including announcements, security concerns, and special programs, Command Plan of the Week, MWR and historic events (Jamestown, Williamsburg, Yorktown) information including the 400 year anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, will be shared via e-mail.

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 by email to jlesperance@hawaii.rr.com if you have any questions.

STATION ST. SIMONS REUNION will be held 9-11 November 2007 at the Maritime Center at the Historic Coast Guard Station, 4201 1st Street, East Beach, St. Simons Island, GA 31522. Contact Michele Collins at (912) 638-5481 or e-mail-stationssireunion@yahoo.com

CAPE MAY: Anyone stationed in Cape May, NJ group in the 1940's, 1950's or 1960's (or whenever) interested in a **REUNION**, please contact Warren Wells, 18754 Robinsonville Road, Lewes, DE 19958. Phone (302) 645-8903 or e-mail-cplummer1@comcast.net

THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CG RETIREE COUNCIL announces the 18th Annual All-Services Retiree Seminar Saturday 28 April 2007. Location: Gresham Conference Center, Coast Guard Island, Alameda, CA. For additional information please contact: Commanding Officer, USCG ISC Northern Cal. Retiree Council, Attn: CWO4 Statti, Admin, Coast Guard Island, Bldg 21, Alameda, CA 94501-5100. Voice mail: (510) 437-3712, e-mail: Louis.P.Statti@uscg.mil

USCGC CHASE ASSOCIATION REUNION 2007 is 20-22 July 2007 at the Clarion George Washington Inn & Conference Center, 500 Merrimac Trail, Williamsburg, VA 23185. For reservations call (757) 220-1410 or 1 800-666-8888. For further information contact Pete Levine, Chase Assn President, (617) 965-6296, e-mail-chasepres@verizon.net or Jim O'Callaghan, jim158229@yahoo.com

USCGC ESCANABA (WMEC-907) PLANKOWNER REUNION? Anyone interested in a reunion? If so, please contact John Swindlehurst, 19 Jason's Path, Walpole, MA 02081. Phone (617) 968-7000. E-mail: johnswindlehurst@gmail.com

Those interested in joining the membership to the **COAST GUARD RETIREE COUNCIL** of Jacksonville, FL or if you have questions, contact YNCM Bobby Wester, USCG, retired at Bwester2549@aol.com (subject line: CG Retiree Council), (904) 645-5552 (leave message), or by regular mail to 3327 Brachenbury Lane, Jacksonville, FL 32225-3709 (please provide a telephone number where you can be reached).

RESERVE UNIT OWENSBORO REUNION will be held at 1200 CDT 29 April 2007 at Rockport Inn, Rockport, IN. Contact Bill Symon, (812) 649-2721 or (812) 686-2028, Les Allen, (502) 648-6900, Don Kuster, (812) 327-4749, or Gene Radin, (859) 885-1236, e-mail: gpradin@juno.com

CAPE MAY RETIREE COUNCIL now has a working Office on the US Coast Guard Training Center Cape May. The Office is located in the Work Life Building on Munro Ave; it will be manned Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays from 0900 to 1500, and will take appointments for other times too if needed. It will be open to CG Retiree, and Active duty personnel. This also includes other Armed Forces who need the service we provide. Contact MCPO Ib F.W. Andersen USCG (Ret) Chairman Regional CG Retiree Council Cape May, NJ RCGRC Phone: 609 898-6387, Phone: 609 889-6647 Cell: 609 972-6453
Ib.F.W.Andersen@uscg.mil
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REUNIONS AND NOTICES

NORTH COAST NEW YORK COAST GUARD ASSN

Seeking any Coastie who served aboard USCGC's Cherry, Maple, Ojibwa, White Lupine, Buckthorn, Arundel, Point Steele, Wire and CG's 83359, 65024-D (Chockberry), 55030, 45305, 49414, 45308, or 49404 while home ported in upper New York, Burlington, VT or Saugerties, NY. Any year, regular, reserve, auxiliary or civilian CG. Contact North Coast New York Coast Guard Assn., 4712 Glenwood Dr., Mantua, OH 44255, phone: (330) 274-2927. Reunion 14-16 September 2007, Sackets Harbor, NY.

USCGC ESCANABA (WMEC-907) PLANKOWNER RE-UNION-We are collecting contact information and attempting to determine interest in an ESCANABA Plankowner Reunion in Boston during the summer of 2007. No date has been set but the month of July 2007 is favored by those already expressing interest. Once the in port schedule of the cutter is determined, a date will be set, so that a cutter visit can be included in the schedule. Are you interested in a reunion? Do you have contact information for other crew members? If so, please contact:

John Swindlehurst
19 Jason's Path
Walpole, Massachusetts 02081
Phone: (617) 968-7000
E-mail: johnswindlehurst@gmail.com

USCGC WESTWOOD will be holding its 3rd reunion on 9-11 September 2007 in Atlantic City, NJ. Anyone that is interested in attending please contact Alex Mavica, V. Chairman at (845) 352-7040 or amavica@optonline.net

PATRICK AFB, FL, will be hosting its 25th Annual Military Retiree Day 21 April 2007. Speakers and tables of info: 0900-1330 hrs.

COAST GUARD AIR/COSMIC AIRLINES will hold a reunion 20-22 May 2007 at the Riverside Resort & Casino, Laughlin, NV. Contact CWO3 Pat Peden, USCG, Ret. at PO Box 5413, Fallon, NV 89407, phone (775) 867-3029 or (775) 722-7252. E-mail: patpeden@phonewave.net

NATIONAL RETIRED MILITARY GOLF CLASSIC (2007)

The 24th annual National Retired Military Golf Classic will be held in Myrtle Beach, SC from 29 May thru 2 June 2007. Only 872 men and 132 women will be accepted for this event, which is the largest retired military golf event in the world. Over \$160,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded. Applications will be mailed in early December 2006 to those on the mailing list. Applications will also be available at most of the military golf courses around the country. Priority will be given to those who have played in previous classics. For applications call 1 866 469-7853 or write to National Retired Military Golf Classic, PO Box 3608, Myrtle Beach, SC 29578

U.S. Coast Guard National Association of Former Stewards and Stewardmates Reunion will be held from 2-5 August 2007 at the Radisson Hotel New London in New London, CT. Contact PO Earl T. Montgomery, USCG, Ret at (845) 687-9883 or CPO Norman McGlone, USCG, Ret at (757) 640-0524 for further information.

USCG West Coast 13th annual IT, TT, and EMTS reunion will be held 20-22 July 2007 at the Clear Lake Recreation Area, Spokane, WA. For further information please contact Clint Hess, 13919 Clear Lake Rd., Medical Lake, WA 99022. Phone: (509) 299-3552 or e-mail: CLLAKEPLL@CENTURYTEL.NET

Anyone who served on Iwo Jima-we're having a reunion 16-20 September 2007 at the Ramada Inn, Kissimmee, FL. All branches, any year—USMC, USCG, USAF, USN, USAAF, US Army, USO, GSA, DOD. For details please visit <http://www.iwojimavets.org/>

CUTTERS AROUND THE CONTINENT will hold its reunion sometime in 2007. Contact Jim Loback at (714) 968-8964 or e-mail-StorisBrambleSpar@msn.com. Website-<http://www.storisbramblespar.org>

The Coast Guard Courier Association will hold their 2007 reunion in Council Bluffs, IA 20-24 May at the Holiday Inn. Contact Bill Sage @ (712) 328-0868 for more information.

Editor's notes

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.

Send your reunion or other notices to:

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

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

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

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.

KEEPING RETIREE AND ANNUITANT SERVICES INFORMED

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.

CRSC AND CRDP: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Combat-related special compensation (CRSC) provides additional disability compensation for retirees with VA disability ratings of 10 percent or more caused by combat or combat training, provided retirees apply to their service for CRSC and are approved. CRSC payments are nontaxable. Concurrent retirement and disability pay (CRDP) is automatic (Eventually) for all retirees with VA ratings of 50 percent or more and subject to a phased-in increase over the next several years. Because CRDP is a restoration of retired pay, it typically is taxed fully at the federal level and taxable at the state level (if you state taxes military retired pay). MOAA has fact sheets, frequently asked questions, and much more CRSC and CRDP information online at http://www.moaa.org/crsc_crdp.

Servicemembers who qualify for both programs can make an annual election to choose the one that provides the most economic benefit. Generally, CRSC will pay more initially, but CRDP eventually will surpass CRSC payments within five or six years, as CRSP gets fully phased in.

Retirees who receive a backdated VA disability award or an increased rating might have overpaid federal income taxes because of the VA disability compensation/military retired pay offset. If you receive a backdated award, Personnel Service Center (RAS) will not issue you an updated 1099R. You will need to file an amended tax return (Form 1040X) and manually adjust your military retired pay to the proper amount. Be sure to attach a cover letter and a copy of your VA award letter to justify the adjustment.

Tax Tactic: If you do need to file Form 1040X, act quickly. You only have three years from the original tax year to file an amended return.



COAST GUARD MUTUAL ASSISTANCE ...HELPING EACH OTHER

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA) is dedicated to providing essential financial aid to those in need. It provides a vital financial safety net for Coast Guard families, promotes financial stability and general well-being, fosters high morale and encourages a sense of loyalty to the Coast Guard. It's a proven and practical way to extend a helping hand. Last year, CGMA provided over \$5.8 million in financial assistance in over 6,500 cases.

CGMA exists because Coast Guard men and women desire to give substance to their compassion for fellow shipmates and coworkers who are facing financial hardship. As Admiral Allen put it recently, "Helping each other is what we are about. It is the essential character of the Coast Guard.... Just as we are maritime guardians, we are each other's guardians."

Once again this spring, CGMA is launching an awareness and fundraising campaign. As an independent non-profit charitable organization, CGMA receives no appropriated or non-appropriated government funds. It is sustained, instead, by voluntary contributions from people like you. The retired community plays a large role in ensuring CGMA remains viable and able to meet needs that arise. Especially effective and appreciated are contributions made by monthly allotment. Such consistent, ongoing support is the lifeblood of CGMA.

As in previous years, letters are being sent out to individuals in the retired community, providing the opportunity to contribute one-time or to start or increase allotment contributions.

Contributions, including memorial contributions, bequests and other special contributions from individuals or estates, are welcome at any time throughout the year. Information and contribution forms are available on the CGMA Web site: <http://www.cgmahq.org>.

Contribution checks or money orders, made payable to "CGMA," may be mailed directly to Coast Guard Mutual Assistance, 4200 Wilson Blvd., Suite 610, Arlington, VA 22203-1804. Contributions to Coast Guard Mutual Assistance are tax deductible.

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

Thank you for supporting Coast Guard Mutual Assistance!

CGC STORIS TO BE DECOMMISSIONED—U.S. Coast Guard, January 08, 2007, KODIAK, Alaska - The Coast Guard's "Queen of the Fleet," Cutter Storis was decommissioned during a ceremony on the Coast Guard base February 8, 2007 in Kodiak. The ship is known as the Queen of the Fleet for being the oldest active duty cutter in service.

During World War II, CGC Storis patrolled the North Atlantic to prevent the establishment of Nazi weather stations in Greenland. In 1948, CGC Storis changed homeport to Juneau, Alaska from where it supplied medical treatment to native villages and survey uncharted waters in the arctic.

In July of 1957 Storis, along with cutters Bramble and Spar which are now decommissioned, completed its historic transit of the Northwest Passage and circumnavigation of the North American continent. Soon thereafter CGC Storis was transferred to its present homeport of Kodiak, Alaska.

Proudly bearing its gold "38" hull number - a distinction given only to the oldest cutter in the fleet - the crew of the Storis completed their last patrol in Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea in early December 2006.

Coast Guard Pacific Area Public Affairs is in the process of setting up a dedicated website for the 64 year old cutter, which will be hosted by Military.com and supported by Fred's Place.org. Former Storis crewmembers who are interested in sharing photos, video and sea stories are welcome to forward them to the Pacific Area Public Affairs office for inclusion. A Storis blog is also being established for crewmembers to share their stories. Once everything is set up the sites address will be released.

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(Source: US Coast Guard)

Job Opportunities

Attention all Master Chiefs:

The Armed Forces E9 Association (AFE9A) is looking to fill a position as Director, US Coast Guard. This is a non-profit volunteer association with headquarters in Harkers Heights, located near Killeen, Texas. Positions for the Director for the Army, Navy, Air Force have been filled or resumes have been submitted. We are still trying to fill the spot for Director, Marine Corps also. Our annual convention will be held this year in Junction City, Kansas. The AFE9A was formerly The Retired Sergeants Major and Chiefs Association (TRSMCA). Visit <http://www.afe9a.us> for more details of the association and to obtain a membership application form and blank resume form. I am running for the National President and would like to have a CG Director on board. You may contact me at gssi36@earthlink.net for more information. All Master Chiefs (active and retired) are welcome to join the association and to form a new chapter.

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USCG Retirements

Name	Rank	Date of Retirement	Years of Service
ABDULRASHEED, TARIQ	YN1	20070201	20
ABSHER, WILLIAM	BMC	20061201	20
ADAMS, IVAN	DCCM	20061201	29
ADAMS, JOHN	SK1	20061201	23
ADAMS, THOMAS	DCC	20061201	20
ALEXANDER, CYNTHIA	SK2	20061221	07
ALLISON, JAMES	FT2	20070126	41
ALVIS, MARTY	BMC	20070101	20
ANDERSON, CHARLES	PERS3	20070101	30
ARMISTAD, MELISSA	SK1	20070101	20
ARTINO, ANTHONY	CDR	20061229	21
AVERY, DENNIS	BMC	20070111	31
BAGG, JOHN	LCDR	20061117	26
BAHL, TIMOTHY	MKC	20061201	22
BAILEY, RODNEY	AMTCS	20061201	29
BAINES, WALLACE	BMC	20061201	24
BALDWIN, ROBERT	MK3	20061210	25
BALZANO, GERALD	BM2	20070131	19
BEATTY, JEFFREY	MKC	20061201	20
BEISTLE, THOMAS	CDR	20061201	21
BELL, ALFRED	BMC	20070110	30
BELL, ROBERT	CAPT	20061129	25
BELL, STEPHEN	MAT4	20070125	24
BENDA, DEREK	ETCS	20061201	20
BENEDICT, ROBERT	SK1	20061201	20
BISHOP, JEFFREY	PSCS	20061114	31
BLAIR, HOWARD	GMC	20061201	23
BOCK, JONATHAN	AET2	20060905	05
BOLLINGER, LINDA	MK1	20061212	20
BOND, WILLIAM	LT	20061113	20
BONNER, JOHN	LCDR	20061121	16
BOUTIN, RICHARD	BM2	20061127	20
BOYCE, WILLIAM	CAPT	20061125	20
BRADLEY, BRUCE	BM2	20070115	22
BRAZEAU, DANIEL	MKC	20061201	30
BRENNAN, PATRICK	BMCS	20061201	23
BROSE, ROBERT	MK1	20070101	20
BROWN, BOBBY	BM1	20061115	21
BROWNLOW, WILLIAM	OSS3	20061201	27
BUNGER, DALE	PERS3	20061201	23
BURGESS, CHERYL	YN1	20061210	27
BURRIS, MARK	ETC	20061201	20
CAIN, ROBERT	SK2	20061130	08
CAMPBELL, ARLEN	MKCM	20070101	27
CANNADY, HERMAN	SKCS	20061201	27
CARLSON, TRACY	BOSN4	20070101	31
CARROLL, PATRICK	AMTCM	20061201	28
CASE, CHARLIE	BMC	20070201	21
CASTILLO, JARGE	MK1	20070115	27
CAUSEY, WILLIAM	BMC	20061114	21
CAVAZOS, ERIN	OS2	20061122	05
CERVANTES, ARTHUR	PS1	20070117	21
CHISHOLM, WILLIAM	ENG2	20061201	20
CLARK, JAMES	MSTC	20061229	27
CLARK, PETER	MK1	20070102	21
CLARK, WILLIAM	LCDR	20070201	20
COBURN, DAVID	MKC	20070201	20
COFFEY, MICHAEL	PS1	20061112	25
COLE, GENE	EMC	20061201	20
CONFER, RONALD	EMC	20061201	23
COTCH, DALE	PERS4	20061201	30
COTTER, WILLIAM	CAPT	20061201	22

Name	Rank	Date of Retirement	Years of Service
CRAWFORD, BRUCE	YNCS	20061201	26
CUSTER, STEVEN	LCDR	20061201	26
DAHLIN, KENNETH	LCDR	20061201	16
DAMMAN, DOUGLAS	MSS3	20061201	24
DAUTEL, PETER	BMC	20061201	22
DAVIS, ARTHUR	CDR	20070113	39
DAVIS, CRAIG	AMT2	20061211	11
DAVIS, MICHAEL	AETC	20061201	24
DAVIS, STEVEN	SN	20061117	03
DAVIS, WILLIAM	BMC	20061201	23
DECKER, BRUCE	LCDR	20070201	21
DEHAVILAND, SPRING	PA1	20070111	27
DENNIS, JOSEPH	FSCS	20061201	21
DEYESO, JOHN	ENG4	20061210	36
DIETRICH, DARRELL	ETCS	20070201	26
DIGERONIMO, PETER	YN1	20061201	22
DIXON, GARRY	AMTC	20061201	29
DOHERTY, MICHAEL	PS1	20070127	19
DOKA, PAUL	AVI4	20061201	26
DOSS, DONALD	PSCS	20061117	27
DUILLO, RICHARD	PS1	20070124	21
ERICKSON, STEPHEN	AMT2	20061229	11
FAIRBANK, DOUGLAS	MKC	20061201	21
FALGOUST, HENRY	PSC	20061219	27
FELDMANN, STEPHEN	MKC	20070101	20
FIELD, JOSEPH	CDR	20061228	20
FINISON, ROBERT	DC1	20061201	21
FISHER, DONNA	LCDR	20070201	20
FLYNN, ANDREW	BMC	20070101	20
FRACKLETON, JOHN	BOSN4	20061212	30
FULLARD, JEFFREY	DCC	20061029	30
GAINLEY, RICHARD	BM1	20061201	20
GALE, DUANE	MK1	20061216	21
GALLOP, WILLIAM	YNCM	20061201	25
GARRISON, THERESA	SKC	20061201	22
GENTHNER, PHILIP	YNCM	20061201	26
GIAFAGLIONE, RICHARD	ITC	20061201	22
GLASSON, EDWARD	ETCS	20070101	25
GLYNN, MARTIN	IVCS	20061121	31
GRANGER, JOHN	YN1	20061201	26
GRAVETTE, RANDY	BMC	20061201	23
GREENWELL, JOHN	BMC	20070201	20
GRIJALVA, ANTHONY	FS1	20070201	24
GROZINSKI, MARTIN	COMM4	20070113	35
GURGANUS, JERRY	AET1	20070201	21
HAGGERTY, ARTHUR	SK2	20061213	23
HAMILTON, DOLPHIN	LCDR	20070121	21
HANNA, VICTOR	PSCM	20070101	33
HANSEN, ERIC	BM3	20061013	20
HARRELL, ALVIN	PS1	20070127	21
HART, JUDY	IVC	20061128	23
HART, SARAH	CDR	20061129	20
HARTMAN, VERONICA	INF2	20070201	21
HASS, JAMES	CAPT	20070101	29
HAWLK, BARRY	BM1	20061130	24
HEATON, THOMAS	MKC	20070201	22
HEDGES, ROBERT	MKC	20061128	29
HEINS, PETER	CDR	20070110	22
HERNANDEZ, GLYNN	MKC	20061226	29
HERZIG, JOSEPH	LCDR	20061220	20
HETLAGE, RAY	SKC	20061207	26

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HICKS, JOHN	PERS2	20061201	24
HILL, DWAYNE	AETC	20061201	26
HILTON, LEONARD	MK3	20061229	04
HODGES, ROBERT	BMCM	20061201	30
HOGGARD, TERRY	BMC	20061201	20
HOHLFELDT, DAVID	CDR	20070125	22
HOLDER, DANIEL	F&S4	20070102	36
HOLTZINGER, JOHN	MAT2	20061201	22
HOPPER, DARREN	LCDR	20061103	21
HOSS, STEPHEN	YNC	20061201	20
HUBBEL, TIMOTHY	MSTC	20070115	25
HULL, TERRENCE	DCCS	20061201	24
HUNZIGER, MARK	OSC	20061201	20
ISAACSON, KEITH	AETC	20061201	26
JACKSON, KENNETH	ENG4	20061201	30
JACOBSON, ERIC	PSS2	20061123	21
JAKWAY, MICHAEL	SKCM	20070201	30
JAMES, DENNIS	ITC	20061201	20
JAYE, ANTHONY	MK1	20061213	09
JEANFREAU, BRIAN	INV2	20070101	21
JINNETT, ARTHUR	BM2	20070102	22
JOHNSON, ARTHUR	LT	20061129	28
JOHNSON, EDWARD	MK2	20061102	24
JOHNSON, KENNETH	AMTC	20061201	26
JOHNSON, THOMAS	BMCS	20061201	30
JONES, CALVIN	BMC	20061201	21
JONES, MICHAEL	CAPT	20061107	24
JUDD, KEITH	DCC	20061201	27
JUSTICE, THOMAS	AMTCM	20061201	31
KALLMANN, ALAN	PSS3	20070117	23
KEAN, JOSEPH	AST2	20061130	11
KEIM, JEFFREY	MK2	20061201	20
KEITH, KERRY	LT	20061111	30
KELLEY, PAUL	AMT1	20070201	20
KELLOGG, MICHAEL	LT	20061201	20
KENDALL, MICHAEL	CAPT	20061201	29
KETRON, JAMES	HS1	20061111	24
KETTERINGHAM, MEGAN	LT	20061208	07
KIRKLAND, EDWARD	IVCS	20070111	25
KIRKLAND, JOHN	DC2	20070111	20
KITTLA, RAYMOND	PS2	20070101	38
KNIGHT, ROGER	BMC	20061103	31
KOELLE, DENNIS	AMT1	20061201	24
KOONZ, WILLIAM	PSCS	20061204	20
KRACKE, GERARD	FSC	20061119	20
KUHR, JEFFREY	DCC	20061201	26
LABIBWOOD, FREDERICK	YNC	20061214	28
LAMBERT, EDWARD	PS1	20061116	23
LANCE, MICHAEL	AMT1	20061201	27
LANGE, PAUL	CDR	20070201	30
LANGJAHN, JOSEPH	CAPT	20070103	24
LARRIVA, RALPH	PS1	20061102	19
LAURION, DENNIS	YNC	20061124	20
LEAVENS, ROBERT	MK1	20061205	23
LECLERE, KIRK	AMTCM	20061201	30
LEIGHTON, DALE	SKCS	20061201	24
LESAGE, RICHARD	LT	20061130	27
LEWACK, MARK	MSTCS	20070201	30
LINHART, LORRAINE	PS1	20061116	22
LIPSCOMBE, WILLIAM	BM1	20070201	20
LOGAN, SHEILA	YNC	20061201	20
LOGGINS, JOHN	AETC	20061120	23
LONGER, CHARLES	AMTCM	20061201	30
LUDWICK, ROBERT	CDR	20061113	33
LUJAN, GEORGE	FSC	20061201	28
MADSON, LINDA	F&S3	20070201	27
MAGILL, JAMES	ET2	20061025	19
MAKER, JACK	AMTCS	20061201	26
MALISH, KEITH	IT1	20061201	20
MARKS, JOHN	CAPT	20061102	35

MARTIN, EDWARD	CDR	20061127	20
MAZYCK, PAMELA	OSC	20061201	20
MCCORMACK, GEORGE	LCDR	20070111	25
MC MILLON, SHANNON	SKC	20070101	20
MCNAMARA, JAMES	DCCS	20070106	41
MARTIN, EDWARD	CDR	20061127	20
MELOTT, JAY	LCDR	20061201	24
MERKEL, HOWARD	AMT1	20061201	20
MERRITT, LEONARD	ELC2	20061201	20
MILLER, JAMES	IT1	20061201	27
MINOR, CHRISTINE	PERS2	20061201	23
MOBERLEY, MICHAEL	BOSN2	20061201	22
MOISAN, KEVIN	OSS2	20061201	23
MOLLY, TIMOTHY	BMC	20061201	24
MOORE, CARLTON	RADM	20061207	33
MOORER, GODFREY	MK3	20061229	05
MORCIGLIO, VINCENT	BM1	20061127	22
MORLOK, TIM	ET1	20070110	20
MRAZ, KENNETH	CDR	20061125	19
MUELLER, WILLIAM	LCDR	20070109	20
MULLINS, NATHAN	OSC	20070101	20
MUNSEY, CLINE	BM1	20061117	27
MURRAY, CHARLES	OSC	20070101	22
NAVARRO, CHARLES	EM2	20070101	22
NETHERCOT, ELSA	BM1	20070201	20
NEVERS, DAVID	ETC	20070101	21
NEWMAN, KEVIN	EMC	20061201	21
NICHOLS, RICHARD	DCC	20061201	27
NOBLE, LARRY	MSS4	20070201	31
OBERNDORFER, SCOTT	MKC	20061201	24
OISHI, FRED	PSS2	20061114	21
OLIN, CHRISTOPHER	CDR	20061201	23
ONEAL, CHARLES	BMC	20061201	20
ORIE, KEVIN	OSC	20070101	20
PARMAR, CHARLES	PSS2	20061112	23
PATTON, DEAN	MKCS	20061201	24
PEELE, CHARLES	LCDR	20061018	26
PEREZ, CRISTIAN	SN	20061122	01
PERSICO, JOSEPH	AMTC	20061201	23
PHILLIPS, CHARLES	MSTCM	20061125	32
PICKETT, HARVEY	SK2	20061119	21
PIKE, RUSSELL	OSC	20061213	21
POTOLICCHIO, KENNETH	LCDR	20061201	33
POTTER, KEMP	MKC	20061201	20
POWELL, RODERICK	CAPT	20070129	29
PRICE, WILLIAM	BMC	20061128	20
PRIDHAM, TIMOTHY	BMC	20061201	20
PRINCIPE, JERRY	ITC	20061201	20
PRINDIVILLE, JAMES	CDR	20061111	22
PRUIKSMA, GLENN	CAPT	20061105	22
QUEALEY, KERRY	SKC	20061201	24
RABUCK, PAUL	CDR	20061222	22
RALSTON, DANNY	PERS3	20070201	26
REID, WILLIAM	CDR	20061230	28
REILLEY, MICHAEL	MKC	20061201	20
REINERT, JOHN	LCDR	20070101	20
RENDON, RICHARD	CAPT	20070101	25
REPOSA, KEVIN	BM1	20070101	20
RHODES, MARSHALL	LCDR	20061114	20
RIOS, FRANK	MST1	20061223	25
RISER, LINDA	FSC	20061201	20
RIVERA, LUIS	YN1	20061201	23
RIZZO, LOUIS	BM1	20070101	20
ROBERTS, JEFFREY	BMCS	20030901	22
ROBICHAUD, LOIS	BM1	20070115	22
ROCCO, DANIEL	LCDR	20061201	20
ROCHE, JAMES	BM1	20061201	20
ROGAN, KYLE	GM3	20061221	06
ROGERS, RANDALL	ENG4	20061201	30

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ROULLIER, JOHN	SK1	20061201	20
RUMFIELD, DAVIS	MKCS	20061214	23
RUSCA, EMIL	MK1	20060912	40
SCHAUS, WILLIAM	SKC	20061115	20
SCHUBERT, ROBERT	PS2	20061227	20
SCOTT, LAWRENCE	LT	20061118	23
SENA, SANDY	BM1	20061201	20
SESSIONS, JOSEPH	BM1	20061208	32
SESSIONS, ROBERT	BM1	20061216	31
SEYBOLD, EUGENE	OSCM	20070201	26
SEYMOURIAN, EDWARD	DC2	20061221	23
SHEEHAN, LEONARD	BM1	20061226	21
SIKES, WILLARD	PSC	20061122	30
SILVERMAN, MARK	SKCS	20061201	24
SIMS, THOMAS	OSC	20070201	20
SKIPPER, JAMES	MK3	20061221	06
SMITH, BRADFORD	F&S3	20070201	27
SMITH, JEFFREY	MST3	20061229	04
SMITH, MADONNA	OSC	20070201	20
SPADONI, DAVID	BMCM	20070201	30
SPEAR, GREGORY	LT	20070201	20
SPILLMAN, JOSEPH	BMC	20070101	23
STECKEL, RODNEY	IV1	20070118	26
STOUDER, MICHAEL	MKCS	20061117	24
SULLIVAN, JAMES	PS1	20070101	23
SULLIVAN, KEVIN	LCDR	20061201	30
TARLTON, DENNIS	AETC	20070110	24
TATU, FRANCIS	MKCM	20070101	34
TEACHOUT, MARTIN	LT	20070101	23
TELEFONI, EVERETT	BM2	20061101	20
THOMAS, BRUCE	MED4	20070201	29
THOMPSON, CHARLES	ETCM	20070101	27
TOMASELLI, SANDY	PS1	20061011	26
TONKIN, DAVID	DCC	20061201	26
TREDY, FREDERICK	IVC	20070124	30
TREDY, JUDI	PS1	20070130	23
TRUE, MARK	CDR	20070201	20
VANCE, MICHAEL	BM2	20061221	07
VANESSEN, JON	EMCS	20061201	21
VIOLA, VICTOR	BMC	20061223	23
VOLLRATH, ROBERT	ETC	20061122	30
WALKER, KENNETH	ITC	20070101	26
WALL, LISA	LT	20070201	15
WALLACE, THOMAS	PSC	20061120	23
WARD, ZACHARY	MK2	20061221	07
WASHINGTON, RANDY	FSCS	20061201	26
WEBBER, J	MK1	20070128	20
WELCOME, JOHN	FSCS	20061201	20
WESTBROOK, JOSEPH	MSTC	20061224	21
WHITE, GREGORY	ENG4	20070201	30
WILLIAMS, BILLY	MSTCM	20061101	21
WILLIAMS, KIMBERLY	IT1	20070101	30
WILLIAMS, WALTER	CDR	20070131	23
WILMOTHWASHINGTON, MARGIE	SK1	20061201	24
WILSON, DARRELL	PAC	20070101	20
WILSON, GREGORY	LCDR	20061122	21
WISTER, ROBERT	PSC	20061021	21
WOJACZYK, CHARLES	LT	20070201	22
WOJCIK, NICHOLAS	MKC	20061201	20
WOLFF, GARY	BM1	20061113	22
YOUNG, MICHAEL	EM1	20070108	18

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Protect yourself and your TRICARE benefit. Don't give a thief a chance to steal your medical identity. Be suspicious of any person or agency who contacts you by mail, telephone or in person with an offer for "free" medical treatments or services. Never release or share your private medical information with anyone who contacts you first, unless you or a person designated to act on your behalf initiated the contact by calling one of the toll-free TRICARE numbers or by visiting the TRICARE Web site.

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Attn: Program Integrity Office
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CORRECTION

"Captain Ray Copin, USCG, (Ret), apologizes for a spelling error of a significant individual's name in his submission on Pterodactyl awards which was printed in the January-March 2007 issue of the *Evening Colors*. The Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District and current Ancient Albatross of the Coast Guard is Rear Admiral David Kunkel, USCG."

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Pteros, Launch Your Aircraft!

Aviators, the CG Aviation History Committee needs your help in launching a new and exciting addition to our website! Dust off those old flight logs, we've got a new history project started and you're the author!

Because of your interest and co-operation with our Oral History project, we're trying a parallel project where we collect your stories via email and post them on our website. We now want you to email us with your story about that one mission that stands out the most in your mind. Tell us about the time that tested your skills, touched your heart, shook you up, drained your reserves, made you proud or just plain beat you up. You know, the one you tell your grandkids or recall while hangar flying. Let the words flow and take us back on that mission with you.

Here are the rules:

1. Keep it to 1,000 words or less
2. Include all your personal info with your story. (name, rank/rate, pilot #)
3. Unit, date, time of day - if applicable
4. Name your crew if you can and include the aircraft and aircraft # if possible
5. Email it to me at ptero@comcast.net

All submissions will be lightly edited for content and grammar. Due to space restrictions and number of submissions, we can not guarantee that all stories will be published; however, a hardcopy of your story will be preserved in the archives of the Coast Guard Historian. Nothing that you send us will be lost to time.

If you have any questions about how to do this, can't make up your mind about missions to write about, aren't sure about your writing skills, anything at all, please don't hesitate to email me with your concerns. We can work together to sort out your ideas and solve your problems.

This is an exciting new phase of history-gathering for us but we can't do it without you, so start sending me your stories. As much as we look forward to reading your memories, we are far more excited about saving them. Thank you in advance for your contributions to our website and to the preservation of Coast Guard aviation history.

Cathy Sivils Entman and the USCG Aviation History Committee U.S. Coast Guard Aviation Association



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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	RANK	DATE	CITY	STATE
ADAMS	FRANK	ENCS	20070212	SANDWICH	MA
AGAGAS	JOHN	SS1	20061129	LOS ANGELES	CA
ANGEL	DONALD	BM1	20070208	VIRGINIA BEACH	VA
ANGELL	ROY	CAPT	20070107	WATERFORD	CT
ARMSTRONG	ROBERT	ENC	20061229	BEAVER ISLAND	MI
AVERY	PHILIP	AM1	20070124	ALMONT	MI
BABAJKO	ANDREW	HS1	20061228	STATEN ISLAND	NY
BACON	WILLIAM	CHMACH2	20061231	COPPERAS COVE	TX
BAKER	CARL	MED4	20070104	YREKA	CA
BARNES	PAUL	HMC	20070208	EATONVILLE	WA
BARRY	MICHAEL	LCDR	20070120	JACKSONVILLE	NC
BAUMGARNER	WINCIL	ENCS	20070120	MILFORD	DE
BELL	ROSS	CAPT	20061220	MILL CREEK	WA
BENNETT	ARTHUR	QM1	20070121	RUMFORD	ME
BESSENT	JAMES	ENC	20061122	SHALLOTTE	NC
BIERUT	EUGENE	CDR	20061211	ST LOUIS	MO
BILLINGSLEA	BEVERLY	CAPT	20061204	VACAVILLE	CA
BLACK	KENNETH	BOSN4	20070128	UNION	ME
BOND	WILBERT	QM2	20070202	MEMPHIS	TN
BOWDEN	RAY	BM1	20061204	SALISBURY	MD
BOYCE	RAYMOND	F&S3	20061205	STATEN ISLAND	NY
BRENNAN	GEORGE	IVCM	20061119	LEES SUMMIT	MO
BRESCIANO	JOHN	AMCM	20061202	PANAMA CITY BEACH	FL
BRIDGES	ALFRED	BMC	20061218	BELLEVUE	FL
BULLERS	VERNON	ENC	20070212	TAMPA	FL
CAHOON	AUBREY	LCDR	20061210	SMITHFIELD	VA
CARSWELL	ROBERT	YNC	20070114	MOBILE	AL
CASO	ANTONIO	PERS4	20070114	CLEARWATER	FL
CASON	EDWARD	BMC	20061121	KNOTTS ISLAND	NC
CHERNEY	JOHN	BOSN4	20061230	LONG BEACH	CA
COLMAR	PETER	RADM	20061206	SEATTLE	WA
COLUMBUS	JOHN	ENCS	20061217	MONTAGUE	MI
COOPEY	STEPHEN	TTCM	20070124	EDMONDS	WA
COTHRAN	ROYAL	CSC	20070107	CLEARWATER	FL
CROWDER	GROVER	EN1	20070103	WILMINGTON	DE
CROWLEY	WILLIAM	RDC	20070120	SAN ANTONIO	TX
CULLORS	RAYMOND	RM2	20061225	LEMOORE	CA
DAHLBY	ROGER	CAPT	20070127	CITRUS SPRING	FL
DAVIDSON	TOMMY	DCC	20061208	RENO	NV
DAWLEY	JOSEPH	CAPT	20061224	WALPOLE	MA
DENTON	WILLIAM	PS1	20061113	SARASOTA	FL
DEVILLIER	ADAM	RD1	20061209	KENNER	LA
DEWAAL	RICHARD	F&S4	20070218	OCALA	FL
DICKSON	JOHN	MKCM	20070113	YORKTOWN	VA
DOLLOFF	JOHN	RMC	20061210	JUNEAU	AK
DUFOUR	MARLENE	YNC	20061201	OAKLAND	CA
DZEDULONUS	JAMES	MK1	20070202	CHELSEA	MA
EVANS	CLIFFORD	ENC	20070208	NOTTINGHAM	NH

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FERGUSON	DUANE	ENG2	20061116	LAS VEGAS	NV
FERNANDEZ	CHARLES	MKCM	20061209	FT GRATIOT	MI
FLORES	BENJAMIN	SD1	20070211	LAMPASAS	TX
FLYNN	FRANCIS	LCDR	20061206	CORAL SPRINGS	FL
FOREMAN	JOHN	EMCS	20061128	COLLINSVILLE	AL
FUXAN	LOUIS	EN1	20061228	METAIRIE	LA
GARCHOW	GLENN	ENG3	20070206	SANFORD	MI
GERHARDT	STEPHEN	LCDR	20061130	SEATTLE	WA
GEROMETTA	JOHN	CDR	20061209	SCOTTSDALE	AZ
GETCHELL	RORY	MK1	20070219	EVERETT	WA
GILLET	GEORGE	ELC3	20061116	WALLOPS ISLE	VA
GILLIKIN	LESLIE	BMLC	20061124	PORT ORANGE	FL
GRAY	ROBERT	BM1	20061207	KENNEWICK	WA
GREEN	WILLIAM	BM1	20061124	PALM COAST	FL
GRIGG	MELVIN	FICM	20061227	DALLAS	TX
GROVES	LENNITH	BOSN3	20061203	MARYSVILLE	WA
HARDER	NELSON	MAT2	20070126	EMORY	TX
HARDING	EDWARD	CSC	20070101	JAMAICA PLAIN	MA
HARJU	CARL	MK1	20061224	CALUMET	MI
HARRISON	JACK	QMCS	20070117	MADISONVILLE	LA
HEBERT	LUDWIG	LCDR	20061229	PRAIRIEVILLE	LA
HENDRICKSON	OLIVER	EN1	20061208	HELENA	MT
HERRON	DOUGLAS	CAPT	20061209	RYE	NY
HINCKEN	RICHARD	HM1	20061128	PAWTUCKET	RI
HIPP	WILLIAM	AMC	20061212	HUTCHINSON	KS
HOLBROOK	DOC	ENC	20060920	TEXAS CITY	TX
HOUNSLEA	ARTHUR	CDR	20070104	GRISWOLD	CT
HUDSON	ARLEY	DCC	20070106	SUMMERS POINT	NJ
HURLEY	WILLIAM	SR	20061220	SEATTLE	WA
JAYE	ANTHONY	MK1	20061213	EXCEL	AL
JOHNSTON	ROBERT	GM1	20061119	WEST KENNELUNK	ME
JONES	HAROLD	LCDR	20070129	FALMOUTH	ME
KENNEDY	LARRY	SN	20061112	OXFORD	MI
KIMMEL	MARTIN	ELC2	20061116	CANADA	CA
KIRCHDORFER	FREDERICK	BMC	20061216	N FALMOUTH	MA
KOPSZYWA	FRANK	PERS4	20061026	OCEAN SPRINGS	MS
LARSEN	ARTHUR	BMCS	20060603	HULL	MA
LAZARSKI	TIMOTHY	PSCS	20070203	OAK CREEK	WI
LEACH	URIAL	CAPT	20061201	MORRISTOWN	NJ
LEACH	WARREN	CDR	20070111	NORFOLK	VA
LECLAIR	JOHN	TTC	20061118	GRAND MARAIS	MI
LEDBETTER	HOWARD	CDR	20061124	HARVEY	AR
LEE	RICHARD	AD1	20070208	PALM BAY	FL
LITTLEFIELD	SHERWOOD	FSC	20070203	BUFFALO	NY
LOWMAN	IRVIN	AD1	20061201	BELVIDERE	NC
MACEDONIA	FRANK	F&S4	20061113	JACKSONVILLE	FL
MAIRS	JOHN	BOSN3	20061125	MOORESVILLE	NC
MALCOLM	JOHN	LT	20070202	READING	MA
MARSHALL	FURMAN	SKCS	20061206	JUNEAU	AK
MARSHALL	GEORGE	MMC	20070106	FOSTER	RI
MARTON	JULIUS	BT2	20061206	CENTRAL POINT	OR
MASSENGILL	WILLIAM	EMC	20061220	MUSKEGON	MI
MAXWELL	CHARLES	LT	20061228	PRESCOTT	AZ

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MCCARTNEY	ROBERT	BM1	20070214	KANSAS CITY	MO
MCCLURE	IVEY	MAT4	20070118	ALBANY	LA
MCKEAN	LEO	RDC	20061208	FT LAUDERDALE	FL
MCKENZIE	CHESTER	DC2	20061122	HUDSON	FL
MEARS	HENRY	BM1	20061221	JACKSONVILLE	FL
MENGE	ARTHUR	ENG4	20070119	NEW BERN	NC
MIILLE	DARRELL	MKCM	20070113	EVERETT	WA
MILLER	GEORGE	CDR	20070208	HOUSTON	TX
MILLER	OTEY	BMC	20070215	STIGLER	OK
MILOHNICK	JOHN	ETCS	20061114	VALDOSTA	GA
MITCHELL	VINCENT	CAPT	20070116	MOUNT PLEASANT	SC
MONTEZ	WILLIAM	MKC	20061222	ST CROIX	VI
MONTGOMERY	LOWELL	MAT3	20061122	SEBRING	FL
MOORE	DOUGLAS	SS1	20070206	HOT SPRINGS VILL	AR
MOORHEAD	HAROLD	BOSN3	20061224	ST HELENS	OR
MORRISON	ROWLAND	CAPT	20061031	OKAUCHEE	WI
MURDEN	LANCE	HS2	20061122	RANTOUL	IL
MURRAY	FORREST	RMC	20061217	CHESAPEAKE	VA
NONAMAKER	CHARLES	CSC	20061023	LIND	WA
NUGENT	JOHN	LT	20070102	HINSDALE	IL
OBERHOLTZER	GEORGE	CDR	20070206	CAMBRIA	CA
OCONNELL	JOHN	CAPT	20061226	SLIDELL	LA
OGLE	HOMER	CS1	20070108	YAKUTAT	AK
OREN	JOHN	RADM	20061222	HARISONBURG	VA
PARKER	WALTER	BOSN4	20061128	GRETNA	LA
PATRICK	JAMES	CS1	20060921	DECATUR	GA
PETERSON	LAURENS	BMC	20061112	JACKSONVILLE	FL
PHELPS	ROBERT	CAPT	20061110	MILLSBORO	DE
PORTER	ORVILLE	CS2	20061031	CONNERSVILLE	IN
PROSSER	WILLIAM	LCDR	20070101	VALAICO	FL
PYLE	RANDALL	MK1	20061209	LIPAN	TX
QUINN	LONNIE	BMCM	20070104	KENANSVILLE	NC
RADATZ	DAVID	BOSN4	20061213	BROOKSVILLE	FL
RAMBO	HARRY	CAPT	20070206	LAKESWOOD	NJ
RAMSEY	GEORGE	ENC	20070203	JACKSONVILLE	FL
RAPPUHN	HENRY	LCDR	20061120	EAST NORWICH	NY
RECTOR	CHARLES	DC1	20061220	SANTA ROSA BCH	FL
REID	JOHN	AVI3	20070114	MOBILE	AL
REMS	MICHAEL	LCDR	20061209	HAYWARD	CA
RENCK	DONALD	LT	20061224	COSTA MESA	CA
RHOADES	GEORGE	MKCS	20061210	CORPUS CHRIST	TX
RICHARDSON	WILLIAM	BMC	20070124	SPOKANE VLY	WA
ROACH	CONRAD	MK2	20070101	RAVENSWOOD	WV
ROBERTS	WOODROW	BMC	20070206	DALLAS	GA
RUTSOHN	PAUL	ALCM	20070213	ORANGE PARK	FL
RYNN	BRENDAN	PS1	20060603	MADISON	CT
SAVOIE	CHARLES	BTC	20061204	LORANGER	LA
SCOTT	HOMER	RMC	20061123	DICKINSON	TX
SHONTELL	WILLIAM	MK2	20061219	HAWI	HI
SLADE	ROBERT	LCDR	20061229	KINGSTON	MA
SLANZIK	EDWARD	ADCS	20070211	EL CAJON	CA
SMITH	EARL	CAPT	20061217	BELTON	TX
SNEERINGER	EUGENE	LT	20061121	CORPUS CHRIST	TX

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SORENSEN	ROBERT	LCDR	20070116	SCOTTSDALE	AZ
SPADAFORA	NATHANIEL	CAPT	20070211	LYNNWOOD	WA
SPAULDING	CHESTER	PAC	20070210	ORANGEVALE	CA
STEWART	NEIL	HMC	20061226	ORANGE PARK	FL
STEWART	TERRY	ETC	20070110	BRIER	WA
STOKES	WILFORD	MK1	20061025	NORTH CAPE MAY	NJ
SUAREZ	IGNACIO	SS2	20061208	OPA LOCKA	FL
SULLINS	ROBERT	CDR	20070202	ODENTON	MD
TAYLOR	WILLIAM	BMC	20070102	LOGAN	UT
THEIS	JOSEPH	BM1	20061123	HOUSTON	TX
THOMPSON	DONALD	PS2	20061119	HANOVER	PA
THOMPSON	TRAVIS	BM1	20070207	HANCOCK	ME
THOMSEN	NIELS	CAPT	20070102	EDMONDS	WA
TODD	MARVIN	MKC	20061011	SO HAVEN	MI
TORPEY	JAMES	ELEC4	20061213	SOMERS	CT
TOWER	LOREN	IVCS	20070205	BEAVERTON	OR
TUGGLE	CLIFFORD	BMC	20070118	ST PETERSBURG	FL
TWADDLE	JOHN	BMC	20070207	PORTSMOUTH	RI
VEGA	HENRY	MMC	20070131	CANADA	CA
WAGNER	GEORGE	CAPT	20061226	WESTWOOD	MA
WARD	ROBERT	RMCM	20061219	OOLTEWAH	TN
WHATLEY	ALFRED	ENCM	20061217	HOUSTON	TX
WHEELER	DONALD	ATCS	20061130	DANVERS	MA
WIECHEC	RAYMOND	WEPS2	20061212	PORT RICHEY	FL
WIELERT	JOSEPH	CAPT	20061106	DANBURY	CT
WILSON	EUGENE	ATC	20070126	ST JOSEPH	MO
WOODWORTH	JOHN	CHBOSN4	20070224	CASTLE ROCK	WA
ZAZZO	WILLIAM	LT	20061120	KIRKLAND	WA
PHILLIPS	JOHN	NOAA CAPT	20070121	LUSBY	MD

THE LIGHTHOUSE

By Louise Sprague

I stand my watch, I do my duty, gazing at the sea,
With only stars and moon and wind to keep me company.

I'm proud to stand, so tall and straight, alone in the night,
Guiding sailors safely home with my great beam of light.

Their loved one, too, they hope and pray, the sea again, won't win,
They wait and watch till God and I can bring them home again.

Dependent TAPS

Name of Dependent	Relationship	Date of Death	Location
Linda Kay Wade	Wife of LCDR Michael W. Wade, Sr., USCG, Ret	07 Nov 06	Arlington, OR
Dorothy L. Cutler	Wife of LCDR Robert S. Cutler, USCG, Ret	29 Dec 06	Savannah, GA
Delores D. Sullivan	Wife of CAPT Earle L. Sullivan, USCG, Ret	12 Nov 06	Reidsville, NC
Arlea M. Sylvia	Wife of CWO4 Ronald A. Sylvia, USCG, Ret	11 Sep 06	Soulsbyville, CA
Eugenie J. Cory	Widow of CAPT Paul Cory, USCGR, Ret (dec'd)	06 Jan 07	Tallahassee, FL
Barry R. Bryant	Son of LCDR Ted B. Bryant, USCG, Ret	21 Dec 06	Brooksville, FL
Virginia P. Davidson	Wife of PS3 William R. Davidson, Sr., USCG, Ret	03 Jan 06	Norfolk, VA
Lorraine Solak	Wife of ENCS Floyd Solak, USCG, Ret	22 Dec 06	Auburn, WA
Julia A. Boyd	Wife of ADC William F. Boyd, USCG, Ret	04 Dec 06	Greenbrier, TN
Frances Darlene Jackson	Wife of AMTCS Robert J. Jackson, USCG, Ret	07 Jan 07	Safety Harbor, FL
Carolyn Kelley	Wife of QMCM Thomas A. Kelley, USCG, Ret	12 Feb 07	Panama City, FL
Sharon McGrath	Daughter of CWO4 Francis W. McGrath, USCG, Ret (dec'd)	06 Feb 07	The Woodlands, TX
Sara J. Houtsma	Wife of CAPT Cornelius (Dutch) G. Houtsma, USCG, Ret	21 Feb 07	Thomaston, ME
Harry Matthew Bey	Son of AECS Carl T. Bey, USCG, Ret	19 Dec 06	Palm Harbor, FL
Susan M. Webster	Wife of SS1 Richard J. Webster, USCG, Ret	21 Aug 06	Cushing, ME
Irma May Dunaway	Wife of ADCM James M. Dunaway, USCG, Ret	09 Mar 07	Jacksonville, FL
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- ◆ Your Retired/Annuitant Statement
- ◆ IRS Form 1099R (reporting taxable income)

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- ◆ 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)

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- ◆ Report a change to your Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) coverage (must be in writing)

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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
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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
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USCGC HAMILTON - 40 Years of Distinguished Service



USCGC HAMILTON, commissioned on 18 March 1967, proudly celebrates 40 years of distinguished service to our nation, the USCG, and humanity. Thousands of CG sailors have served with distinction in HAMILTON and are proud to be called "hambones." from the gun line off of Song Ong Doc Province during Operation Market Time in the Vietnam War to Alaska's Bering Sea, from North Atlantic ocean stations to counter drug operations in the Caribbean and Eastern Pacific Ocean - HAMILTON steamed millions of miles carrying the flag and living up to her motto: Semper Primus - Always First. The current cutter HAMILTON is the fifth cutter to bear the name of Alexander HAMILTON, the founder of the Revenue Cutter Service.

HAMILTON continues to lead the way in the war on drugs and terrorism: in 2005 HAMILTON alone interdicted 15% (23.5 tons) of the cocaine seized by the entire Coast Guard, and again in 2006 she captured nearly 10% (11.5 tons) of all the cocaine seized Coast Guard-wide. HAMILTON's cocaine interdictions for 2007 already total 10% (6.4 tons) of the cocaine seized by the Coast Guard So far this year. Combined, HAMILTON kept an estimated \$1.1 billion worth of cocaine from reaching the shores of the U.S.

In 2005, the White House awarded HAMILTON the prestigious Office of National Drug Control Policy Director's Award, and the CG Foundation presented HAMILTON with PACAREA's coveted and highly praised Admiral John B. Hayes Award for Operational Excellence in 2005. PACAREA presented HAMILTON with the Coast Guard Unit Commendation in 2006, her fourth. Other recognition included the highly competitive PACAREA Gunnery Award (2006), and Gunnery Award runner up (2005). HAMILTON was named runner up for Galley of the Year in 2006 as well. HAMILTON led the way in quality of life initiatives that extended well beyond the lifelines and had immediate fleet wide impact. Effectively documenting the extremely high cost of provisions in the Eastern Pacific, HAMILTON's input resulted in a 20% service wide increase in the basic daily food allowance for all cutters deployed to the Eastern Pacific and a 30% carryover increase for all WMEC's and WHEC's Coast Guard wide. In recognition of this and other efforts to improve the quality of life for the crew when deployed in the Eastern Pacific, HAMILTON was awarded the 2006 Captain Niels P. Thomsen Innovation Award in Administration, Training or Support.

As we celebrate 40 years of meritorious and selfless service to the people of the United States, we will continue to strive to live up to HAMILTON's motto "Semper Primus - Always First!"

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CAPT Jeffrey Lee,
Commanding Officer,
USCGC HAMILTON
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