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## CG Icebreaker to Map Arctic Sea Floor

Seattle—A U.S. Coast Guard icebreaker is headed to the Arctic to map the sea floor off Alaska, as Russia, Denmark and Canada assert their claims in the polar region, which has potential oil and gas reserves.

The lead scientist on the expedition scoffs at the political implications. "We're basically just doing science," said Larry Mayer, director of the Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping at the University of New Hampshire. "There's no flag-dropping on this trip," he said in an interview from Durham, N.H.

The *Healy* left Puget Sound on Monday and should be in Barrow around Aug. 17, said Russ Tippets, a spokesman at the Coast Guard Pacific area office in San Francisco. Mayer will meet the Seattle-based icebreaker *Healy* at Barrow, Alaska, and head about 500 miles north with a team of about 20 scientists to map an area known as the Chukchi Cap.

Russian media assert that the *Healy's* mission signals that the United States, along with Canada, is actively joining the competition for resources in the Arctic. Melting ice could open water for drilling or create the long-sought Northwest Passage for shipping. A Russian submarine dropped that nation's flag Aug. 2 on the floor of the Arctic Ocean under the North Pole. Mayer denied the reports. "We've had this trip planned for months, and it has nothing to do with the Russians planting their flag," he said.

The 7-year-old *Healy* is the nation's newest icebreaker. It's 420 feet long and is capable of breaking ice 8 feet thick. Its mission will last a couple of months, and it is due back in Seattle in early October, said spokesman Stephan Elliott.

The purpose of the mapping work aboard the *Healy* is to determine the extent of the continental shelf north of Alaska, Mayer said. It's not a claim, he said, but a process of registering boundary information with the U.N. Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf. "In that area, the country would have rights over the resources of the sea floor and subsurface that would include drilling for oil and gas," he said. The mapping is conducted with an echo sounder, something that's difficult to hear when a ship is crunching through ice, Mayer said. This is the third such mapping trip. The others were in 2003 and 2004.

There will be about 20 scientists on board the *Healy* with the crew, including representatives from the University of New Hampshire, University of Texas, University of Alaska, the National Ice Center in Suitland, MD, Scripps Institution, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and State Department, he said.

The State Department says its official is a geographer and member of an extended continental shelf task force. "While a significant technological achievement, the planting of the Russian flag on the seabed of the North Pole has no legal effect and did not prompt the participation of the State Department expert in the *Healy* cruise," said spokeswoman Nicole Thompson.

Source: Associated Press

## FORMER COMMANDANT ADM OWEN W. SILER CROSSES THE BAR

Admiral Owen W. Siler, 85, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard from 1974 to 1978, died from heart failure July 17 at St. Joseph's hospital in Atlanta.

A World War II veteran, ADM Siler served in combat duty aboard two ships in the Pacific and participated in the occupation of Northern Honshu, Japan, following Japan's surrender. His Coast Guard career highlights included serving as a deck officer afloat, as an aviator performing search and rescue patrols, and ashore in the law enforcement, marine safety and environmental protection fields. Other assignments included chief of the search and rescue branch in Juneau, Alaska, deputy chief of staff in Washington, and commanding officer at Air Station Miami, where the station received a Coast Guard unit commendation for Cuban exodus operations during October and November of 1965.



During ADM Siler's tenure as commandant he instituted a minority recruiting program and was instrumental in having women admitted to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, making it the first of the military service academy to do so. He also oversaw the expansion of the Coast Guard's marine environmental protection program, with the passage of the Fisheries Conservation and Management Act of 1976, to include an increase of the service's jurisdiction along the nation's coastline to more than two million square miles.

Under ADM Siler's leadership the Coast Guard transformed from a humanitarian service to an organization that was recognized as a leader in marine environmental protection, a highly effective law enforcement agency and a conservation-conscious protector of marine resources.

After retiring from the Coast Guard with 35 years of service, ADM Siler moved with his wife to The Landings on Skidaway Island in Savannah, Ga., where he was an active member of St. John's Episcopal Church, the Rotary Club of Savannah South, the Propeller Club, the Navy League and the World Affairs Council.

Born in Seattle, Wash., ADM Siler graduated from Santa Maria High School in 1938 and from the Coast Guard Academy in 1943. He received a Master of Science degree in International Affairs from George Washington University in 1968.

Surviving are his wife, Betty W. Siler of Savannah; son Gregory John and his wife Terri Siler of Columbia, Md; daughter Marsha and her husband James V. Antista of Tallahassee, Fla.; grandchildren David Wesley and wife Karen, Wesley Howard and wife Nessie, Christopher Justin Antista and Lauren Elizabeth Antista; and great-grandchildren Alexandria Siler and Nicholas Owen Siler.

Memorial services and full military honors were held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Savannah.

### U. S. Coast Guard Personnel Service Center

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## TRICARE Retiree Dental Plan reaches 1 million enrollees

*San Francisco / Sacramento* – Delta Dental of California announced today that enrollment in the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) now exceeds 1 million covered lives, a new milestone for a program that continues as the nation's largest, voluntary, all-enrollee paid dental program. The TRDP was first authorized by Congress in 1997 and continues today to offer one of the few affordable, comprehensive dental benefit programs available to the nation's Uniformed Services retirees and their family members.

According to Lowell Daun, DDS, Senior Vice President for Delta Dental's Federal Services division, high satisfaction and renewal rates among existing enrollees explains the program's growing penetration of the estimated 4 million uniformed service retirees and family members who are eligible for the program. "Ninety percent of the enrollees who enrolled during the current contract period beginning in 2003 remain with us today," said Dr. Daun. "This is an impressive figure considering the voluntary nature of the program, and is a testament to the value enrollees are deriving from the program once they join." Dr. Daun notes that another large part of the program's success stems from the tremendous support the program receives from the various beneficiary liaison and military association contacts assisting in making the eligible population aware of the TRDP. The TRDP offers coverage for diagnostic and preventive services, basic restorative services, periodontics, endodontics, oral surgery, dental emergencies and a separate dental accident benefit available immediately on the effective date of coverage. Additionally, the waiting period for a greater scope of benefits in the enhanced program is only 12 months, after which coverage for crowns, bridges, full/partial dentures and orthodontics goes into effect.

TRDP enrollees can seek care from any licensed dentist in all 50 states, plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Canada. Optimal benefits are available to those who choose a participating TRDP network dentist in over 100,000 provider locations nationwide.

Eligible retirees and their family members can find answers to their questions about the program as well as enroll using Delta's dedicated TRDP web site at [www.trdp.org](http://www.trdp.org) or by calling the toll-free number at 866-567-1658.

## NAUS Tells Senate it's Time to Keep Promises Made to Those Who Serve in Uniform

SPRINGFIELD, VIRGINIA (5/16/07) – THE LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES (NAUS), MR. RICK JONES, PRESENTED TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS, TELLING THE SENATORS THAT WE HAVE A SOLEMN, MORAL OBLIGATION TO SUPPORT OUR TROOPS, OUR MILITARY RETIREES AND THEIR FAMILIES DURING THIS TIME OF WAR, AND THAT "IT'S TIME TO KEEP OUR PROMISE TO THEM."

Mr. Jones' testimony before the Committee, chaired by Senator Daniel Inouye (D-HI), with ranking member Senator Ted Stevens (R-AK), concentrated on funding for the military healthcare system – urging them to reject TRICARE fee increases, ensure diagnosis and care for those with Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury, give priority to prosthetics research, and provide improved seamless transition for returning troops between the Defense Department and the Department of Veterans Affairs. "Our wounded warriors deserve our nation's best, most compassionate healthcare and quality treatment system," Jones said. "They earned it the hard way." NAUS also called for a higher military pay raise than asked for by the Administration (3.5 percent instead of 3 percent), adequate funding to continue efforts to defend against the enemy's use of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), and full funding of Walter Reed Army Medical Center until the planned facilities at Bethesda and/or Fort Belvoir are ready. Expressing concern over force readiness, NAUS also urged the Subcommittee to give priority to funding for the operations and maintenance accounts needed to reset, recapitalize and renew force readiness levels.

NAUS is a nonprofit, non-partisan association dedicated to protecting the interests of - and benefits earned by - members of the uniformed services for themselves, their families and survivors. For more information please contact Steve Hein, Director of Marketing, at 703-750-1342, x1009, or at [shein@naus.org](mailto:shein@naus.org), or visit the Association's web site at [www.naus.org](http://www.naus.org).

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**Letters to the Editor**

To Whom It May Concern:

The Professional Armed Forces Rodeo Association is seeking memberships.

The Professional Armed Forces Rodeo Association (PAFRA) is seeking members in all circuits. Please see eligibility requirements below.

Mission:

PAFRA's mission, first and foremost, is to provide a forum for competition that allows competitors with a military affiliation, be it past or present, to come together under that common bond for recreation, the development and enjoyment of friendship and camaraderie and to celebrate that military heritage and cowboy way of life as we compete in the sport of rodeo. To act as a non-profit, non-political and non-denominational organization for the purpose of rodeo as a sport, striving at all times to insure honesty and fairness to both the contestants and the producers; to create an amicable relationship between committees, stock contractors and contestants; to sanction and advertise rodeos being sponsored in accordance with Association standards; and to cultivate interest and promote understanding to the public of the sport of rodeo, with emphasis upon the military cowboy and cowgirl around the world.

Who is eligible to join PAFRA? (You must meet one of the following criteria to join PAFRA)

Active Duty military members and their dependents from all branches of service. Retirees and their dependents who have a valid military ID card. National Guard and Reservist who have a valid military ID card. DOD civilians who have a valid DOD ID card.

And because we would never forget our brothers and sisters who have served this great country, any prior service member who was honorably discharged and can provide their DD 214 are also eligible to join along with their family members.

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*The below article is a follow-up to Capt Taub's request in the July issue of the Evening Colors. He received excellent responses on the Musk-Oxen topic and thanks all who responded to him; however, he is still seeking information on the transplant of caribou to NW Greenland. Anyone with any information regarding this topic please contact Capt Taub.--Ed*

**"USCG Icebreaker Transplants of Caribou to NW Greenland"**. Transplants of seed herds of caribou were made into the Thule District of NW Greenland, such that they have since multiplied. Eskimos there credited this to USCG, and that these transplants was thought to have been done by USCGC Westwind. My questions are: When? Where in the district? Also; where did the CG icebreaker obtain them? It was said to have been done in the late 1960's or 1970's. I am seeking former USCG icebreaker crew members who have personal participation knowledge of this; in order to verify this credit to USCG, and to obtain answers to these questions.

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**Letters to the Editor (cont)****A RESCUE STEEPED IN HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE**

by Captain Ray Copin, USCG (Ret.)

The first major airliner accident in the world. The first helicopter rescue publicized world-wide. A posthumous award sixty years afterward. These are just a few elements of a remarkable story of skills, perseverance, resourcefulness, Coast Guard expertise, interagency cooperation, volunteer diligence and, as well, a history course change. This great tale, spanning six decades, began on September 18, 1946. On that date, a Belgian Sabena Air Lines DC-4 aircraft crashed in the wilderness of Newfoundland en route New York from Europe with 54 persons on board. Miraculously some survived. A poignant closure for family members of one rescuer finally took place in March, 2007 at a Coast Guard installation in Florida.

Retired Coast Guard Warrant Gunner Robert J. O'Leary, who was on scene as part of a unique ground, water and air rescue team, chronicled his extensive experience in the April 1996 issue of The Coast Guard Academy Alumni Association Bulletin. The title of Bob's article, taken from a survivor's utterance, was "The Americans will Find a Way." Following here are a few details necessary to help describe "the rest of the story."

During a radio beacon approach (hardly a precision approach of today's technology) to Gander Airport in very low visibility, the DC-4 slammed into a tree-topped hill 24 miles from the airport. Tragically, all but 17 passengers and one crewmember, a Stewardess, died in the crash or shortly thereafter. The crash site was not located until the next day, and the injuries sustained by the survivors were severe, in many cases horrific. Somehow, all 18 survivors were eventually saved. How that was possible is, in itself, in this author's opinion, worthy of a dramatic motion picture or documentary.

Once the crash site was located and survivors seen from the air, actions were set in motion worthy of such descriptors as amazing and spectacular. Coast Guard PBY Catalina seaplanes from an air detachment at Argentia, Newfoundland dropped supplies and landed rescue personnel on a lake as close to the crash as possible but still several miles away over difficult terrain. Initial ground teams included a U.S. Army medical doctor, Captain Samuel Martin. He and a handful of others in rubber survival rafts traversed rapids from the lake toward the crash. The rafts capsized with the loss of medical supplies, and the occupants then had to trek several miles through forbidding muskeg and trees only to find incredible human needs.

Dr. Martin immediately discerned the impossibility of an overland rescue and insisted on helicopters. But there were none at Gander or Argentia. There was one at Brooklyn, New York and one at Elizabeth City, North Carolina, both at Coast Guard air facilities. These machines were hastily disassembled and flown with pilots and mechanics in a U.S. Air Force C-54 aircraft to Gander. Working straight through without breaks or meals, CG mechanics reassembled the helicopters, ultimately permitting CG aviators to move the survivors from the crash site to the lake where waiting Coast Guard Catalina seaplanes flew them to medical facilities at Gander. In three and a half days, all eighteen survivors, some with severe burns, broken bones and many other serious wounds, were in hospital care. Throughout this ordeal, in addition to extensive Coast Guard coordination, the governments of Belgium, Canada and the United States were in communication, and the media of the time, including the New York Times, reported progress.

Aftermaths of this extraordinary undertaking included victim burials at the crash site, an aerial memorial service overhead, and construction of a memorial monument at the location. The monument includes plaques listing those who died and those who survived and is titled St. Martin-in-the-Woods to honor Dr. Martin whose skill, dedication and persistence made possible the ultimate survival of the fortunate eighteen. Many major participants in this rescue were recognized with awards by Belgium and the Coast Guard. And the fact that helicopters made the rescues possible was widely publicized.

Fast forwarding nearly sixty years following these events, volunteer members of a history committee of the Coast Guard Aviation Association (The Ancient Order of the Pterodactyl), while working with the office of the Coast Guard Historian to preserve elements of CG aviation history, examined records of this rescue operation. Two very significant findings surfaced.

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## REUNIONS AND NOTICES

**TRACEN 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:

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**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

[jlesperance@hawaii.rr.com](mailto: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](mailto:stationssireunion@yahoo.com)

**COAST GUARD CW OPERATORS ASSOCIATION RE-UNION** will be held 24-28 October 2007 at the San Antonio Hotel. See **Comm-One.org** or **Comm-One** newsletter for details or David Johnson at [zut213@earthlink.net](mailto:zut213@earthlink.net) or Jack Malchoff at [jacmaltx@yahoo.com](mailto:jacmaltx@yahoo.com) or [jacmaltx@swbell.net](mailto:jacmaltx@swbell.net)

The **USN/USCG Burton Island Association** will hold a reunion in Laughlin, NV, October 8-12, 2007. For further information please contact Robert D. Hall at [robertdhall@cfl.rr.com](mailto:robertdhall@cfl.rr.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

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**USCGC ESCANABA (WMEC-907) PLANKOWNER RE-UNION?** 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](mailto: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](mailto: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).

### 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](mailto: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."**

**USCGC DEPENDABLE (WMEC-626) 2008 REUNION 1968—Present** will be held 17-19 April 2008 in Panama City, FL at the Holiday Inn Select, 2001 Martin Luther King Blvd, Panama City, FL 32405. Please mention the cutter Dependable Reunion. For more information or any questions please contact one of the following:

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Deadline for the 40th anniversary of the launching and commissioning of the *Dependable* in 1968 is 5 April 2008.

## REUNIONS AND NOTICES

### U.S. Coast Guard Officer Candidate School Class 2-57 50 year Reunion

The graduates of Coast Guard Officer Candidate School (OCS) Class 2-57 held a three day reunion in New London, Connecticut from June 11-13. This reunion marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their graduation and commissioning on June 28, 1957. Of the 129 graduates in OCS Class 2-57, 21 attended the New London reunion. Class 2-57 has lost 45 members who have "crossed the bar," and seven others could not be located.

The reunion was timed to coincide with the graduation of the current OCS Class, 2-07, which received their commissions on June 13. The members of OCS Class 2-57, who now range from 70 to 80 years of age, came from as far as Sitka, Alaska and as near as Old Lyme, Connecticut. Class 2-57 supported the graduating class by donating the funds to present each member of the Class 2-07 with a unit ball cap. The ball caps were presented at Class 2-07's "billet night" and were embroidered with the name of the duty station to which the class member was receiving orders. The "new" OCS class honored the "old" OCS class by inviting them to their final drill and recognition ceremony held on Tuesday, June 12 and to their graduation exercises held on June 13.

During the reunion, both classes learned that with the exception of accommodations made for changes in technology and the adoption and reemphasis of Coast Guard missions, the curriculum in the 17 week OCS course has changed very little since 1957 and that the emphasis on seamanship, nautical science, and leadership are still necessary for success as officers in the United States Coast Guard. The bonding that occurred between the members of these two classes, though 50 years different in age, is emblematic of the strong ties among all members, past and present, in our Nation's smallest U.S. Armed Force.

**For any questions contact:** **Bob Kuehnl CAPT USCG (Ret)**  
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**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](mailto:cplummer1@comcast.net)

**North Texas USCG Association** luncheon will be held at noon, Saturday, 27 October 2007 at Papas Bar-B-Q, 2231 Northwest Highway at Lombardy, Dallas, TX. Please contact: MCPO Stephen D. Hines, USCG, Retired @ (972) 625-2845 or [shines57@att.net](mailto:shines57@att.net)

### 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](mailto:TREAreunionsite@mac.com).

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**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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Topeka, KS 66683-3591

E-mail: [PSC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil](mailto:PSC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil)

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

**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.

**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.

**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.



**Global Payroll System Update #2**—RAS personnel started training the week of 13 August on PeopleSoft's Global Payroll System and completed training the end of August. RAS began parallel testing the new system 1 September and will be testing the system through November 2007. We are on track with our 'go live' date of 1 December 2007 (2 January 2008 payday). As we progress, look for more updates on the RAS website <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/ras.htm>





**Letters to the Editor (cont. from page 5 )**

First, various official records revealed that this employment of rotary wing aircraft served to give renewed and sustaining life to helicopter development at a time when further development was less than in doubt. All but two Coast Guard helicopters had already been crated for delivery to storage in favor of concentration on seaplanes. Only a Sikorsky HOS at Brooklyn and a Sikorsky HNS trainer at Elizabeth City had not yet been boxed. Some may put forth that the remarkable achievements of rotary wing craft over the years following the Sabena crash might well have not occurred or, at least, would have been substantially delayed were it not for the vision, skill and dedication of the CG personnel involved in this rescue.

Second, volunteer researchers, starting with history committee member Captain Robert Workman, USCG (Ret.), noticed that Captain Martin, who had recently passed away at age 80, had not been recognized officially by any element of the U.S. government for his substantial role in this case. Captain Workman, Captain Art Wagner, USCG (Ret.), Commander Gilbert Brown, USCG (Ret.) and others were determined to rectify the oversight. They diligently documented the actions of Captain Martin and forwarded to the Commandant of the Coast Guard a recommendation for a posthumous Legion of Merit for Captain Martin. Their efforts were rewarded when, on March 26, 2007, in ceremonies at Coast Guard Air Station, Clearwater, Florida, Rear Admiral David Kunkel, Commander, Seventh CG District, on behalf of the Commandant, presented the two sons and one daughter of Captain Samuel Martin, the Legion of Merit for their father. Of the three children of Captain Martin, all are practicing medical professionals, one an Orthodontist, the other two Physicians.

This is but a brief summary. More details of this absorbing story may be found on the CG aviation history website ([www.uscgaviationhistory.aoptero.org](http://www.uscgaviationhistory.aoptero.org)).

The Pterodactyl aviation committee was formed in 2003 as part of an effort of the CG Aviation Association known as the Ancient Order of the Pterodactyl to preserve USCG aviation history while providing USCG active aviation forces with annual awards and other support. The association dates to 1977 and its membership includes active, retired and former CG aviation personnel and supporters. More information on the association can be found on its home website ([www.AOPtero.org](http://www.AOPtero.org)).

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# USCG Retirements

Name	Rank	Date of Retirement	Years of Service
ABBOTT, ANITA	CDR	20070801	20
AIKEN, PAUL	MSS4	20070801	27
ALBERT, ALLEN	MKC	20070801	30
ALESSI, JAMES	AMTC	20070801	30
ALEXANDER, CHRISTOPHER	CDR	20070801	20
ALGEO, ROBERT	AMTCS	20070801	30
ALLEN, EDWARD	DCCS	20070701	30
ALLEN, JAY	CDR	20070601	20
ANDERSON, JERRY	PS1	20070801	20
ANDERSON, KYLE	CDR	20070701	20
ARNOLD, JUDY	YN2	20070719	21
ASHENFELDER, BRIAN	BMC	20070801	29
ASHLEY, GORDON	AMTC	20070801	27
AVILA, DAVID	YNCS	20070701	28
BAILEY, MARTIN	LCDR	20070703	22
BAPTISTE, ROBERT	MST1	20070801	20
BARONE, RICHARD	BMC	20070801	21
BARTON, BRIAN	LTJG	20070701	21
BATTIN, VICTOR	ELC3	20070601	27
BAYLIS, MARK	MKC	20070701	20
BEALL, DAVID	PSC	20070506	24
BENHART, RALPH	LCDR	20070801	25
BENJAMIN, MICHAEL	PSC	20070701	23
BEVIS, BRIAN	HS1	20070701	20
BEZIO, BRIAN	CDR	20070801	20
BILLY, JOSEPH	CDR	20070701	23
BJORKLAND, THOMAS	MKC	20070801	20
BLALACK, VICTOR	CDR	20070701	26
BOLLINGER, FREDERICK	BMCM	20070801	30
BONNE, ROBERT	ENG4	20070701	30
BORDEN, ROBERT	PAC	20070529	26
BORGARDT, HENRY	MKC	20070601	22
BOSKET, CURTIS	PERS3	20070701	28
BOWER, MICHELE	YNC	20070712	25
BOWERS, JOE	BM1	20070701	24
BOYD, DONALD	PERS4	20070710	31
BRANCH, RONALD	CAPT	20070601	28
BRANDT, JEFFREY	CDR	20070801	22
BREWER, WILLIAM	LCDR	20070601	20
BREWIS, CRAIG	MSS2	20070601	20
BRILEY, BRIAN	MSS3	20070601	24
BROCHU, PAUL	BMC	20070801	22
BROOKS, DANA	GMCM	20070801	30
BROWN, CRAIG	ENG4	20070601	32
BROWN, LORENZO	F&S2	20070601	26
BROWN, RODNEY	EMCS	20070801	21
BRUNN, GREGORY	OSS3	20070801	22
BUMPAS, ROGER	YN2	20070801	26
BURDEN, WARREN	FSCS	20070701	24
BURGDORF, RICHARD	CDR	20070618	20
BURNS, JOHN	AMTCS	20070801	26
CAISSIE, ALBERT	CDR	20070613	25
CALLAHAN, MICHAEL	CDR	20070701	28
CALLESANO, ARNOLD	LCDR	20070728	18
CAMPBELL, MARK	CAPT	20070701	30
CAMPION, LINDA	ETC	20070701	20
CARR, MARILYN	YNCM	20070521	34
CASON, CHARLES	BM1	20070524	10
CENTA, SANDRA	YN2	20070720	23
CENTNER, DAVID	PSC	20070505	27
CHATTIN, LINDA	LT	20070507	20
CHESSER, JAMES	AST3	20070524	05

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CHILDRESS, EMMETT	ELC4	20070801	29
CLARK, BRIAN	LT	20070801	24
CLARK, DANIEL	MKC	20070801	20
CLEARY, RICHARD	AMT1	20070801	20
CLOUSER, MARTIN	BOSN4	20070801	32
CLOYD, DAVID	HSC	20070701	23
COFER, THOMPSON	MKCS	20070601	28
COFFMAN, DAVID	MKC	20070603	21
COLE, ROCKY	BMCM	20070701	29
COLE, TRAVIS	LCDR	20070601	20
COLLER, ROBERT	LCDR	20070518	23
COLLINS, GREGGORY	LCDR	20070601	24
COLVELL, DOUGLAS	BM1	20070719	29
CONDON, ROBERT	FS1	20070801	20
CONDY, ANTHONY	AMT1	20070801	22
COPELAND, KERRY	ENG4	20070615	27
CORL, CRAIG	SKC	20070801	26
CRAWFORD, JOHN	CDR	20070701	23
CRAWLEY, KEVIN	CDR	20070627	20
CREEL, SHAWN	CDR	20070701	22
CRINEAN, WALT	BM1	20070716	06
CRISLIP, CLAIRE	MKCS	20070730	32
CROUSE, JAMES	SA	20070530	00
CROWE, MARK	MSS4	20070801	27
CRYDER, ROBERT	BM1	20070801	20
CSONKA, THOMAS	LCDR	20070531	26
CUMMINGS, JAMES	ENG3	20070601	25
DAVIDSON, WILLIAM	OS1	20070701	20
DAVIES, GEOFFREY	PS3	20070719	20
DAVIS, ELLIS	YNC	20070801	20
DAWSON, RONALD	LCDR	20070601	26
DEDERICK, STUART	YNC	20070603	21
DELANO, DANIEL	BMC	20070601	30
DELVALLE, JUAN	EMCS	20070801	28
DENSKI, KENNETH	SN	20070522	01
DEOLIVEIRA, DAVID	BM3	20070527	00
DEROSA, JOSEPH	BMC	20070701	20
DIORIO, HENRY	FS2	20070728	20
DODD, JOHN	MK1	20070626	00
DODD, RONALD	BOSN4	20070801	28
DODDS, HOWARD	CAPT	20070720	27
DONATO, MICHAEL	BMC	20070801	25
DONNELL, CAS	YNC	20070801	20
DONOHUE, KATHLEEN	PSC	20070702	21
DOWDEN, PATRICK	CAPT	20070601	24
DRISKILL, EVERETT	CDR	20070701	22
DUNCAN, RHONDA	MSS2	20070601	20
DUNN, RALPH	IT1	20070601	24
EDLING, DAVID	PSCS	20070531	31
ELLIOTT, DANA	CAPT	20070528	27
EUBANKS, DONNA	GMC	20070801	20
EVANS, NEIL	PERS2	20070701	23
EVERHART, MARY	IVCS	20070608	27
EWEN, ROBERT	LT	20070801	22
EYSSSEN, RALPH	SKCS	20070506	30
FABBO, ANDREW	MSS4	20070701	27
FARINELLA, PAUL	BMC	20070801	27
FARMER, ROBERT	DC3	20070114	21
FARRELL, CHRISTOPHER	CAPT	20070701	26
FASSERO, DENIS	HS1	20070801	20
FIELDS, RICKY	LCDR	20070701	23
	YNC	20070801	21

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FIJALKA, SHARON	CAPT	20070701	27
FINK, ERNEST	CAPT	20070701	31
FISHEL, EMELINE	YN1	20070801	20
FISHER, BRIAN	CDR	20070801	30
FLEISCHMAN, MICHELE	BM1	20070601	16
FLORCZAK, THOMAS	BMC	20070701	20
FLYNN, ROBERT	PS2	20070606	14
FOGEL, JULES	BM2	20070514	00
FORSLUND, KENNETH	CAPT	20070801	33
FORT, JASON	FSCM	20070601	30
FORTIN, MICHELLE	OSS3	20070601	26
FOWLER, CRAIG	CDR	20070701	20
FRANZ, DAVID	PSCM	20070526	23
FULLER, TERRANCE	ELC2	20070601	23
FUTCH, MICHAEL	MST1	20070715	24
GALLEGOS, MICHAEL	AVI4	20070601	30
GALVIN, ANTHONY	LCDR	20070607	21
GARCIA, STEVEN	LT	20070801	20
GAYDOS, STEPHEN	MKC	20070801	20
GEARHART, JEFFREY	OSCS	20070801	23
GERE, ROCK	ENG2	20070601	24
GERMINARIO, MICHAEL	CDR	20070701	23
GETER, JOSEPH	MKC	20070701	30
GIBSON, ROGER	CAPT	20070701	30
GINGRAS, ROBERT	BMC	20070801	28
GODFREY, DENNIS	LCDR	20070605	20
GOLDHAMMER, LYNN	LCDR	20070701	20
GOOD, JEFFREY	CDR	20070701	25
GOODRICH, MATTHEW	BMC	20070701	24
GORDNER, DAVID	CAPT	20070601	24
GORDON, KELLY	LT	20070701	26
GRANGER, LANDRY	FSC	20070801	22
GREENFIELD, RICHARD	ELC4	20070801	30
GRIMES, LOYD	LCDR	20070605	20
GROLEAU, MICHAEL	PS1	20070729	20
GRUENEBERG, DENNIS	PSCS	20070523	24
GULLEY, ISAY	YN1	20070531	21
HAINES, DIANA	PERS4	20070528	26
HALL, MICHAEL	ITC	20070601	20
HALL, NELSON	WEPS2	20070701	20
HANEWICH, STEVEN	CAPT	20070701	24
HANLEY, THOMAS	F&S4	20070601	30
HANSEN, CARL	CDR	20070801	30
HANSEN, EDWARD	CDR	20070801	25
HANSEN, STEVEN	LCDR	20070627	34
HARRIS, JEFFERY	AET2	20070601	20
HARVEY, WILLIAM	GM3	20070712	23
HASSELL, HAROLD	BM1	20070707	25
HATHAWAY, JEFFREY	RADM	20070601	32
HAWES, DAVID	CDR	20070701	33
HAWKINS, JON	MKC	20070801	24
HAWKINS, ROBERT	OS1	20070601	23
HAYS, RICHARD	ETC	20070501	20
HEILMAN, CRAIG	F&S4	20070701	30
HEITZ, CLIFTON	EMC	20070601	20
HELLAND, RANDOLPH	CAPT	20070701	30
HENDRICKSON, MITCHEL	FS1	20070801	20
HERETH, LARRY	RADM	20070801	34
HEYL, PHILLIP	CAPT	20070701	30
HICKS, CRAIG	DC1	20070801	20
HICKS, MICHAEL	CDR	20070801	21
HILL, JESSE	F&S3	20070601	24
HOEMKE, RODNEY	AMT1	20070601	25
HOFFMANN, RONALD	CAPT	20070701	30
HOFFMASTER, HAROLD	ASTC	20070801	20
HOGG, JETHRO	OSCM	20070601	30
HOLLISTER, FRANKLIN	LT	20070516	20
HOLMES, HARVEY	GM2	20070701	20
HOPKINS, ARTHUR	F&S4	20070602	32

HORNE, LINDA	YN3	20070509	27
HOUP, KENNETH	AET2	20070801	20
HOVORKA, JOHN	BM2	20070516	03
HOWARD, JON	MKCM	20070606	28
HOWARD, RONALD	AST2	20070801	20
HRINDA, AUDREY	CDR	20070701	21
HUNT, GARLAND	MK2	20070708	20
HUSTEDT, LINDA	YNC	20070701	20
ISELL, JOHN	AST1	20070701	21
JACOBY, GUADALUPE	YN1	20070716	22
JAMIESON, EDWARD	AMTC	20070801	26
JAROSAK, THEODORE	IV1	20070602	22
JEFFRIES, WILLIAM	LCDR	20070701	22
JENSEN, JANICE	LCDR	20070701	30
JENSEN, TIMOTHY	SK1	20070525	29
JETT, MICHAEL	CAPT	20070701	39
JOHN, MAURICE	MK1	20070601	20
JOHNSON, ADDISON	MK3	20070702	00
JOHNSON, EMMETT	LT	20070601	22
JONES, DAVID	PS1	20070511	22
JONES, JAMES	BOSN3	20070801	33
JONES, JOSEPH	MK1	20070701	20
JONES, TIMOTHY	SK3	20070503	05
JURAIN, RONALD	LT	20070715	22
KEENER, WILLIAM	EM1	20070121	24
KEGLOVITS, JOSEPH	CDR	20070507	26
KELLAMS, KELLY	AET1	20070801	20
KELLY, MICHAEL	LCDR	20030701	25
KEMP, WILLIAM	LCDR	20070523	20
KENNEDY, PEGGY	PERS2	20070701	21
KENNEL, MARK	SK1	20070701	21
KLICHE, MARK	BM1	20070525	12
KNACK, JOHN	ELC3	20070801	26
LABRIE, KEVIN	FSC	20070801	20
LAForge, TIMOTHY	ETC	20070701	20
LANE, GEORGE	F&S3	20070801	26
LAVORGNA, MICHAEL	GM1	20061210	14
LAWSON, JAMES	AMTCS	20070801	24
LEARY, TIMOTHY	CDR	20070801	21
LEDUC, NED	PS1	20070723	24
LEE, ROCKY	CDR	20070701	25
LEES, DEAN	ET2	20070715	20
LEWIS, MICHAEL	PERS4	20070801	30
LONG, ERIC	BMC	20070601	20
LONG, JOSEPH	BMC	20070601	26
LOPEZ, RODOLFO	MST1	20070701	27
LORIGAN, ROBERT	CAPT	20070701	30
LOWN, DAVID	LT	20070801	27
LUTZOW, KURT	LCDR	20070801	23
LYMAN, ALBERT	MUCS	20070701	28
LYNCH, EDWARD	YNC	20070514	28
MAGALLANES, PAUL	MKC	20070801	27
MALLETT, FLOYD	SK1	20070701	25
MANN, TIMOTHY	CAPT	20070801	26
MARIANO, RAY	CDR	20070801	20
MARKHAM, BLAIR	AMTC	20070701	25
MARTIN, WILLIAM	LT	20070510	22
MATTHEWS, KATHRYN	YN1	20070717	25
MCCALLISTER, WILLIAM	ENG3	20070716	28
MCCARSON, JAMES	LT	20070514	20
MCCARTHY, GREGORY	YNCS	20070701	20
MCCULLOUGH, ANTHONY	LT	20070701	24
MCDANIEL, TIMOTHY	AMTCM	20070701	30
MCDERMID, TERRENCE	MSS2	20070701	24
MCEACHERN, STEVEN	ENG3	20070701	24
MCFADDEN, MAURY	LCDR	20070701	23
MCFADYEN, JOHN	BMC	20070505	21
MCINTIRE, TERRY	AMTCM	20070801	30
MCKENNA, MICHAEL	CDR	20070801	22

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MCNALLY, CATHERINE	CAPT	20070701	25
MCNEIL, JOHN	ELC2	20070601	20
MCNUTT, CECIL	LCDR	20070701	25
MEDFORD, EDWARD	EM1	20070715	23
MELENDEZ, HECTOR	BMC	20070701	21
MERRILL, JOHN	CDR	20070701	27
METZA, JAMES	MSS3	20070601	22
MILLER, PAUL	MKCS	20070601	23
MONTEFUSCO, ROBERT	LCDR	20070319	32
MOORE, CHRISTOPHER	FS1	20070601	20
MOORE, GERALD	MK1	20070720	19
MOORE, HARVEY	MAT4	20070601	29
MOORE, SANFORD	AMTC	20070601	26
MORAMARCO, FREDERICK	YN1	20070511	26
MORGAN, LEESA	OSS2	20070601	20
MORRIS, CLIFFORD	LCDR	20070701	30
MORRIS, DWAYNE	LCDR	20070801	21
MOSS, MICHAEL	MK2	20070524	07
MOZEE, BRADLEY	CAPT	20070801	26
MYERS, GREGORY	PS1	20070713	21
NAPOLITANO, CLEMENT	SK2	20070724	20
NICKEL, WAYNE	MKC	20070801	22
NORTON, JOHN	LT	20070724	25
NOYES, STEVEN	BMCS	20070701	27
OCONNELL, JAMES	LCDR	20070701	29
ODOM, CURTIS	CAPT	20070701	30
OLIVER, DANIEL	CAPT	20070701	28
OLSON, BRYAN	AMT1	20070801	23
ONEILL, JAMES	ETCM	20070801	32
ORMSBY, DAVID	ENG2	20070801	20
ORTEZ, DAVID	CDR	20070717	22
OSBORNE, RICHARD	IV1	20070526	20
OWENS, ROY	LCDR	20070411	31
PAGAN, CARLOS	FNEM	20070509	04
PAPPAS, MICHAEL	AMT1	20070601	20
PARKER, MICHAEL	ISM2	20070701	24
PATTON, DAVID	F&S3	20070801	30
PAULEY, STEPHEN	FS1	20070725	21
PEARSON, LINDA	MKC	20070601	20
PEHRSON, GARY	MKCM	20070801	24
PENNO, CHRISTOPHER	AETC	20070801	24
PENTON, RANDOLPH	ETC	20070801	21
PERFETTO, ROBERT	LCDR	20070701	20
PETERSEN, RICHARD	LCDR	20070701	27
PETTY, ARTHUR	FSCM	20070801	30
PICCONI, LAWRENCE	LCDR	20070601	30
PLAZYK, JEFFREY	MK1	20070601	17
PLESNARSKI, THOMAS	CDR	20070627	25
PORTER, JOSEPH	F&S3	20070601	24
POSKAITIS, BRIAN	CDR	20070701	22
PRESTON, JOSHUA	FS2	20070601	07
PRIEBE, PAUL	LT	20070801	29
QUIRAM, TIMOTHY	CDR	20070701	22
RAASCH, VIRGINIA	YNCS	20070801	30
RADFORD, ADAM	MK3	20070503	05
RALL, MICHAEL	CDR	20070601	26
RAMIREZ-CANO, EDGARDO	YNC	20070801	23
RANKIN, LEIGH	CDR	20070701	20
RAUSCH, DALE	CAPT	20070701	29
RAYMOND, JEFFERY	GMC	20070801	24
REDELFS, SHARI	BM2	20070524	06
REHNERT, NATHAN	AMT1	20070801	22
REID, RICHARD	BMC	20070801	20
REID, WILLIAM	AMTC	20070701	25
RHINE, KNOX	LT	20070508	21
RICHARDS, WILLIAM	SK1	20070626	30
RIPLEY, TERESA	LT	20070601	20
ROBERT, MARC	AVI4	20070601	30
ROBINSON, CHRISTOPHER	LCDR	20070701	21

ROCHON, STEPHEN	RADM	20070701	31
RODGERS, DONLEY	AMT1	20070601	22
ROFFMAN, BARRY	LT	20070522	24
ROMERO, TIVO	PERS2	20070701	22
ROSA, EDWIN	FSC	20070601	25
ROTH, SCOTT	MK1	20070701	21
ROWLEY, CHARLENE	BM2	20070601	04
RUSSELL, LESTER	MK1	20070701	20
SAMANIEGO, MARK	AET1	20070801	21
SANTOS, JAMES	PSCS	20070721	23
SAPORITO, FRANK	AMTCM	20070601	26
SCHMITT, ALBERT	CDR	20070610	23
SCHOENWALD, BRAD	MSS3	20070601	20
SCOPEL, DONALD	LCDR	20070601	20
SCOTT, JO	YNCM	20070601	26
SEAMAN, TALMADGE	CDR	20070601	21
SEIDLER, PETER	CAPT	20070701	30
SELAVKA, MICHAEL	CAPT	20070701	30
SENKIW, THOMAS	OS1	20070611	20
SHARPE, MARVIN	MK1	20070801	21
SHARPE, RICKY	LCDR	20070701	24
SHEEHAN, DOUGLAS	CDR	20070704	20
SHEPHERD, CLAIRE	LT	20070701	21
SIMINGTON, WILLIAM	BM2	20070601	20
SIMS, TERESA	YN2	20070801	27
SINNETTE, RANDOLPH	DCC	20070801	25
SMALL, CARL	BM2	20070412	20
SNAPP, GEOFFREY	GM1	20070702	12
SOLER, RAUL	BM2	20070722	20
SOUTHEY, LLOYD	MST2	20070528	18
SPENCER, JOHN	CAPT	20070725	22
SPENCER, JOSEPH	ENG2	20070801	29
SPIEKER, MARK	ITC	20070701	20
STAATS, THOMAS	PAC	20070713	39
STAGLIANO, NICHOLAS	CDR	20070701	24
STAUFFER, JEFFREY	OSCS	20070701	22
STEED, DEAN	PS3	20070614	23
STENTZ, TIMOTHY	BMC	20070801	21
STEVENSON, CHRISTOPHER	MSTCM	20070801	27
STEWART, ROBERT	MSS2	20070701	25
STONE, JAMES	QM2	20070206	42
STOUDT, WILLIAM	YNCM	20070801	30
SULLIVAN, PHILIP	CAPT	20070701	26
SULLIVAN, WILLIAM	FS3	20070722	20
SUMIDA, JERALD	IVC	20070624	31
SZIGETY, MATTHEW	CDR	20070801	20
TEETER, JAMES	MKC	20070601	30
THOMAS, RICKEY	CAPT	20070604	33
TIMBS, WILLIAM	CDR	20070701	26
TINSMAN, RICHARD	CAPT	20070522	37
TOLLE, RONNIE	AETC	20070601	21
TYSON, ERIC	LCDR	20070701	20
VALADEZ, DAVID	LT	20070801	20
VALDERRAMA, JOSE	HS1	20070523	19
VALENTINE, MICHAEL	FSC	20070701	21
VALLEY, NATHALIE	CDR	20070601	21
VANALLER, GARY	BMC	20070515	19
VANATTA, JOHN	ELC4	20070701	30
VANSICE, JAMES	RADM	20070601	32
VAUGHT, GREGORY	BMC	20070801	28
VENTURA, DAYNE	OSC	20060422	22
VIGUS, STEVEN	LCDR	20070601	20
VORE, TERRY	OS1	20070701	20
WADE, STEVEN	BM1	20070401	27
WAITE, MILTON	MK1	20070601	25
WALDRIP, DAVID	BOSN4	20070801	29
WALLACE, MICHAEL	CAPT	20070701	30
WALTERS, LARRY	PS1	20070526	27
WARNELL, DOUGLAS	ET1	20070701	20

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WARNER, DAVID	EMCS	20070701	24
WARRELL, CAROL	PSC	20070527	21
WATMOUGH, GRANT	SK1	20070704	20
WEBB, CHARLES	LT	20070701	20
WEBBER, ABNER	MKC	20070701	25
WEBBER, DAVID	YNC	20070601	23
WEBER, JAMES	MSTC	20070510	29
WESTERLUND, PRESCOTT	DCC	20070801	20
WESTON, ODELL	SK2	20070516	14
WHITE, BENJAMIN	LCDR	20070701	21
WHITING, JASON	ET1	20070530	15
WHITTEMORE, TERRANCE	EMC	20070613	20
WILCOX, TIMOTHY	MSS3	20070601	21
WILCUT, TERRY	MKC	20070801	26
WILLIAMS, ALVIN	ENG2	20070701	30
WILLIAMS, JACQUELYN	YN1	20070601	23
WILLIS, JACK	PS1	20070628	23
WILSON, GEORGE	DCCS	20070801	20
WITHERS, JAMES	MK2	20070723	20
WRIGHT, MICHAEL	AMTC	20070801	23
YAGLOWSKI, JEFFREY	SKCS	20070801	23
ZAMBRANA, JUAN	EM2	20070524	06
ZWINSKI, JOHN	MSS2	20070801	24



BARTON, KENNETH	CAPT	20070601	24
BEHN, RICHARD	RDML	20070801	28
BROWN, JEFFREY	LCDR	20070801	20
HELMERS, JULIE	LCDR	20070601	20
ROSSMANN, FREDERICK	CDR	20070601	34
WOOD, FRANK	CDR	20070701	26

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August 23, 2007

#### ***Nicholson: Single Inoculation Provides Protection***

WASHINGTON—A vaccine for shingles, which Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) researchers helped develop, is available to veterans who are patients at VA medical facilities nationwide.

“Shingles can seriously degrade the quality of life for those who suffer from this disease,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson. “Offering this vaccine to our patients is further evidence of VA’s commitment to provide world-class health care to America’s veterans.”

“VA will continue research that leads to real-life solutions like the distribution of this shingles vaccine for patients at VA facilities across the country,” Nicholson added.

VA physicians will offer the vaccine to patients with appropriate medical conditions, usually those who are 60 years of age or older and have healthy immune systems. A single dose of the vaccine offers protection against shingles, which is scientifically named Herpes Zoster.

VA researchers and patients from across the country participated in studies which led to the vaccine’s approval by the Food and Drug Administration. The vaccine is available immediately to those who are recommended for the treatment.

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*Source: VA Press Release*

*More VA news on page 18*




# TAPS

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	RANK	DATE	CITY	STATE
ANCHORS	GERALD	CSC	20070528	OLD SAYBROOK	CT
ANDERSON	HARTLEY	YN1	20070502	DES MOINES	WA
ANDERSON	RONALD	BMCS	20070805	SUN CITY WEST	AZ
ASHLEY	MARY	SKC	20070805	RCHO STA MARG	CA
AUSTIN	DAVID	BMC	20070605	MANTEO	NC
BABB	CHARLES	HSC	20070810	MOBILE	AL
BAILEY	DONALD	YNC	20070710	CORPUS CHRISTI	TX
BAILEY	JOHN	HM3	20070704	SAINT LOUIS	MO
BARNSTEIN	JOHN	CDR	20070725	NEW HOLSTEIN	WI
BEAUREGARD	DAVID	SSC	20070606	BRUNSWICK	ME
BENNETT	BENAJAH	BMC	20070411	ANTELOPE	CA
BROWN	HARRY	CAPT	20070621	GALVESTON	TX
BUCKNER	RAY	BOSN2	20070718	TRAIL	MN
BUELL	RICHARD	CDR	20070616	NORWELL	MA
BURBANK	FRED	SN	20070604	SPOKANE	WA
BURTON	ROBERT	SSC	20070614	SALEM	OR
BUSH	WILLIAM	MAT4	20070705	SEMINOLE	FL
BUTCHKA	RICHARD	CAPT	20070728	ORANGE BEACH	AL
CALAY	RICHARD	CDR	20070716	UMATILLA	FL
CASS	WILLIAM	CAPT	20070816	LANSDALE	PA
CHESHER	MARION	ENCS	20070729	PORTLAND	OR
CLARKE	RODERICK	RDC	20070612	GATES	NC
CLARKSON	DONALD	YNC	20070608	WEST YARMOUTH	MA
CONNORS	RAYMOND	AL1	20070621	PORT ANGELES	WA
COOPER	DARVIN	YNCS	20070704	GRAND HAVEN	MI
COX	GLENN	BOSN4	20070724	HAWESVILLE	KY
CRAWFORD	THERRELL	MK1	20070720	PINE MT VALLEY	GA
CRINGLE	JAMES	GMCS	20070809	KENT	WA
CRUMPLEY	CURTIS	LCDR	20070809	ABERDEEN	WA
CRUNK	JAMES	BMC	20070621	COLUMBUS	GA
CRUZ	RAMON	SKCM	20070621	GUAYNABO	PR
DECKER	GLENN	QMC	20070704	VANCOUVER	WA
DOSSETT	CECIL	CDR	20070601	HIGHLAND	CA
DOWD	EARL	ENCS	20070819	CHESTER	MA
DOYLE	JAMES	QMCM	20070809	COOS BAY	OR
DYER	JAMES	YNCM	20070718	WHITNEY	TX
EASTER	CLIFTON	MK1	20070711	BATH	NC
ECCLES	ROBERT	LCDR	20070519	SAVANNAH	GA
ELLINGSON	DONALD	PS2	20070705	HOOD RIVER	OR
EMERY	JOHN	BMC	20070701	PORT SAINT LUCIE	FL
EWING	JAMES	SKC	20070530	CHESAPEAKE	VA
FACER	EDWARD	HS1	20070601	TONASKET	WA
FANNING	JOSEPH	CS1	20070609	NORWICH	CT
FERRELL	JERRY	RMC	20070615	EUGENE	OR
FLANAGAN	THOMAS	ELC2	20070710	LEESBURG	FL
FOOTE	JAY	AM1	20070728	CLYDE	NC
FREDERICK	DOUGLAS	ENG3	20070601	SUFFOLK	VA
FROST	THEODORE	BMC	20070601	BEVERLY	MA
FULCHER	WESLEY	MKC	20070720	STACY	NC

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GASKILL	NORWOOD	BMC	20070705	HARKERS ISLAND	NC
GASKILL	RODNEY	MKC	20070804	NEW BERN	NC
GILBERT	RICHARD	YNC	20070613	HOLIDAY	FL
GILLIAM	WILLIAM	BM1	20070616	PEMBROKE	MA
GRAVES	WALTER	LTJG	20070713	HANFORD	CA
GRAY	ROBERT	ELC4	20070526	PITTSFIELD	MA
GREENEN	ROBERT	PSS3	20070601	BATTLE GROUND	WA
GUTT	STANLEY	OSC	20070615	BRICK	NJ
HAGERTY	PHILIP	CS1	20070629	WESTLAND	MI
HALSEY	JACK	ADCS	20070705	SALEM	OR
HEADLEY	WILLIAM	QMC	20070622	CALHAN	CO
HIGGINS	JASON	MKC	20070527	VINTON	VA
HUDSON	ELWOOD	CHBOSN4	20070517	GULF BREEZE	FL
HUSSEY	GEORGE	HM1	20070517	TURLOCK	CA
JESTER	ROBERT	DCCS	20070514	HAINES CITY	FL
JOHNSON	CHARLES	YNC	20070513	GONZALEZ	FL
JOHNSON	THOMAS	CAPT	20070522	HOLLYWOOD	FL
JONES	EDWARD	BMC	20070528	SPRING VALLEY	CA
JUNE	ROBERT	SK1	20070602	GENEVA	OH
KARAS	STEFAN	RMC	20070617	PHELAN	CA
KELLEY	LEO	CDR	20070607	STONEHAM	MA
KERNS	DONALD	YNCM	20070512	YADKINVILLE	NC
KINCAID	BERNARD	BOSN4	20070616	PICAYUNE	MS
KINCAID	JAMES	CAPT	20070626	PEPPER PIKE	OH
KLINE	MICHAEL	BMCS	20070719	COLUMBIA	SC
KOBUS	EDWARD	EMCS	20070715	HAWTHORNE	CA
KOLLMEYER	ROBERT	LT	20070625	CHEVY CHASE	MD
KORLIN	DENNIS	YNC	20070627	SANTA ROSA	CA
KRUG	DONALD	CDR	20070719	FOUNTAIN HILL	AZ
LACKEY	WILLIAM	BMC	20070618	SOUTHPORT	NC
LANSING	JAMES	MK3	20070623	PLACERVILLE	CA
LAPID	JOHNNY	BM1	20070421	PHILIPPINES	RP
LAVORGNA	MICHAEL	GMC	20061210	PORTSMOUTH	VA
LEE	RICHARD 'SATCH'	AD1	20070208	PALM BAY	FL
LEWIS	WILLIE	ETC	20070625	PRICHARD	AL
LOVE	WALTER	LCDR	20070530	CHATHAM	MA
LUCE	HAROLD	DCC	20070627	TOLEDO	OH
LUZIUS	DONALD	CAPT	20070601	LORTON	VA
MAGSIG	ECKHARD	CDR	20070722	PORTLAND	OR
MATHIS	JAMES	RDCS	20070506	HOUSTON	TX
MATTSON	RICHARD	MMCM	20070531	SEATTLE	WA
MCTIGUE	EDWARD	AECS	20070518	SPRINGFIELD	OR
MILLER	RODERICK	EMCM	20070528	OAK HARBOR	WA
MILLS	DONNA	SK1	20070625	SPANAWAY	WA
MIZE	GLYNN	DCCS	20070709	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK
MONTALI	LAWRENCE	CAPT	20070727	SAN DIEGO	CA
MOORE	ROBERT	BMCM	20070721	BLADENBORO	NC
MULLINS	THEODORE	EM1	20070629	MOBILE	AL
NAUMANN	SHELDON	ENG3	20070609	BRIGHTON	TN
NETT	MICHAEL	EMC	20070523	SUN CITY W	AZ
NIEDERMAYER	JAMES	CDR	20070612	FORT WORTH	TX
NIEMI	JOHN	LT	20070723	WILKES BARRE	PA
NORRIS	HAROLD	BM1	20070522	CHESPEAKE	VA

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OCONNELL	MICHAEL	ENG4	20070331	ANNAPOLIS	MD
ONEAL	BENJAMIN	BMC	20070620	MANTEO	NC
OSBORNE	RICHARD	IV1	20070526	BOWIE	MD
PAGE	ROBERT	ADC	20070713	VANCOUVER	WA
PAINTON	JAMES	CAPT	20070525	GREAT RIVER	NY
PARKER	TED	GMC	20070810	WEBB CITY	MO
PAYNE	RUPERT	BM2	20070717	TENSED	ID
PEPPER	HOWARD	BMCS	20070517	IRENE	SD
PERKINS	DANIEL	ETC	20070527	CHESAPEAKE	VA
PRATT	GEORGE	MK1	20070630	POMONA	CA
QUINN	ROLAND	PSS4	20070729	RISING SUN	MD
RAMON	MICHEL	MK1	20070531	OCEAN SPRINGS	MS
RAMOS	RAFAEL	HMC	20070527	AGUADILLA	PR
RAST	WARREN	CAPT	20070417	TRAVERSE CITY	MI
REGISTER	LYLES	QMC	20070612	STARKVILLE	MS
RESCOLA	ROBERT	ELC3	20070520	VACAVILLE	CA
RICHARDSON	WALTER	BM1	20070622	LONGVIEW	TX
RICHARDSON	WARREN	CS1	20070708	BALTIMORE	MD
ROBERTS	GIFFARD	BMC	20070707	SHILOH	NC
ROSIE	RONALD	CAPT	20070625	MERCER ISLAND	WA
ROWELL	JONATHAN	YNC	20070711	EVERETT	WA
RUSSELL	CLUESE	LCDR	20070604	MONTCLAIR	NJ
RUSSELL	HOWARD	MMCS	20070525	MILLVILLE	NJ
SALWAY	GORDON	RM1	20070811	PLANTATION	FL
SCARBOROUGH	DEWEY	CHBOSN2	20070606	AVON	NC
SCHEETZ	JOHN	HMC	20070527	CONROE	TX
SCHEIRER	JEROME	YNC	20070711	MAUMEE	OH
SEABROOKS	JACK	ET2	20070711	CHARLOTTE	NC
SELLERS	JAMES	SK1	20070626	VANCOUVER	WA
SHARMAN	FRANK	MKCM	20070604	STOCKBRIDGE	GA
SHEIFFELE	JAMES	ENCM	20070723	CRIVITZ	WI
SILER	OWEN	ADM	20070717	SAVANNAH	GA
SMITH	CHARLES	BMCM	20070620	NOMANDY BEACH	NJ
SMITH	STANLEY	CAPT	20070527	GROTON	CT
SMITH	WARREN	ENC	20070628	OAK CREEK	WI
STARKS	NATHAN	CS1	20070813	MIAMI	FL
STCLAIR	RICHARD	ETC	20070714	CAPE MAY	NJ
STEVENS	ROY	RM1	20070524	NOVATO	CA
SUNDERLIN	RALPH	PACM	20070630	KITTERY	ME
SWAIM	FAIR	CDR	20070628	RALEIGH	NC
SYREWICZE	SIMEON	ENC	20070716	LUTHER	MI
THARPE	EDWARD	BMC	20070614	SEMINOLE	FL
TIPTON	RICHARD	DC1	20070731	ARLINGTON	TX
TRAMMELL	ROBERT	BMC	20070719	SUMMERFIELD	FL
TRIMBLE	MAJOR	BMC	20070725	HAMPTON	GA
TRYALL	JACKSON	DCCM	20070616	SAINT ALBANS	WV
TURK	JAMES	DC1	20070707	SAINT CLAIR	MO
TYLAR	ROBERT	BMC	20070523	SEDALIA	MO
UMPSTEAD	CHARLES	ENCM	20070802	WATSONTOWN	PA
VALDERRAMA	JOSE	HS1	20070523	CHESAPEAKE	VA
VANALLER	GARY	BMC	20070514	FRIENDSWOOD	TX
WARREN	HOWARD	MKC	20070626	DUBLIN	GA
WAY	WARREN	AD1	20070723	SWEET HOME	OR

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WESTERBERG	PETER	RMCS	20070529	RIO RANCHO	NM
WILLIAMS	DONALD	CSC	20070721	WILMINGTON	NC
WILLIS	DONALD	BMC	20070801	HARKERS ISLAND	NC
WILLS	DAVID	CAPT	20070530	SPARTA	NJ
WILSON	BENJAMIN	ENC	20070513	CLAXTON	GA
WILSON	THOMAS	BMC	20070626	GETTYSBURG	PA
WIXTED	VINCENT	DCC	20070704	OLD BRIDGE	NJ
WOLFE	ROBERT	SSC	20070609	SALLISAW	OK
WRIGHT	JOHN	RM1	20070702	WOODWARD	OK

## Dependent TAPS

Name of Dependent	Relationship	Date of Death	Location
Mary D. Bretz	Wife of YNC Jimmy L. Bretz, USCG, Ret	13 Jun 07	Union City, OH
Linda Frances Williams	Wife of RMC Carlos W. Williams, USCG, Ret	24 Oct 06	Clearwater, FL
Carlyn R. Windham	Wife of BMC Youel T. Windham, USCG, Ret	27 Jun 07	Roxboro, NC
Dorothy M. Pyrzyński	Wife of BMCM Edwin G. Pyrzyński, USCG, Ret	02 Jun 07	Cheboygan, MI
AE2 Deborah J. Brusenhan	Wife of AD1 James K. Brusenhan, USCG, Ret	09 Mar 07	Reynoldsburg, OH
Mavis Wilde Fulcher	Wife of LCDR Ezekiel D. Fulcher, USCG, Ret	15 Jan 07	Panama City Bch, FL
Barbara Anne Nagle	Wife of QMCM Thomas B. Nagle, USCG, Ret	01 Jul 07	Columbia, SC
Rosemary Brown	Wife of SS1 Terry G. Brown, USCG, Ret	14 May 07	Northport, AL
Leona (Lee) Burlingame	Wife of CDR Charles T. Burlingame, USCG, Ret	13 Jun 07	Clayton, NY
Karen Merle Bowman	Wife of MKCS Jimmy Bowman, USCG, Ret	01 Aug 07	Charlevoix, MI
Elizabeth A. Voros	Wife of EM1 Robert J. Voros, Sr., USCG, Ret	14 Jul 07	Luling, LA
Virginia L. Brown	Wife of BMCS Richard D. Brown, USCG, Ret	31 Jul 07	Lady Lake, FL
Mary Ann Kainer	Wife of EMCS Robert A. Kainer, USCG, Ret	12 Dec 05	Tucson, AZ
Barbara J. Petersen	Wife of BMC Louis G. Petersen, USCG, Ret	09 Aug 07	Glen Burnie, MD

If you have lost a loved one and would like their name printed in Dependent TAPs, please contact [PSC-DG-RAS@uscg.mil](mailto:PSC-DG-RAS@uscg.mil) with their name, date of death, your name and retired rank, and city/state of residence. RAS will make appropriate updates and then forward to the Evening Colors Editor. Or you can send your request in writing and mail to: Commanding Officer (RAS), Personnel Service Center, 444 SE Quincy Street, Topeka, KS 66683-3591. You may also fax your request to (785) 339-3770.



## **Nicholson to Leave VA and Return to the Private Sector Under his Leadership, VA Makes Strides in Health Care and IT Modernization**

WASHINGTON --Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Jim Nicholson announced today he has tendered his resignation to President George W. Bush, effective no later than October 1, 2007.

Under Nicholson's leadership, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) continued its evolution as a leader in health care innovations, medical research, education services, home loan and other benefits to veterans. He transformed the VA health care system to meet the unique medical requirements of the returning combatants from Iraq and Afghanistan.

In his letter of resignation, Nicholson praised and thanked the President for the honor of serving him and our Nation's veterans in this key post at such a "critical time in our nation's global war on terror."

"The VA is a dynamic organization dedicated to serving our nation's finest citizens – our veterans," Nicholson said. "It has been an honor and privilege to lead the VA during this historic time for our men and women who have worn the uniform. We have accomplished so much and the VA is always striving to improve our services to veterans."

Nicholson said he wants to return to the private sector. "This coming February, I turn 70 years old, and I feel it is time for me to get back into business, while I still can." He said he has no definite plans at this time.

He also addressed an assembled group of Washington VA employees and those watching around the country on VA's closed-circuit television. In his message to employees, Nicholson told them how privileged he felt to have worked with them in fulfilling our nation's promises and obligations to its veterans. "VA has come a long way in meeting the growing needs and expectations of our veterans and you deserve the credit," Nicholson said. Nicholson, a Vietnam Veteran, was sworn in as Secretary of Veterans Affairs on February 1, 2005.

"This is a very big Government agency that, among many other things, sees over 1 million patients a week in its health care system, and is doing a world class job," Nicholson said. "The American people can feel proud about the way we are treating our veterans. The President and the Congress have been very supportive and for that I am grateful as well."

Nicholson thanked the President, "he has given me terrific opportunities to serve my country and under his strong and supportive leadership, it has been a real privilege."

Nicholson left the private business world over 10 years, where he ran a successful residential development and construction company. He was elected Chairman of the Republican National Committee in January 1997. Immediately prior to becoming Secretary, he served as the U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See.

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## 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.

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## NOAA PROVIDES EASY ONLINE ACCESS TO HISTORICAL HURRICANE TRACKS

Visitors to NOAA's Historical Hurricane Tracks Web site and mapping application can easily generate customized maps based on more than 150 years of Atlantic hurricane data. The recently updated Web site includes historical tropical cyclone data and information on coastal county hurricane strikes through 2006.

Developed by the NOAA Coastal Services Center in partnership with the National Hurricane Center, the site allows users to search by U.S. ZIP code, state or county, or latitude and longitude points. Visitors can also search the site using a storm's name or year. From this information, they can generate a map showing the track of the storm or storms along with a table of information. Searches can be narrowed to specific storm categories, years, or months.

"Understanding the history of hurricane landfalls in your community is an important step toward assessing your vulnerability to these potentially devastating storms," said Ethan Gibney, a senior geospatial analyst for NOAA and one of the site's developers. "The Historical Hurricane Tracks Web site allows visitors to quickly and easily conduct highly customized searches of historical hurricane data."

The site also features a searchable database of population changes from 1900 to 2000 for U.S. coastal counties versus hurricane strikes, as well as links to detailed text reports on the life history and effects of U.S. tropical cyclones since 1958.

"The increasing coastal population means more people are at risk when the next big storm approaches," said Margaret Davidson, director of the NOAA Coastal Services Center in Charleston, S.C. "And in many cases, the majority of these residents have never experienced a hurricane. With the coastal population tool found on the site, emergency managers can get a quick picture of which counties face the greatest potential risk and then plan outreach and education efforts accordingly."

For municipalities or individuals who use geographic information systems, the data can also be downloaded as a GIS file, along with accompanying metadata.

NOAA is celebrating 200 years of science and service to the nation in 2007. From the establishment of the Survey of the Coast in 1807 by Thomas Jefferson to the formation of the Weather Bureau and the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries in 1870's, much of American's scientific heritage is rooted in NOAA.

NOAA is dedicated to enhancing economic security and national safety through the prediction and research of weather and climate-related events and information service delivery for transportation, and by providing environmental stewardship of our nation's coastal and marine resources. Through the emerging Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS), NOAA is working with its federal partners, more than 70 countries and the European Commission to develop a global monitoring network that is as integrated as the planet it observes, predicts and protects.

*Source: NOAA News Release dtd 29 Aug 07*

## 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 and your dependents home mailing address (for Retired/Annuitant Statement, newsletter, 1099R, correspondence)
- ◆ 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:

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

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

**E-mail: [PSC-DG-RAS@uscg.mil](mailto: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:

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

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

### Report of Death

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

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

#### Or write:

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

E-mail articles, dependent taps entries, reunion notices, etc., to **[PSC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil](mailto:PSC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil)** or call us at the numbers listed below (phone menu option #4). The deadline for the next issue is November 9, 2007.

**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	<b>1 800 538-9552 (TTY/TDD) 1 866 363-2883</b>	<a href="http://www.tricare.osd.mil/deers">http://www.tricare.osd.mil/deers</a> In CA: 1 800 334-4162 In AK & HI: 1 800 527-5602
Mail-Order Pharmacy	1 866 363-8667	<a href="http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/tmop.cfm">http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/tmop.cfm</a>
Retiree Dental Plan	1 888 838-8737	<a href="http://www.trdp.org">http://www.trdp.org</a>
TRICARE Overseas	1 888 777-8343	<a href="http://www.tricare.osd.mil/overseas/">http://www.tricare.osd.mil/overseas/</a>
TRICARE United States	phone numbers available on web site	<a href="http://tricare.osd.mil">http://tricare.osd.mil</a>
TRICARE For Life	1 866 773-0404	<a href="http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tfl/default.cfm">http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tfl/default.cfm</a>
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Federal Long-Term Health Insurance	1 800 582-3337	<a href="http://www.opm.gov/insure/ltc/">http://www.opm.gov/insure/ltc/</a>
CG Health Benefits Advisor	1 800 942-2422	
Veterans Benefits	Phone	Websites/Notes
Department of Veterans Affairs	1 800 827-1000	<a href="http://www.va.gov">http://www.va.gov</a>
Insurance Information	1 800 669-8477	<a href="http://www.insurance.va.gov">http://www.insurance.va.gov</a>
Veterans Group Life Insurance		<a href="http://www.insurance.va.gov/sglisite/vgli/vgli.htm">http://www.insurance.va.gov/sglisite/vgli/vgli.htm</a>
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Headstones & Markers	1 800 697-6947	<a href="http://www.cem.va.gov/hm.htm">http://www.cem.va.gov/hm.htm</a>
Other	Phone	Websites/Notes
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WWII U. S. Merchant Marine Awards and Decorations	(202) 366-2646	<a href="http://www.marad.dot.gov/contact_us.html">http://www.marad.dot.gov/contact_us.html</a> Attn: Patricia Thomas, Medals and Decorations Maritime Administration U. S. Department of Transportation 400 7th Street, SW, Room 7304 Washington, D.C. 20590
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