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ADJUSTMENTS IN RETIRED/RETAINER PAY, SURVIVOR ANNUITIES AND PREMIUMS AND RELATED FACTORS

The following Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLAs) are effective December 1, 2007, based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) through September 2007. The term "retired pay" includes retainer pay and the term "members" includes former members.

COLAs for Retired Pay

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

<u>Retired Pay Based on Rates of Pay Effective:</u>	<u>Percent Increase</u>	<u>10 U.S.C. Authority</u>
Before January 1, 2007	2.3 percent	1401a(b)(2)
January 1 - March 31, 2007	2.3 percent	1401a(c)
April 1, 2007	2.3 percent	1401a(c)

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

<u>Retirement Effective:</u>	<u>Percent Increase</u>	<u>10 U.S.C. Authority</u>
Before January 1, 2007	2.3 percent	1401a(b)(2)
January 1 - March 31, 2007	2.3 percent	1401a(d)
April 1 - June 30, 2007	2.3 percent	1401a(d)
July 1 - September 30, 2007	0.2 percent	1401a(d)
October 1 - December 31, 2007	0.0 percent	1401a(d)

- The retired pay COLA for those who first became a member of a Uniformed Service on or after August 1, 1986, who elected to receive a bonus under the provisions of section 322 of title 37 United States Code is specified according to the date of their retirement as follows:

<u>Retirement Effective:</u>	<u>Percent Increase</u>	<u>10 U.S.C. Authority</u>
Before January 1, 2007	1.3 percent	1401a(e)
January 1 - March 31, 2007	1.3 percent	1401a(e)
April 1 - June 30, 2007	1.3 percent	1401a(e)
July 1 - September 30, 2007	0.0 percent	1401a(e)
October 1 - December 31, 2007	0.0 percent	1401a(e)

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COLA's for Survivor Annuities

4. Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan annuities payable on December 1, 2007, under the provisions of subchapter I of chapter 73, title 10, United States Code, to the spouse or child of a member who died on or before March 20, 1974: **2.3 percent** (ref: 10 U.S.C. 1434 (e)).
5. Annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) and Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RCSBP) under the provisions of subchapter II of chapter 73, title 10, United States Code; Supplemental SBP annuities under the provisions of subchapter III of chapter 73, title 10, United States Code; and benefits payable under the provisions of section 5 of Public Law 96-402, will be increased by the same percentage specified in paragraphs 1, 2, or 3 above by which the retired pay of the person providing the annuity would have been increased at such time if the person were alive and otherwise entitled to such pay. (ref: 10 U.S.C. 1451 (g) and 10 U.S.C. 1457(d)(1)).
6. COLAs for supplemental annuities paid to certain low income widows of members who were deceased before November 1, 1953: **2.3 percent** (ref: section 653 (c), Public Law 100-456).
7. Annuities for Certain Military Surviving Spouses (ACMSS) payable monthly under the provisions of section 644, Public Law 105-85, November 18, 1997, are increased **2.3 percent** from \$212.40 to **\$217.29** effective December 1, 2007. (ref: P.L. 105-85, sec 644).

Increase in the SBP Low-Cost Premium Threshold

8. Previous amounts with respect to which the 2.5 percent factor of the SBP premium (cost) formula apply are adjusted effective December 1, 2007, in conjunction with the adjustments in retired pay made under the provisions of section 1401a of title 10, United States Code (ref: 10 U.S.C. 1452(a)(4)(B)).
9. The amount with respect to which the 2.5 percent factor of the SBP premium (cost) is applied for participation upon retirement will be issued upon enactment of legislation establishing the 2008 military pay raise.

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TRICARE NEWS

New Web Site Allows TRICARE Beneficiaries to Manage Health Care Information from Home

November 13, 2007

FALLS CHURCH, Va.- TRICARE Prime and Prime Remote beneficiaries in the United States including Hawaii and Alaska can enroll online with the new Beneficiary Web Enrollment (BWE). "The new online system may be one of TRICARE's most convenient tools to date," said Army Maj. Gen. Elder Granger, deputy director, TRICARE Management Activity. "Beneficiaries can manage some of their health care information from the comfort of home 24 hours a day, seven days a week." Prime and Prime Remote beneficiaries can log on to <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/bwe/> to enroll, disenroll, choose primary care managers (PCM), transfer regions, update personal information, add other health care information and request enrollment cards. BWE allows Standard beneficiaries to update personal information, add other health care information and enroll in Prime. BWE's link to the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS), allows beneficiaries to update their personal information for both TRICARE and DEERS at the same time. Sponsors and family members can access their TRICARE information by using their Common Access Card (CAC), Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) "myPay" Personal Identification Number (PIN) or Family Member Account PIN. Enrollments and PCM changes are pending until approved and approval may take up to six calendar days. Beneficiaries can log on to the site to view the status of their account anytime and can cancel pending enrollments and/or PCM changes within 48 hours of initiating the transaction. To date, the US Family Health Plan, a TRICARE Prime option, is not available for enrollment on the BWE Web site. In addition to the new Web service, enrollment forms are still available at <http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/Enrollment/WebEnrollment> to fill out and mail to a TRICARE regional office. Beneficiaries can also visit a TRICARE Service Center to enroll and get assistance with other health care needs.

About TRICARE Management Activity and the Military Health System

TRICARE Management Activity, the Defense Department activity that administers the health care plan for the uniformed services, retirees and their families, serves more than 9.1 million eligible beneficiaries worldwide in the Military Health System (MHS). The mission of the MHS is to enhance Department of Defense and national security by providing health support for the full range of military operations. The MHS provides quality medical care through a network of providers, military treatment facilities, medical clinics, and dental clinics worldwide.

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Delta Dental has received word that we have been selected to continue as the contractor for the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) for the next five years. At www.trdp.org/news/deltadentalwins.html is an official announcement about the contract award.

The TRDP has been a tremendous success since it first began in 1998--and the new five-year contract offers even more enhancements to an already comprehensive dental benefits program. Highlights of the new contract that will take effect October 1, 2008 include coverage for certain posterior composite restorations and implant services and an increase in the orthodontic lifetime maximum to \$1,500.

Letters to the Editor

Attention Coast Guard Officers -

Early next year the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) will call for applications from officers of the uniformed services to serve on its Board of Directors. **Both Coast Guard officers currently on the Board will complete their service in 2010, and hope to have at least one Coast Guard officer join them in 2008.**

Founded in 1929, MOAA is the nation's fourth-largest veterans association, with some 365,000 members. It has an annual operating budget of some \$20 million, and is governed by a 36-member Board which includes officers from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Board seats are allocated by service and geographic region, and there are no quotas for uniformed-officer grades. Current Directors serve or served in grades W-5 through O-10.

All officer — officers on active duty, officers in active status in the Guard and Reserve components, former officers, and retired officers — are eligible to serve as long as they are MOAA members. In 2008 the membership will elect 12 new Directors, who will succeed the 12 who will complete their six-year terms in November 2008.

There are three Board meetings each year. Directors receive no compensation, but are reimbursed for their MOAA-related expenses. Responsibilities include attending three meetings a year, plus whatever time is required for directors committee assignments.

Details regarding how to apply will appear in the January, February, and March issues of Military Officer magazine, which all MOAA members receive each month.

NOAA News

Marine and Aviation Operations

NOAA's Office of Marine and Aviation Operations (OMAO)

Teacher at Sea Program Completes Another Banner Year

NOAA's Teacher at Sea Program has wrapped up the 2007 season after a productive and successful year. Twenty-five teachers were sent to sea to work side-by-side with NOAA scientists on cutting-edge research. The teachers then brought what they learned back to their classrooms to share with their students. Since its inception in 1990, the program has sent more than 500 teachers to sea to learn about NOAA science. The program has also produced three children's books in the past three years about the adventures of two Teachers at Sea (aboard RONALD H. BROWN and FAIR-WEATHER) and one Teacher in the Air (aboard a NOAA P-3 during the Hurricane Awareness Tour).

For more information on NOAA's Teacher at Sea Program visit: <http://teacheratsea.noaa.gov/>.



Source NOAA's Office of Marine and Aviation Operations Web Site - <http://ww.oma.noaa.gov>

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Adjustments in Social Security Factors

10. The so-called social security offset (reduction) in SBP and RCSBP annuities under the provisions of section 1451 (e)(4) of title 10 U.S.C. is based upon figures published by the Social Security Administration (SSA). This year's changes are published in the Federal Register, October 25, 2007 (Volume 72, Number 206, pages 60703-60709). The following changes affect the annuity computation of SBP/RCSBP social security offset for those individuals with an eligibility year of 2008 and later:

a. Average of total wages for 2006 is \$38,651.41.

b. The maximum taxable wages pertaining to Old Age Survivor and Disability Insurance (OASDI) benefits is increased from \$97,500 in 2007 to \$102,000 in 2008. There is no maximum taxable wage base for the Hospital Insurance (HI) portion (1.45 percent) of social security taxes. Earnings in 2008 above \$102,000 will not be used to determine survivor benefits.

c. The Primary Insurance Amount (PIA) for benefit eligibility in 2008 is computed on the basis of the Average Indexed Monthly Earnings (AIME) as follows:

90 percent of the first \$711 of the AIME, plus
32 percent of the AIME over \$711 and through \$4,288 plus
15 percent of the AIME over \$4,288.

VA News

"The American Veteran" is Reality TV – VA Style

November 16, 2007

WASHINGTON – Using the latest in video and broadcast technologies, stirring music, creative graphics and solid writing, "The American Veteran" a monthly half-hour news magazine from the Department of Veterans Affairs, tells compelling stories of real-life veterans who have taken advantage of the many and varied benefits and services available to them as a result of their military service. "We are committed to informing veterans and active duty military alike about VA's many benefits and services and we are very pleased with the quality and reach of "The American Veteran," said Acting VA Secretary Gordon H. Mansfield. "The feedback and recognition the program has received is a testament to the effort put in by all involved." The series is designed to inform active duty members, veterans, their families and their communities about the services and benefits they have earned and to recognize and honor them. VA's Office of Public Affairs and the VA Learning University/ Employee Education System (VALU/EES) produce the program and broadcast it to VA facilities on the department's own internal network and around the world on The Pentagon Channel and community cable outlets. Aimed at veterans of all eras, their families and the American Public, VA also tells stories of heroism, sacrifice and re-lives moments in history with those who lived it reminding veterans of the bond of service they all share. The VA Office of Public Affairs offers the program to local broadcasters and cable outlets and makes it available for viewing on the VA Web site www.va.gov, just click on "public affairs" and then "featured items." "The American Veteran" schedule on The Pentagon Channel is available at [*http://www.pentagonchannel.mil/*](http://www.pentagonchannel.mil) where you can also view the program as it is broadcast. The Pentagon Channel has more than 1 million military viewers and is delivered domestically via DISH, EchoStar, T-Warner and Cox cable systems. (Check for service in your area.)

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REUNIONS AND NOTICES

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 if you have any questions.

***REUNION* Coast Guard Training Center**, Governors Island NY. Any interest? Contact: BMC Gregg Best (Ret) at 198 Cherry Laurel Trail, NE, Cleveland, TN 37323. Phone: (423) 476-7776. E-mail: gjmbest@charter.net

USCG PT. ALLERTON REUNION will be held 2 Aug 2008 in Hull, MA. Exact time and details will come at a later date. Contact e-mail: EBORSOS@AOL.COM or Elmer J. Borsos, 103 County Road 12, Adena, OH 43901.

COAST GUARD AIR/COSMIC AIRLINES reunion will be held 18-20 May 2008 at the Montbleu Resort Casino in South Lake Tahoe, NV. Point of contact is Pat Peden at (775) 867-3029 (H) or (775) 722-7252 (Cell) or e-mail patpeden@phonewave.net or Linda Estridge at (707) 738-0157 or e-mail LEther7294@aol.com

During the ninth annual reunion of the Coast Guard CW Operators Association in San Antonio, 37 attendees visited the U. S. Army Brooks Army Medical Center where wartime seriously wounded and burned personnel are sent for care. As we prepared for the visit, we asked if the patients should be brought gifts of any sort, and were told that the best gift would be a Walmart Gift Card for the families who spend all their resources to visit their wounded family members. We collected \$2,500.00 which was converted to \$25 and \$50 gift cards. Immediately upon presentation of the cards to the BAMC representative, they started to be distributed. As a side note, the Coast Guard CW Operators Association collected \$10,000.00 within five days for the benefit of Coast Guard personnel displaced by Hurricane Katrina. The money was sent to Coast Guard Headquarters to supplement the funds available via Coast Guard Welfare programs.

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).

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:

David/Beverly Taylor
HM (540) 362-4474 Cell (540) 353-3842
E-mail: daveandbev@cox.net

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E-mail: ayagrimes@aol.com

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

USCGC CASTLE ROCK (WAVP/WHEC-383) reunion for all former crew members will be held 25-27 June 2008 in New London, CT. Contact Harry Aldrich, 54 Hubbardston Road, Templeton, MA 01468 or e-mail: Harry.aldrich@verizon.net for more info and details.

USCGC COURIER (WAGR-410) "Voice of America" Association reunion will be held 18-22 May 2008 at 2008 AmeriSuites Hotel, Atlantic Beach/Pine Knoll Shores, NC. Contact: Gil Riggs (505) 287-3338 or e-mail: giltheexplorer@msn.com

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: Adrian.H.Rymer@USCG.Mil
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JAMES.D.OCALLAGHAN@USCG.MIL

I would like to hear from anyone who remembers me. I was in boot company L (no number), the last boot company through Mayport. The Sassafras was moving gear and personnel to Cape May and I was one of several who was put aboard for assignment to the Third District and was made permanent aboard where I served for 1 1/2 years. I retired 1 May 1968.

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Huffman, TX 77336
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Editor's notes

Coast Guard Retiree Personnel Locator: If you are searching for a Coast Guard retired 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

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 #3—We are currently hard at work testing the new Global Pay Retired system to ensure we have a solid application and a smooth transition for our customers. We will post pay system status and implementation date on our web page as soon as we have a firm date.





USCG Retirements



Name	Rank	Date of Retirement	Years of Service
ACEVEDO, JULIO	SN	20070828	03
ALMBERG, KENNETH	LCDR	20070823	30
ALTEMOS, EDWARD	CDR	20070904	20
AMSTER, JAMES	HSCM	20071101	30
ANDERLY, STEPHEN	LCDR	20070824	20
ANDERSON, CHRISTOPHER	MSS3	20071101	22
ANDERSON, JOHN	ENG4	20071001	30
ANDERSON, KEVIN	MKC	20071101	20
ANDERSON, MARK	LT	20070923	00
ANDERSON, MICHAEL	CAPT	20071101	23
ANSLEY, RODERICK	CAPT	20071001	28
ARCHER, JOHN	ETCS	20071001	24
ARMOND, TERRY	MKC	20071001	20
ARMSTRONG, JOEL	MKC	20070901	20
ARMSTRONG, LYNNE	SK2	20071101	24
ATWOOD, RODNEY	SKC	20070901	24
BAILEY, JEFFREY	ETC	20071001	20
BALD, DOUGLAS	ET1	20070901	25
BALDESSARI, KARL	CAPT	20071101	25
BALDWIN, JOHN	MKC	20070729	21
BANKSON, JAMES	BMC	20070901	28
BARNES, DARYL	YN1	20070901	20
BARNETTE, KEVIN	LCDR	20071001	30
BARRETT, GERALD	MKC	20070915	26
BASSICK, PAUL	YN1	20070901	28
BAUMAN, RICHARD	ET1	20071001	21
BAYLESS, CASEY	BM3	20071009	07
BEACH, RANDALL	MK1	20071009	10
BEEMAN, STEVEN	OSC	20071101	23
BEISIEGEL, CRAIG	FSCS	20071001	30
BELLEMAN, REESE	BOSN4	20070901	28
BELT, JEFFREY	YNC	20071101	20
BERARD, LEANDRE	ITCS	20071101	27
BERNHOLZ, ERIC	CDR	20070901	20
BERRIER, MICHAEL	BMC	20071001	22
BEST, DENNIS	BMC	20071024	20
BEUTLER, GARY	YNC	20071001	31
BIRD, DAVID	CDR	20070901	20
BLACK, CHARLES	HSCM	20070822	26
BLACKBURN, JOHN	GM1	20070901	20
BLACKWELL, DAVID	YN1	20071001	20
BLUME, ALAN	LCDR	20070901	20
BOESTER, LESLEY	FS1	20071001	20
BOLES, STEVEN	EMCS	20070901	27
BONILLA, CARLOS	FS1	20071001	20
BORGSMANN, TIMOTHY	AMT2	20071001	21
BOROWSKI, MICHAEL	SK1	20070901	20
BOUCHER, ROBERT	BM1	20071101	22
BOULANGER, RAYMOND	MKC	20071101	21
BOWERS, JAMES	SKC	20070901	27
BOWMAN, DANNY	BMC	20071101	21
BOYCE, DAVID	MKC	20070901	20
BOYD, MARC	PERS2	20070901	21
BOYNTON, PETER	CAPT	20070901	28
BRADLEY, RICHARD	AMTC	20070901	20
BRADY, JOHN	BMCS	20071101	22
BRAINARD, KENNETH	IT1	20071001	21
BROCK, SELINDE	YNC	20071001	27
BROCKENBROUGH, RUSSELL	ENG2	20070901	23
BROOKS, JOHN	CDR	20071022	22
BROOKS, LEVERNE	YNC	20070901	20
BROOME, CECIL	OSC	20070901	29

Name	Rank	Date of Retirement	Years of Service
BROWN, CALLAN	LCDR	20070901	20
BROWN, KIM	BMC	20070901	33
BROWN, RICHARD	CDR	20070911	21
BRUCE, BRENT	AMT1	20071001	20
BRYSON, DENNIS	MSS4	20071001	28
BRYSON, STEPHEN	OSC	20070901	22
BUCCOWICH, THOMAS	OSCS	20071001	24
BUCHANAN, JAMES	SKC	20071001	20
BUFFORD, JAMES	OSCM	20070809	19
BULLA, CHARLES	BMC	20070902	21
BUNN, DONALD	CAPT	20071001	36
BURKS, JOHN	SK1	20071001	26
BUTLER, BERNARD	DCC	20071001	26
BUTTON, GLEN	PERS2	20071101	20
BYRON, JEFFREY	ITC	20071101	20
CALABRO, THOMAS	MSS2	20071001	20
CAMPBELL, MARK	CAPT	20071001	29
CAMPBELL, SCOTT	AMT1	20070901	21
CANTIN, RONALD	CDR	20071101	27
CARLTON, JOSEPH	PSC	20071019	19
CARPENTER, LARRY	OS1	20070810	21
CARUOLO, CHARLES	LCDR	20071101	24
CAVALETTO, MICHAEL	ENG3	20071001	27
CHANEY, RAY	LT	20071101	30
CHASE, CHARLES	ENG4	20071020	35
CHRISTIE, THOMAS	YNC	20071101	21
CIAMPAGLIO, TIMOTHY	CDR	20071001	22
CIHELKA, CAROLYN	PACM	20070901	28
CLARK, ALLEN	AMTCS	20070901	28
CLARK, ANTHONY	AMT1	20071001	20
COLBATH, JOHN	PSS4	20071008	21
COLBY, CRAIG	OSCM	20071013	23
COLLINS, GEORGE	SN	20070822	04
COLLINS, LYNN	MSTCM	20071028	30
COLON, VINCENT	SN	20070917	01
CONROY, MICHAEL	PERS4	20070901	30
CONWAY, DEBRA	YNC	20071101	21
COSGROVE, JOSEPH	CDR	20070929	20
COX, ROBERT	BMC	20071022	31
CRAWFORD, DENIS	MKCM	20070812	27
CRUM, PAUL	YN1	20071101	21
CURET, ISMAEL	LCDR	20071101	20
CURRY, BARTON	F&S3	20071101	29
CURRY, KENNETH	OSCS	20070901	20
CUSSON, ALBERT	BMC	20071001	22
DALE, JOHN	YN1	20061221	25
DALMIDA, ALVIN	LT	20070901	25
DALRYMPLE, JON	AET1	20071001	20
DAMERON, RICHARD	MK1	20070828	25
DANIELS, ANTHONY	SK2	20070901	20
DAVIS, CHARLES	IVCS	20070812	29
DAVIS, MARK	MKC	20070901	20
DAVIS, TIMOTHY	SK1	20070901	22
DEBIASE, FRANK	AMTCM	20071001	30
DECOOPMAN, ROBERT	LCDR	20071101	20
DELACH, EDWARD	DCCS	20071101	30
DELANEY, MARSHALENA	PAC	20071101	20
DELORENZO, JONATHAN	FSCS	20070901	22
DEMPSEY, DALE	BMC	20071001	30
DEPUE, JACKY	LCDR	20070901	29
DESH, ROBERT	CAPT	20071101	36

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DEVITT-CHACON, JAMIE	PAC	20070901	20
DEVRIES, WILLIAM	OSC	20070901	24
DEWITT, RONALD	LCDR	20070901	25
DICKEY, TAMI	YN1	20070901	20
DIEBAG, JAMES	LT	20071101	20
DILGER, PAUL	BOSN4	20071001	30
DILLMANN, KARL	BMC	20071001	28
DILOUIE, JOHN	ITCS	20071001	20
DINKINS, GREG	SKC	20070901	21
DIRRIM, BRENNAN	MKCS	20071001	20
DONLEY, DOUGLAS	OSC	20070901	20
DONNELLY, GAIL	CAPT	20071001	26
DONOGHUE, JAMES	LCDR	20070829	20
DOOLEY, MICHAEL	MK1	20070901	20
DOORGEEST, SCOTT	FSC	20070901	21
DORRY, THOMAS	PSC	20070824	22
DRUSHAL, THOMAS	ELC2	20070901	22
DUBOIS, ROBERT	CDR	20071101	20
DUBORD, CLARENCE	BM1	20071101	22
DUCK, SIDNEY	CAPT	20071001	34
DUNN, WILLIAM	MST1	20070901	20
EDWARDS, DANIEL	AST1	20070901	20
EDWARDS, JAMES	HS1	20071001	28
EDWARDSON, ROBERT	BOSN2	20070901	20
ELLIS, WALTER	GM1	20070901	21
ELROD, RHONDA	SKC	20071001	21
EPPLEY, DONALD	YNC	20071001	20
ERICKSON, THOMAS	BMC	20071101	26
ESPICH, TODD	BM1	20071001	20
EVANS, TIMOTHY	BM1	20070901	20
EVERSON, WARNER	EMC	20070901	21
FALU, ANTONIO	GM3	20070811	20
FARMER, THOMAS	BM2	20071019	19
FARNHAM, DARRELL	SKC	20071101	24
FARR, HUBBARD	BOSN4	20070901	29
FARYNAZ, KATHRYN	SKC	20071001	25
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A preview of the December edition of "The American Veteran" follows:

MRSA -- A deadly pathogen is spreading in our nation's hospitals: methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus, more commonly known by its acronym MRSA. VA has launched a nationwide MRSA Prevention Initiative to contain the spread of the super germ, reducing the infection rate by fifty percent.

PATIENT SAFETY -- Falls Center Tampa - Many injuries that require hospital visits begin when a patient falls. The Patient Safety and Falls Prevention Center at the Tampa VA is conducting new research and testing new therapies to keep the elderly on their feet and out of the hospital.

BLIND TECHNOLOGY -- Many of our veterans suffer from debilitating eye diseases, including total blindness. VA has introduced new technologies -- including a voice talk synthesizer that helps patients take their medications safely and a GPS device that helps patients get around-- all to improve the lives of blind veterans.

NEWS YOU CAN USE -- The VA operates a live 24-hour-a-day suicide prevention hotline; applying for VA health benefits; Dr. Jonathan Shay wins the McArthur Award

SURVIVOR OF THE BATAAN DEATH MARCH REMEMBERS -- WWII veteran Ralph Levenberg survived the Bataan Death March in the Philippines and three subsequent years as a Japanese POW. His story provides a poignant reminder of why we honor our heroes on Veterans Day.

VETERAN PROFILE -- Wayne Miller is a Vietnam veteran who lost a leg in combat. Today, Wayne is a Vet Center Team Leader, award winning athlete and singer whose experiences serve as an inspiration to men and women he works with and counsels.

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CATES	GORDON	CWO3	20070902	SPRING HILL	FL
CLAIR	JAMES	BM1	20071019	TAMPA	FL
COLON	VINCENT	SN	20070917	PORTLAND	ME
COX	RAYMOND	CWO4	20070908	KAILUA	HI
CRAWFORD	EDWARD	RM1	20070805	CARROLLTON	GA
CUNNINGHAM	ROBERT	EM2	20070915	STOCKBRIDGE	GA
DALE	JOHN	YN1	20061221	SAN DIEGO	CA
DAVILLIER	BRIAN	YN2	20070723	TORRANCE	CA
DAVIS	WESLEY	BMC	20071113	BAXTER	TN
DELGIORNO	RALPH	CAPT	20070811	LAUDERHILL	FL
DEPERTO	MICHAEL	RMC	20070911	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK
DETZ	LEON	BM1	20071102	MILLSTONE TWP	NJ
DEZEEUW	ADRIAN	CWO2	20071113	ANCHORAGE	AK
DOUGH	DONALD	BMCM	20070902	REDMOND	WA
DUNN	JAMES	SKC	20070826	HUDSON	FL
ECLARINAL	CESAR	SSCS	20070725	MANTECA	CA
EDWARDS	LAVELLE	MKC	20070815	TOPTON	NC
ELKINS	WILBURN	LCDR	20070906	COLFAX	WI
ELLEN	RALPH	PSC	20070826	WILMINGTON	NC
ESTLER	FRANCIS	BML1	20070825	BRIGHTWATERS	NY
FLETCHER	JAMES	BM1	20070901	TRENTON	FL
FONTAINE	ARTHUR	CAPT	20071104	FAIRHAVEN	MA
FOWLER	ODELL	HMCS	20071001	TABOR CITY	NC
FREIDHOFF	JOHN	LCDR	20071019	ANGOLA	NY
FUGETT	RICKY	YN1	20071101	HUDSON	FL
GETTLE	HOWARD	CWO4	20071006	ROHNERT PARK	CA
GRESHAM	HYLAND	MKC	20070830	GREENWOOD	SC
HANEY	JOHN	CDR	20071021	TALLAHASSEE	FL
HANNIGAN	JOHN	CAPT	20071019	WEST WAREHAM	MA
HARRIS	DAVID	LT	20070827	CHESAPEAKE BEACH	MD
HART	JOHN	LCDR	20070912	PETALUMA	CA

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HAYNES	CLIFFORD	SKC	20070927	SALEM	MA
HAYSOM	RICHARD	MK1	20071021	ALBUQUERQUE	NM
HEARN	WALTER	LT	20070913	VERO BEACH	FL
HENNIGH	CHARLES	MK3	20070927	ATLANTIC BEACH	FL
HUDSON	WILLIAM	CWO2	20070903	BONITA SPRINGS	FL
HULMES	THOMAS	MMC	20071027	NORTH CAPE MAY	NJ
HUSK	FLOYD	CWO2	20071001	ORANGE PARK	FL
IMLE	WILLIAM	CDR	20070903	DAPNE	AL
JAMES	HARRY	RMCM	20070820	CARSON CITY	NV
JARVIS	ARTHUR	MKCS	20070908	SARASOTA	FL
JOHNSTON	JACKIE	YN1	20071002	KANSAS CITY	MO
JONES	PAUL	EMC	20071001	RICEVILLE	TN
JOZWIAK	THOMAS	CWO4	20071013	BURKE	VA
KELLOGG	GLENN	LTJG	20071009	BELMONT	CA
KENNY	BRICE	PAC	20071019	LAKE OSWEGO	OR
KIGHT	MAJOR	CDR	20071030	LAKELAND	FL
KINDBOM	LAURENCE	CAPT	20071019	COLUMBIA	MD
KUSTER	DONAL	PSCS	20071005	ELLETTSVILLE	IN
LEHRER	PAUL	CDR	20070922	GREELEY	CO
LEWIS	EDWIN	BM1	20070805	HARKERS ISLAND	NC
LINNEMANN	EUGENE	CDR	20071004	VIENNA	VA
LUCK	ROBERT	CWO3	20071118	COVINGTON	KY
LYNE	ALBERT	LT	20071005	ROCKLAND	MA
MALCHOFF	JACK	OSCS	20071116	SAN ANTONIO	TX
MAYO	CLAFFEE	BMCS	20070906	HATTERAS	NC
MCCABE	FRANK	CAPT	20070812	LUTHERVILLE	MD
MCINTIRE	DAVID	YNC	20071118	TOPEKA	KS
METALL	FIORA	BMC	20071016	ASHBURN	VA
MIDGETT	MYRON	ENC	20070905	ELIZABETH CITY	NC
MILLS	GENE	BMC	20071012	PALM BAY	FL
MIRALLES	JOSEPH	CDR	20070920	DUNWOODY	GA
MOORE	RAYMOND	ENC	20071017	LITCHFIELD	NH
MURPHY	PETER	ENCS	20071030	DAVIE	FL
MURRAY	PETER	BM1	20070802	SPRING LAKE	MI
OVIATT	ROBERT	CWO2	20071027	FREMONT	CA
PACATTE	JAMES	MKCS	20071023	HOWES CAVE	NY
PAGE	RICHARD	MSTCS	20071026	PORT ANGELES	WA
PAGTALUNAN	REYNALDO	SSCS	20071109	STATEN ISLAND	NY
PAULK	WILLIAM	MKCS	20070907	JUNEAU	AK
PLATANIA	PATRICK	BM1	20071002	HUBERT	NC
POWELL	ROBERT	LT	20070809	OLYMPIA	WA
PRICCO	ANNIBALE	YNC	20070902	SEATTLE	WA
PRICE	NORMAN	DCC	20071109	CHESAPEAKE	VA
QUINLIVAN	JOHN	CWO4	20070910	GREENSBORO	NC
RAPP	WILLIAM	LCDR	20071112	SANDUSKY	OH
RAULF	MATTHEW	CAPT	20071026	PHILLIPSBURG	NJ
REYNOLDS	MARION	CWO4	20071018	TALLAHASSEE	FL
RHODES	MICHAEL	MK1	20071118	AURORA	OR
RITTENHOUSE	CARLTON	CWO3	20071017	GLEN BURNIE	MD
ROSATO	LOUIS	QMCM	20071023	MILLVILLE	NJ
SANGSTER	ROBERT	MKC	20070915	ANDERSON	SC
SCHMIDT	EVA	LCDR	20071101	WHITE EARTH	ND
SCHWARTZ	GERALD	CDR	20071110	FOREST HILLS	NY

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SCOTT	CHARLES	YNC	20071105	FREDRICKSBURG	TX
SHAFER	MERLE	YNC	20070919	SILVERDALE	WA
SHOFNER	WILLIAM	ENC	20070825	COOKVILLE	TN
SIMPSON	JACKSON	AD1	20070901	GREENWOOD	SC
SMITH	JACK	CWO4	20070916	PORTLAND	OR
SMITH	THOMAS	AM1	20070824	VIRGINIA BEACH	VA
SPRATLEN	JAMES	GMC	20070830	SURPRISE	AZ
SPRITZER	JOSEPH	EMCM	20071106	STOUGHTON	MA
STEARNS	RAYMOND	CWO3	20070814	NEWMAN	GA
STEVENS	ELMER	CWO3	20070903	BEND	OR
SUDNIK	LOUIS	CAPT	20071007	OWENS CRS RDS	AL
TERRELL	BRUCE	CDR	20071017	INDIAN WELLS	CA
THOMPSON	JACK	ENCM	20071022	UNCASVILLE	CT
THOMPSON	PHILLIP	CWO4	20071027	NEW ORLEANS	LA
TIBAYAN	ROMEO	SKC	20070824	LYNNWOOD	WA
TILLET	LARRY	ENC	20071007	WANCHESE	NC
TRUDE	MICHAEL	CWO3	20071019	NEW BERN	NC
VINCENT	EVES	ENC	20070913	BILOXI	MS
VOLPE	CHARLES	CWO2	20070912	ST PETERSBURG	FL
WEBB	WILLIAM	MK1	20070814	MIDLAND	GA
WEBER	JOHN	LCDR	20071001	HONOLULU	HI
WENTZ	MAURICE	BM1	20070919	KING GEORGE	VA
WEST	JACK	YNC	20071102	ARAB	AL
WHITAKER	ENNIS	CSC	20071006	HENDERSON	NV
WOOLWORTH	JACK	QMC	20071113	MESQUITE	NV
WRIGHT	ROBERT	PS1	20071009	BOWIE	MD
YANO	ARCHIE	CWO4	20071116	SACRAMENTO	CA
ZEILSTRA	DAVID	LCDR	20071006	BARRINGTON	RI

Lost Dog Tag Returned To Owner After 35 Years

by Gwen Jackson

On 7/11/07 my sister, our friend from Texas and I decided to hunt for Indian pottery and shells on the Fort Morgan Peninsula. While standing in the surf (about 6" deep) of the Mobile Bay I reached down into the sand and pulled up what I thought was just shells. I didn't have a handful of shells, I had a dog tag with the chain still attached. It was a notched tag, inscribed with Davis, Harold D. USCG. At that moment I was determined to try to find Mr. Davis to return the dog tag to him or his family. I started my search with the internet and Google. I tried his name first and came up with 102 Harold Davis's. When the name search didn't work I tried entering things like "dog tag", or "lost dog tag". The Army and Navy both have websites on lost dog tags but I never found anything on the Coast Guard. On 7/12/07 I ran across a site that had CG locator on it & e-mailed asking if anyone could give me information on Mr. Davis, so that I could return the dog tag to him. On 7/13/07 I received an e-mail back from a YN3 Wali Locker in Arlington, VA. who informed me that Mr. Davis was retired from the CG and that was all he was permitted to give out. From 7/15 to 7/20 I looked up anything and everything I could think of on the CG or Harold D. Davis. Just my pure dumb luck I came across www.fredsplace.org on 7/20/07 and posted a bulletin saying that "I had found Harold D. Davis's dog tag & I wanted to return it to him if possible, however all I knew about him was that he was retired. On 7/21 I received an e-mail from CWO Joe Cornell saying he had an old CG Register (circa 1987) that shows a Harold D. Davis, Retired CWO and the city he lived in and please let him know if I had any luck. Now I finally had a place to start! Back to the internet to look up the address and phone number. I called the number listed for the address I was given, no luck, they didn't know Mr. Davis. I e-mailed CWO Cornell back on 7/21 thanking him for the information and also ask him questions like what does "CWO" stand for and were the numbers on the dog tag part of a SS # or just random numbers issued. I was flying by the seat of my pants trying to find Mr. Davis, I knew NOTHING about the CG. CWO Cornell e-mailed back on 7/22, answered all my questions and also gave me the address to the RAS office and suggested I write a letter and include all my information (i.e. name, phone # etc.)

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Dependent TAPS

Name of Dependent	Relationship[Date of Death	Location
Patsy J. Rainey	Wife of CWO3 Wallace G. Rainey, USCG, Ret	22 Aug 07	Auburndale, FL
Elizabeth P. (Betty) Robbins	Wife of VADM Clyde E. Robbins, USCG, Ret	01 Oct 07	Troy, PA
Essie L. Madison	Wife of EMC David E. Madison, USCG, Ret	11 Sep 07	Austin, MN
Connie Freeman	Wife of CWO4 Jeffery L. Freeman, USCG, Ret	21 Aug 07	Portland, OR
Katherine M. Mitoma	Wife of SK2 Kenneth M. Mitoma, USCGR, Ret	17 May 06	Lake Elsinore, CA
Margaret J. Easter	Wife of LCDR James K. Easter, USCG, Ret, dec'd	8 Nov 07	Mobile, AL
Kathleen A. La Fond	Wife of CWO4 Robert E. La Fond, USCG, Ret	6 Nov 07	Raymond, NH
Joanna Leone	Wife of MKCS David Leone, USCG, Ret	29 Mar 07	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Eugenia M. Shaver	Wife of EMC James R. Shaver, USCG, Ret	25 Sep 07	Ft. Myers, FL
Joan R. Hallock	Wife of LCDR James Hallock, Jr., USCG, Ret, dec'd	11 Apr 07	Salina, KS

If you have lost a loved one and would like their name printed in Dependent TAPs, please contact 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.

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and an unsealed stamped envelope addressed to myself with a note to Mr. Davis. On 7/23 I also received e-mails from Jim Clifton, Lieutenant Commander, USCG, Retired and Joe Thomas also retired from the CG (I don't know Mr. Thomas's rank) with the same sort of information. I was out of town for a few days and didn't get to send my letter to the RAS office until 7/28. I followed CWO Cornell's suggestion to the letter. On 8/3/07 I received a phone call from Mr. & Mrs. Harold D. Davis. WOW that day was such a thrill for me! Caroline Kern, from the RAS office had received my letter and had called the Davis's with the information about the letter I had written and gave them my phone number. What a great lady she is! We have talked several times since and I have a picture on the way to her so she can see CWO Davis and myself. I e-mailed each of the three gentlemen that helped me and let them know I was planning on making a book for Mr. Davis with all my e-mails, letters and phone calls. I also asked what part of the country they lived in, since you couldn't measure cyber space, I thought it would be fun to figure out how far I would have traveled to each place if I had been in a car. It came to a grand total of 3,842 miles I would have had to travel. Thank goodness for the internet with the price of gas now days. On 8/17/07 my sister (Elaine), Mr. & Mrs. Davis and I meet for the first time (along with the local reporter). We had a great 2 1/2 hour lunch at a local Chinese restaurant. What a nice couple. Finally, I was able to return the missing dog tag! Mr. Davis believes he probably lost his original tag, which he says was issued to him in 1947 when he was 18 years old, around 1972, after he had just returned from Vietnam and was helping his daughter build a vacation home on the peninsula. They had been doing a lot of skiing, fishing and boat riding at the time. The dog tag had been rolling around in the water for more than 30 years. I have no idea how many hurricanes have been in this area since the 70's. The tag had several scratches and the chain had rusted. It was my honor and pleasure to meet and return a small part of Mr. Davis's history to him. Mr. Davis and I were so glad to finally get to meet each other. We have become great friends and talk at least every two weeks. I e-mailed all three gentlemen that had a part in finding CWO Davis a picture of both of us that was on the front page of the local paper. They have each e-mailed a picture of themselves so Mr. Davis and I could put a face with the names. I have also become good friends with CWO Joe Cornell, e-mailing each other quite often. Caroline and I have also become good friends.

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If you need information or have questions about:

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- ◆ Your Retired/Annuitant Statement
- ◆ IRS Form 1099R (reporting taxable income)

or you need to change:

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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)

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

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Fax: (785) 339-3770

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

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

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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
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CG Health Benefits Advisor	1 800 942-2422	
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Department of Veterans Affairs	1 800 827-1000	http://www.va.gov
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Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents	1 800 827-1000	http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current_benefits.htm VA Pamphlet 80-02-1
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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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Other Important Phone Numbers and Websites

Other	Phone	Websites/Notes
Travel Claims	1 866 772-8724 Overseas (785) 339-2200	http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/tvl.htm Send final travel claim to: Commanding Officer (TVL) USCG Personnel Service Center 444 SE Quincy St. Topeka, KS 66683-3591
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Social Security	1 800 772-1213	http://www.ssa.gov
WWII U. S. Merchant Marine Awards and Decorations	(202) 366-2646	http://www.marad.dot.gov/contact_us.html Attn: Patricia Thomas, Medals and Decorations Maritime Administration U. S. Department of Transportation 400 7th Street, SW, Room 7304 Washington, D.C. 20590
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