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## “The National Relevance of the Future of the Coast Guard”

*Admiral James M. Loy, National Press Club, 24 February 2000.*

The Commandant outlined a twofold purpose for his speech: first, to raise the visibility of the national relevance of current and future Coast Guard service to America; and second, to offer two reasons why the members of the National Press Club should care about the direction and effectiveness of this fifth armed service, housed in the Department of Transportation and consuming about one quarter of one percent of the federal budget.

**Breadth of (Deepwater) Missions.** Search and Rescue may define the core humanitarian character of our service, but it barely cracks our top five missions in terms of operating expenses. Search and Rescue claims a smaller piece of the pie than Drug Interdiction, Fisheries and Marine Sanctuaries Enforcement, Marine Safety, or Aids to Navigation. It is the Coast Guard you see most — the JFK, Jr., tragedy; Egypt Air 990; the floods in North Carolina after Hurricane Floyd; heroic rescues from

patrol boats or helicopters. And clearly, in the heart of every Coast Guard man or woman, it is the mission we hold dearest, the one that stamps our identity. But we have many other missions — missions like Marine Environmental Protection, Icebreaking, Migrant Interdiction, Defense Readiness, and International Outreach that take us far from the coast to help carry out America's vital security and economic interests. The reality is that we have a broad range of missions that take us far from the coastal SAR that most people associate with us. We're proud of the 90,000 lives we saved since 1994. But we're also proud of the steady decline in oil spills we helped bring about over the past decade, the record we set for cocaine seizures last year, the heating oil that's reaching the Northeast today as a result of our domestic icebreaking efforts, and much more.

**Present Concerns.** Imagine three tanks supplying fuel to three engines. One engine represents modernization, one represents readiness, and the third

represents current operations. Under normal circumstances, if one tank runs low, we can siphon fuel from the other tanks to keep all three tanks at acceptable levels.

My concern today is that



my readiness and modernization tanks are at unacceptably low levels, and my current operations tank doesn't have any extra fuel because the growth of our mandated responsibilities has not been matched by increased resources. If you're already doing all you can do, there's nothing left when emergencies arise and demand extra effort. Your only choice is to hold your breath, sail the ship, and take it out on the backs

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of your already overworked people.

Thus, my most immediate pressing concern is restoring our **readiness** — making sure the Coast Guard will be able to respond the next time there's a hurricane, or a major oil spill, or a mass migration, or a surge in drug shipments. What are we doing about it? Given that the three relevant variables in my capabilities equation are readiness, modernization, and current operations, my only option for improving immediate readiness is adjusting current operations.

To ease the most immediate strains, I have directed my senior operational commanders to adjust their non-emergency cutter and aircraft deployment schedules to make sure they do not exceed the levels that can be sustained by the training, maintenance and other support systems that we have in place. In other words, we will no longer sustain routine operations — despite their productivity — by overtaxing units. If an air station can meet its programmed flight hours only by cutting back on training its maintenance crews, the commanding officer can ask the operational commander to adjust the programmed hours.

This direction may sound like a fairly simple common-sense change — and maybe we should have started making management decisions like it a long time ago. **But it marks an important cultural shift in the Coast Guard — a new willingness to admit there are limits on what we can accomplish, and**

**a new awareness that the short-term pride in doing more with less comes at a price we shouldn't always be willing to pay.**

We'll still answer every SAR alarm, but we're going to make a more conscious effort to keep people and equipment fresh for the emergencies we know will come.

Our readiness shortfalls did not occur overnight, and they won't get fixed overnight, but I am working hard with the Administration and the Congress to address them. The President's FY01 budget calls for an increase in our operating and acquisition budgets, and I am confident that Congress will support this increase as a step towards restoring our readiness to a level appropriate to our mission requirements across the board.

**The Future.** What then of the future? My concern is our pressing need to re-capitalize our aging fleet of ships and aircraft and the command and control systems that perform our missions beyond the coastal zone. Of the 41 comparably sized Navy and Coast Guard fleets in the world, only two are older than our deepwater fleet. But more important than their age is the consideration that our current assets simply do not provide the capabilities we need to perform our missions. They get more expensive to maintain and operate every year.

The one-word answer to that dilemma is **Deepwater**. Deepwater is the short name of our Integrated Deepwater System acquisition project to replace our aging assets that work in the open ocean.

The need for this re-capitalization is well grounded in a rigorous analysis of a real and growing gap between our capabilities and our mission requirements. Deepwater will be the largest acquisition project in the history of the Coast Guard, and its size has prompted some skepticism, most notably from the General Accounting Office, which otherwise has been very complimentary of many of our management initiatives.

We are doing all in our power to make our acquisition strategy for Deepwater a model of foresight and prudent stewardship. This spirit of stewardship and fiscal responsibility extends beyond the Coast Guard and has prompted a desire to obtain independent validation of our future mission expectations before committing to the Deepwater investment.

I am pleased to announce today that this independent validation has been completed. Secretary of Transportation Rodney E. Slater recently sent the President the "**Report of the Interagency Task Force on U.S. Coast Guard Roles and Missions.**" The task force offers six over-arching conclusions. Four of them are:

1. The Coast Guard roles and missions support national policies and objectives that will endure into the 21st century.
2. The United States will continue to need a flexible, adaptable Coast Guard to meet national maritime interests and requirements well into the next century.

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3. The re-capitalization of the Coast Guard's Deepwater capability is a near-term national priority.

4. The Integrated Deepwater System project is a sound approach to that end, and the Interagency Task Force strongly endorses its process and timeline.

The other two conclusions encourage creative investment in agility and technology. I am grateful for the opportunity to release this important report today. It points to the future of the Coast Guard and validates my projection articulated in Coast Guard 2020.

**Summary:** For the present, we are working hard to restore readiness. For the future, we are working to obtain the capabilities we'll need to perform the missions we know will be there.

There are two compelling reasons why the future of the Coast Guard has broad national relevance.

1. The first reason is that America's enduring national security, social stability, environmental health, and economic vitality are enhanced by a robust and capable Coast Guard. The maritime dimensions to the threats that will challenge our peace and tranquility in those areas are real, growing, and clearly Coast Guard business.

The Coast Guard's mission growth

has always paralleled the growth of our nation and its maritime interests. Our service history is the story of a growing nation confronting one emergent maritime need after another. During many such crises, America entrusted the mission to the Coast Guard. Each time, the Coast Guard accepted the new challenge and folded it into its inventory of multi-mission responsibilities.

And the twenty-first century will bring more of the same. The global economy is expected to double if not triple in the next twenty years. Our inter-connection to the rest of the world will magnify the importance of an efficient and safe marine transportation system, of security from terrorist attack and criminal enterprises, of protection of living marine resources and the marine environment, and of the continued preservation of our national liberty.

Growth points to one set of maritime challenges. Instability points to another. Both sets of challenges promise increased demand for a strong and vital Coast Guard.

2. The second is that we are the harbinger of the movement towards government accountability.

No agency has more whole-heartedly committed itself to results-based government.

We are ten years into our quality management journey. We overhauled our strategic planning and capital asset management processes. We willingly submitted to a massive streamlining from 1994 through 1998 that slashed our operating base. We think

we represent one of the taxpayers' best investments, and we've invited scrutiny by holding ourselves accountable for more quantifiable performance measures across a broader mission spectrum than any other agency I can think of.

**Why is this news?** Because our health and success will be a reliable indicator of whether result-based management will take deeper root across the federal government. I am convinced that the clear national need for a robust Coast Guard, combined with our track record of integrity and good management, will win the day. I retain an upbeat faith that the good will of the American public will reveal itself through the political process in the form of adequate resources to do our jobs.

The Administration and Congress have supported our requests for developmental work on the Deepwater project, and I believe they will continue to support this project when it's time to write the big checks and get down to cutting steel. I intend to surprise everybody by playing by the rules and succeeding anyway. If I'm right, others will follow. Stay tuned.

**Email the Retiree  
Newsletter Editor at:  
HRSIC-rasnewsletter@  
hrsic.uscg.mil**

## Retiree & Annuitant Services telephone menu redesigned to better assist our customers

Many of you have contacted us to let us know you didn't like the hassle you were experiencing when you called our 800 number.

We have made fairly significant changes to the incoming voice announcement to get you to the right person



**1-800-772-8724**

quicker. After you call, we would appreciate hearing from you to let us know if these changes have improved our telephone service for you.

If you have comments, please call Caroline Kern at extension 3439.

On pages 4 & 5 you will find a diagram of the new messages and a list of helpful extensions to assist you.



Thank you for calling the Coast Guard's Retiree & Annuitant Services. We have streamlined our menu options, so please listen carefully before making a selection.

If you know the extension number of the person you are trying to reach, you may press the # key and dial their extension number at any time

**For General Information, allotment, tax & address changes; please press 1.**

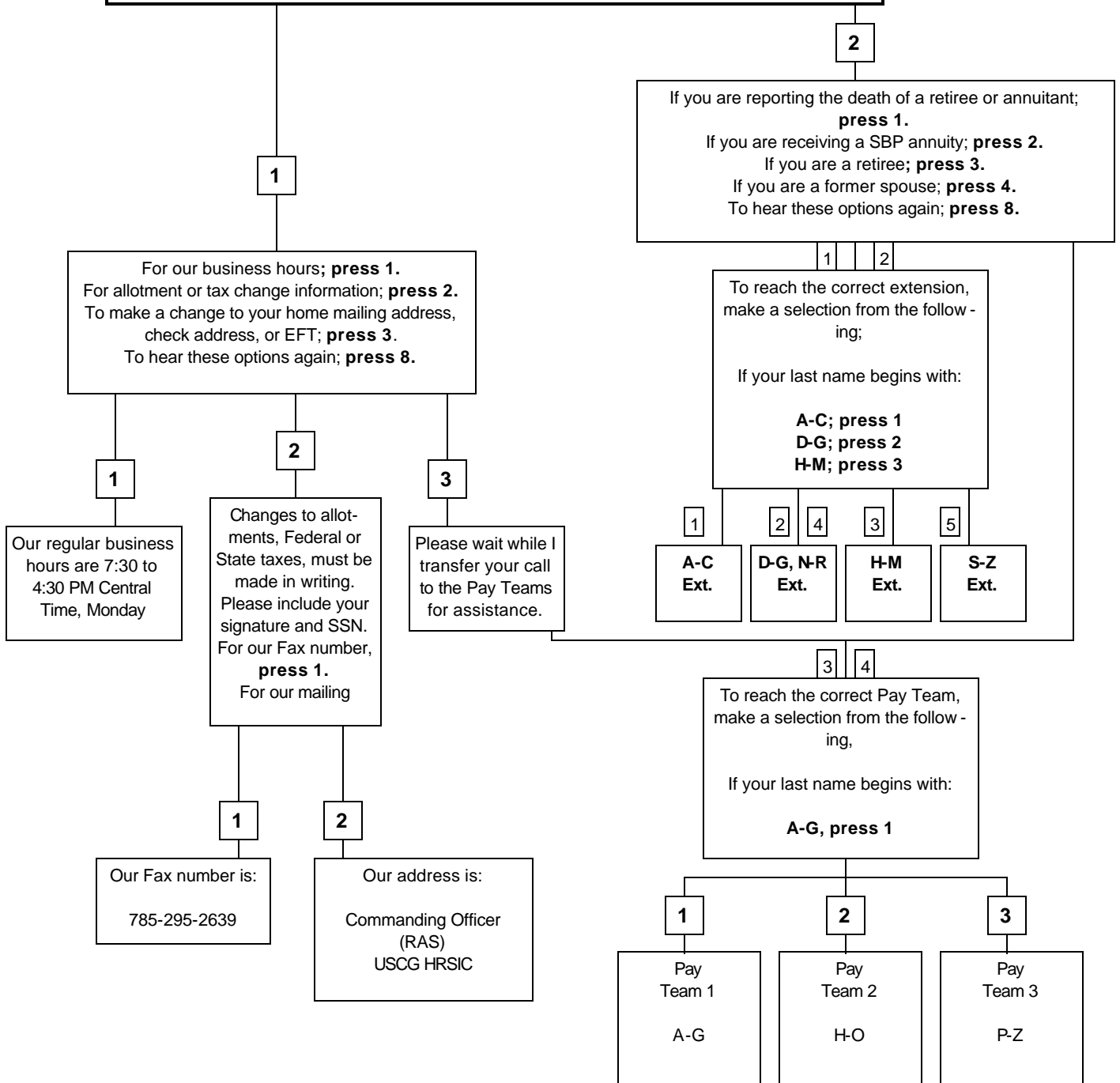
**To Report a death, or be connected to a Pay Team; please press 2.**

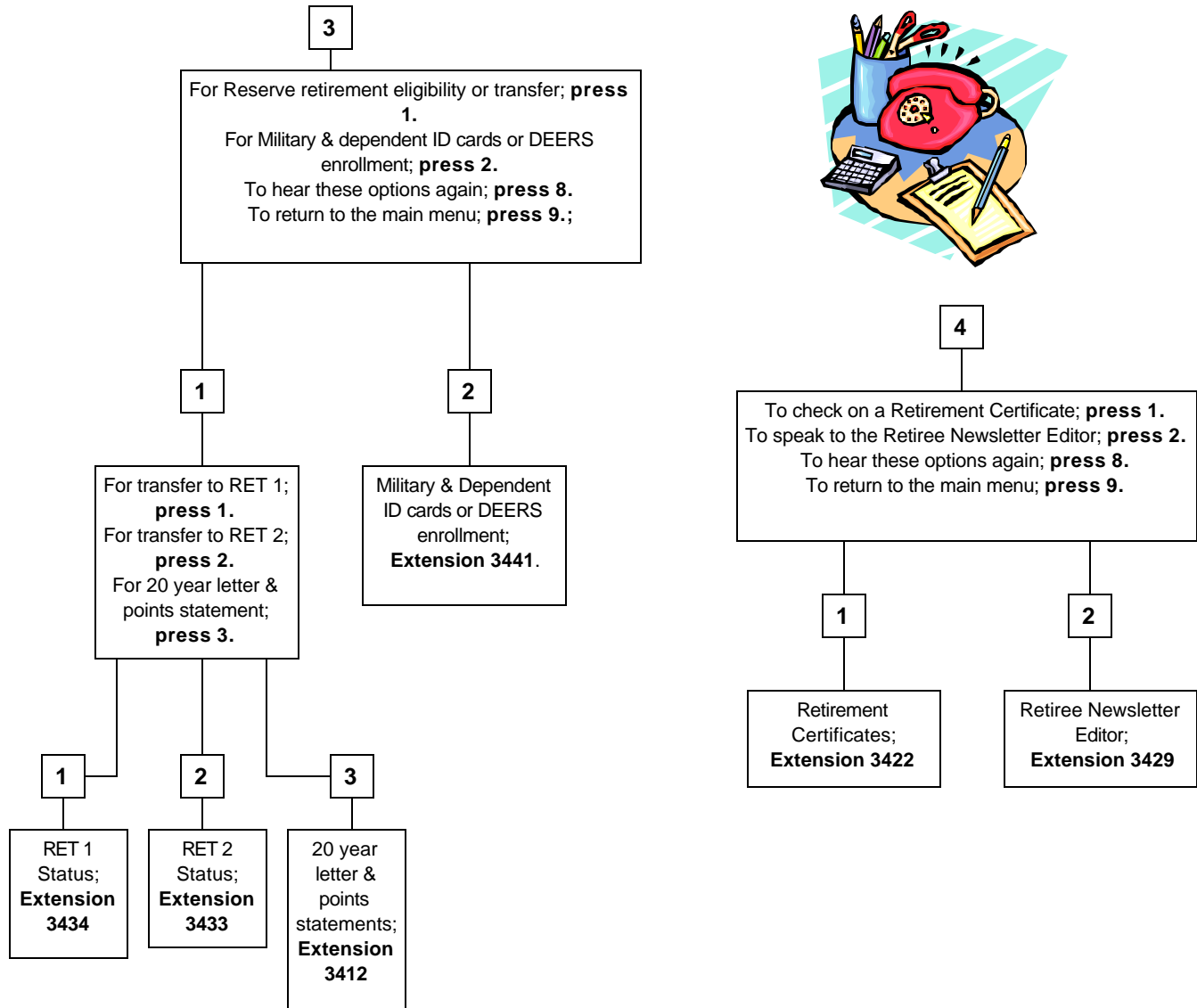
**For Reserve retirement eligibility, Military & Dependent ID cards, or DEERS enrollment; please press 3.**

**For Retirement Certificates, or the Retiree Newsletter; please press 4.**

To hear these options again; please press 8.

If you are calling from a rotary phone, please stay on the line.





**\* Please note:** At any time during our menu, if you know the extension of the person you are trying to reach, you may press the # key on your phone and dial their extension. Below is a list of our most frequently used extensions.

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|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| <b>Chief, Retiree Annuitant Services</b><br>Nancy Hawkins Ext 3460                        |  |  |  | V, W, X,<br>Y & Z Dona Trueblood Ext 3435                                      |  |
| <b>Asst Chief, Retiree Annuitant Services</b><br>CWO4 Bonnie Abendschan Ext 3416          |  | <b>Pay Team 2</b><br>(Last names beginning with H-O)<br>Supervisor: Bill Weakly Ext 3432 |  | <b>Retiree &amp; Annuitant Deaths</b><br><b>Annuitant Accounts</b>             |  |
| <b>Retiree Newsletter Writer/Editor</b><br>Ext 3429                                       |  | H & O Rachel Ferrer Ext 3427   |  | A-C Pat Biszantz Ext 3424  |  |
| <b>Pay Team 1</b><br>(Last names beginning with A-G)<br>Supervisor: Terry Rogers Ext 3423 |  | I, K & L Gayle Gardner Ext 3430  |  | D-G/N-R Lloyd Hatfield Ext 3436  |  |
|   |  | M David Drummond Ext 3449  |  | H-M Rick Stadler Ext 3440  |  |
|   |  | J & N Thad Wages Ext 3442  |  | S-Z Jeff Guerrero Ext 3446   |  |
|   |  | <b>Pay Team 3</b><br>(Last names beginning with P-Z)<br>Supervisor: Karen North Ext 3438 |  | <b>Reserve Retirement Processing</b><br>Supervisor: YNC Kelly McAdams Ext 3414 |  |
| A – B Kyla Huitt Ext 3419   |  | P, Q & U Paula Meggison Ext 3443   |  | Ret 1 YN2 Brent Swanson Ext  |  |
| C Linda Frank Ext 3418  |  | R & T Paula Leach Ext 3413   |  | 3434   |  |
| D – E Sandra Ayers Ext 3428   |  | S Tony Cervantes Ext 3431  |  | Ret 2 YN3 Mike Adair Ext 3433  |  |
| F – G Mickey Foster Ext 3417  |  |  |  |  |  |



# Coast Guard Mutual Assistance



**Thank you...from the Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA) Board of Control!!** The Board of Control expresses its appreciation to all of our members who contributed to CGMA during the fund raising campaign this year. It is only through your generous contributions and the return on investments that CGMA has been able to provide high levels of financial assistance to our fellow members in need. The goal of the annual campaign is to ensure that every member is given the opportunity to learn more about CGMA's programs and contribute to the only fund that is truly: ***Coast Guard people helping Coast Guard people.***

**During 1999, nearly 8,000 members of the Coast Guard's family received \$5.9 million of assistance during their times of unexpected financial need. Financial assistance was distributed in the form of loans and grants for a variety of needs, including financial and personal loss due to hurricanes Dennis and Floyd, emergency travel, major car repairs, pay and travel claim problems and education needs. CGMA also expanded the scope and eligibility for many programs, added new programs and created an informative web-site that includes CGMA assistance descriptions, applications for assistance and CGMA Representative locations. Once again, financial assistance was provided to individuals from all segments of the Coast Guard's family – Active Duty and Retired military personnel, Civilian employees, Reservists, Auxiliaries and U.S. Public Health Service Officers serving with the Coast Guard. None of this would have been possible without your support!**

Your compassion and generosity through the years made it possible for **Coast Guard Mutual Assistance to provide over \$93 million in assistance, since its inception in 1924.** Your kindhearted support during the recent fund raising campaign will enable CGMA to continue enhancing the levels of assistance given to our members during unexpected financial crisis.

Missed your opportunity to contribute during the campaign? Contributions may be made throughout the year by sending them to:

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance  
Commandant (G-ZMA)  
2100 2<sup>nd</sup> St. SW, Room 5502  
Washington, DC 20593-0001

Questions about CGMA and types of assistance available may be directed to any CGMA Representative; or you may call CGMA-HQ at 1-800-881-2462, or write to the above address. We also encourage you to visit our web-site at: [www.cgmahq.org](http://www.cgmahq.org).

If you need assistance, please contact your nearest CGMA Representative. CGMA Representative locations are contained in our web-site.

**Coast Guard Mutual Assistance – “We look after our own”**





## TROA STAFF MEMBER IS HONORED FOR SAVING CHILD



Alexandria, Va...

CW04 Lewis J. Tolleson, III, USCG (Ret), Deputy Director of Personal Affairs for The Retired Officers Association (TROA), in Alexandria, was presented with the American Legion's Heroism Medal on March 1, 2000 at the dinner meeting of the Dyer-Gunnell American Legion Post 180 in Vienna, Va. Tolleson was honored for saving a child who had stopped breathing, by performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). The incident took place at the American Legion Post 180 on January 29, 2000.

Tolleson, of Falls Church, Va., was visiting the American Legion Post when a commotion erupted from a birthday party being given at the Post. Someone asked if anyone knew CPR, and Mr. Tolleson immediately volunteered. He performed rescue breathing on a 16-month-old child who was having a seizure and had stopped breathing. Thanks to Mr. Tolleson's efforts, after a couple of minutes, the child opened his eyes and began to breathe on his own.

Tolleson, a retired U.S. Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officer, was taught CPR while on active duty doing search and

rescue work for the Coast Guard in the Outer Banks of N.C. He has performed CPR several times on people, and says CPR is like riding a bike to him. This was the first time he had performed it on a child.

"My god, what a feeling to have been able to help a small child." said Tolleson, "Someone from above must have been looking out for him."

"The little boy had a fever of 104°, which caused the seizure. He is doing fine now." said Ms. Cindy Archer, Post 180 Club Manager.

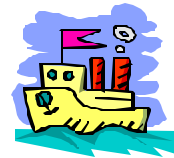
"Thank goodness Lew was here."

Tolleson is a long-standing member of the American Legion and serves as Post 180's Service Officer.

*"Duty is the sublimest word in our language. Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more. You should never wish to do less."*

*Robert E. Lee  
U.S. Civil War General*

## How to simulate shipboard life: Suggestions for the ex-sailor who misses the "good old"



- Sleep on the shelf in your hall closet.
- Replace the closet door with a curtain.
- 6 hours after you go to sleep, have your wife whip open the curtain, shine a flashlight in your eyes and mumble "sorry wrong rack".
- Build a wall down the middle of your bathroom, and lower the shower head to chest level.
- While showering, turn off water while soaping.
- Put lube oil in your humidifier, and turn it on high.
- On TV watch only old movies in the middle of the night, have your family vote on the movie to watch, then show a different one.
- (mandatory for Snipes) Leave the lawnmower running in the living room for 24 hours.
- Have the paperboy give you a haircut.
- Once a week, blow compressed air up your chimney, watch the soot land on your neighbors car, laugh when he curses you.
- Buy a trash compactor, use it only once a week and store the other trash in the bathtub.
- Wake up at midnight, have peanut butter on stale bread.
- Make up your family menu a month in advance without regard for the inventory of food on hand.
- Set alarms to go off at random times, when they go off, run into

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your yard, grab the garden house and wet down your house. Or, put on stereo headphones, stand in front of the kitchen range, say to no one in particular, "Stove manned and ready, Sir" 3 hours later say, "Stove secured chief", hang the phones on the oven door and go to bed.

- Once a month take every appliance apart, and put it back together.
- Use 17 scoops of coffee for 8 cups of water, let it sit for 6 hours with the grounds still in the pot, then drink it.
- Invite at least 85 people, you don't like, to stay for two months.
- Install a fluorescent light under your coffee table, then lie under it and read a book.
- Lockwire the lugnuts on your car.
- When baking a cake, prop up 1 end of the pan, then level it out with icing.
- Every month throw the cat in the pool, shout "man overboard" run into the kitchen and sweep all the dishes off the table, and yell at your wife for not having the place stowed for sea.

## Armed Forces Vacation Club



The Armed Forces Vacation Club (AFVC) is a "Space Available" program that offers Department of Defense affiliated personnel the opportunity to take affordable condominium vacations at resorts around the world for only \$209 per unit per week. The AFVC makes this possible by utilizing "excess" inventory at condominium timeshare resorts.

"Excess" inventory consists of condominium units that resort owners do not use, which generally means off-season or short-notice travel. If you enjoy off-season activities in popular locations without the hassle of high-season prices, crowd, and lines or if you can travel on 10 days notice or less, the AFVC offers an incredible vacation value.

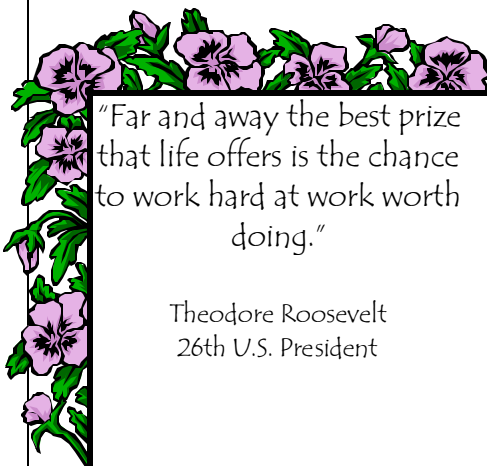
To determine the appeal and demand for off-season vacation travel, the AFVC began as a limited test in the Military District - Washington area in January 1999. Eligibility was restricted to military ID card holders, only a handful of installations participated and there were just a few resorts available, all within driving distance. The program proved so popular, that it was rolled out to all of CONUS on 1 August 1999 and introduced to Europe on 1 November 1999. On 1 January 2000, the AFVC went global and extended eligibility to anyone (over the age of 21) affiliated with DoD; all seven Uniformed Services, active duty or retired (medical or regular), reserves, and National Guard (see Policies and Procedures for full eligibility details). At this time, the AFVC has one product offering: 7-night condominium vacations. The majority of availability is generally in the US, Mexico, South America, and Europe. Availability varies, but frequently covers two dozen or more countries. Condominium units typically include a full kitchen, stocked with every-

thing from a refrigerator and stove to coffee pot and soap for the dishwasher. Many include washers and dryers. Most resorts provide amenities you aren't likely to get with a hotel room. Guests have access to on-site recreational facilities, swimming pools, fitness centers, game rooms, gift shops restaurants and organized activities. Golf and skiing are available on-site at some resorts or nearby. Add area attractions and you have an exceptional vacation for far less than you would normally expect to pay.

While condominium units are at timeshare resorts, there is NO requirement to attend a timeshare presentation. Some resorts are already sold-out and do not have active sales centers on-site. If the resort is still in sales, at some time during your stay, you will probably be given an opportunity to attend a presentation in exchange for a premium or gift (free dinner, theater/show tickets, amusement/theme park tickets, etc.). DON'T PANIC. Everyone at these resorts, even owners, are given this same opportunity. If you like the incentive gift and want to attend the presentation, you are welcome to do so. Do not feel that you have to; you are under no obligation; just say, "No, thanks."

- The current 7-day, Space-A, condo rental offer is a great value, but you may like other vacation choices and support as well. What if you can't travel off-season or on short notice? To help meet this need, we are presently finalizing negotiations with a travel club that will provide 24 hour service for discounted airline, rental car, and hotel reservation services, as well as discounted cruise and tour packages. Imagine booking airline tickets, rental car, and hotel reservations and getting a 5% cash rebate after you get back from your

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"Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing."

Theodore Roosevelt  
26th U.S. President



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trip. Would you like to take a discounted cruise and get a 5% cash rebate when you return home? Watch the Club Opportunities section of the web site. We'll announce full product details as soon as they become available.

You can find more information on the Armed Forces Vacation Club, including sites available on their web site at:

[www.afvclub.com](http://www.afvclub.com)



## A Sailors Pride



There is this pride, that every sailor has, and that is, seeing his ship there.  
Tied up right, and along side tight.  
Her superstructure gleaming, and her decks clean and bright.  
Soon onboard, the Bosn's pipe will sound,  
Calling all hands to muster, all divisions around.  
From the quarter deck, you will hear, All hand present and accounted for, Sir  
Very loud and clear.  
Then comes the command which brings a cheer  
All hands man your stations, prepare to get underway  
From the bridge, comes the order, let go number one

Let go number two and then let go aft, and slowly  
She begins to move from the dock, before the last order  
Let go the painter is heard, she is on her way.  
Up the estuary and out the Gate, and away  
On the Docks and Vessels near, they hear  
That shrill whistle and the ships horn, harsh and loud  
This Coast Guard Cutter is going to sea Strong and Proud.

*Dedicated to: Norman L. Scherer, Capt, USCG, (retired) - Commanding Officer of the USCGC GRESHAM (WHEC-387) 1964-1968*

*Written by: Ralph L. Cote', CWO (F&S), USCG, (retired)*

## Honoring those who served in the Naval Services



Washington, D.C., April, 2000 -- The U.S. Navy Memorial in Washington D. C. is encouraging sons and daughters to honor their parents who served in the Navy, Coast Guard, Marines or Merchant Marine by enrolling them in the Navy Log in Washington, D.C.

The Log has thus far collected names and service information of 245,000 present and former naval personnel. Most of the names are of living persons self-enrolled or by gift tributes from friends or families, but a large number are of deceased veterans enrolled in the Log by their descendants or by surviving shipmates.

All enrollments form a part of America's enduring naval heritage, a

permanent and publicly accessible video register available for viewing at the Naval Heritage Center next to the Memorial on Pennsylvania Avenue, midway between the White House and the Capitol, or on the Memorial's Internet web site, [www.lonesailor.org](http://www.lonesailor.org).

Each Log entry contains the entrant's name, date and place of birth, dates and branch of naval service, highest rate or rank attained, up to five top medals and awards and five duty stations. Log enrollments help support the Memorial's values-based educational programs, which honor, preserve and celebrate America's enduring naval heritage.

Sons and daughters desiring to enroll their mother or father should send his or her name, date and place of birth, dates of naval service, highest rate or rank, up to five awards received and five duty stations served accompanied by a \$25

tax deductible enrollment donation to Navy Log, Dept Y2000, P. O. Box 96570, Washington, DC 20077-7685. A head and shoulders portrait photo may be added for an additional \$25 (photos cannot be returned).

Enrollments make welcome gifts to veterans. Sponsored enrollments are also sought from relatives of deceased naval veterans.

The Navy Memorial Foundation is a non-profit, tax exempt organization that receives no government support for building and operating the Navy Memorial or the Naval Heritage





# Retirements



Name	Rank	Retirement Date	Yrs Srv	Name	Rank	Retirement Date	Yrs Srv
ABILES, BIENVENIDO	CAPT	20000401	27	FORQUER, DOUGLAS	LCDR	20000310	36
AIRHART, JOSEPH	MED4	20000301	20	FOX, ERNEST	CDR	20000103	22
AMANN, RICHARD	EM1	20000401	20	FRY, FRANK	ET1	20000401	20
ARMOUR, GEORGE	FS1	20000301	20	GALUSHA, MARK	BMCS	20000301	21
AUSTIN, DENNIS	YN1	20000401	20	GARCIA, RONALD	RDCS	20000401	20
BAARS, CHARLES	HS1	20000401	20	GARDNER, FRANK	LCDR	20000301	25
BAILEY, DAVID	SK1	20000401	20	GARDNER, RANDY	DCC	20000401	20
BALLERINI, ROBERT	SK1	20000401	20	GOODENOUGH, CHRISTOPHER	HS1	20000401	20
BARB, CLARENCE	PS1	20000301	31	GREENFIELD, JOHN	CAPT	20000222	37
BARR, JOHN	DCC	20000301	21	GRIFFITH, RALPH	FS2	20000301	20
BECKETT, CRAIG	BM1	20000301	20	GROSS, MICHAEL	MAT4	20000401	26
BELISLE, MICHAEL	AMT1	20000401	20	GROSZ, ROBERT	DC1	20000401	20
BIEVER, DAVID	AMT1	20000301	20	GURTON, JOHN	MKC	20000313	42
BLAKESLEE, ROBERT	EMCM	20000301	39	HANSEN, WALTER	MKCM	20000304	39
BOIKE, PAUL	BOSN2	2000202	41	HENNING, THOMAS	QMC	20000401	20
BONDY, JOY	FSCS	20000301	20	HERKELRATH, JAMES	CDR	20000301	20
BOUCHARD, TROY	TC2	20000401	20	HOLLISTER, WILLIAM	TCC	20000401	21
BOYD, PETER	CAPT	20000401	26	HOWLAND, STEVEN	BM1	20000301	20
BREBNER, GERALD	DC1	20000401	20	HUESTIS, EDWARD	ETCM	2000212	32
BREWER, MATTHEW	LTJG	20000401	20	HULSHOFF, DIRK	BM1	20000401	20
BREWIS, ROBERT	IVCS	20000205	36	HUNNINGS, WALTER	LCDR	20000201	20
BREWTON, GEORGE	TT1	20000301	20	HUNTER, BRIAN	FSCS	20000301	24
BROCKS, JOHN	PS1	20000318	29	JANUSZ, JOHN	MAT3	20000401	23
BROWN, JAMES	FSC	20000401	20	JOHNS, TIMOTHY	AMTCS	20000401	23
BRYANT, RONALD	HS1	20000301	20	JONES, MARGARET	CDR	20000401	20
BRYANT, WILLIE	AMTCM	20000401	30	KERN, JOHN	CDR	20000315	39
BUCHWALD, ROBERT	AMT1	20000401	20	KILMER, LARRY	PERS4	20000301	23
BURNETTE, JERALD	COMM4	20000222	43	KING, TIMOTHY	AMTCS	20000301	21
BUSBY, WILLIAM	MKC	20000401	21	KITT, WESLEY	LT	20000401	20
CAMPBELL, COLIN	RD1	20000301	20	KMETH, S	MK1	20000321	37
CAMPBELL, JOHN	LCDR	20000301	20	KONRAD, JAMES	YN1	20000301	20
CANTRELL, WILLARD	COMM2	20000401	20	KOEB, RAYMOND	BM2	20000202	34
CASTRO, RAUL	PERS2	20000301	21	KOZACZKA, JOSEPH	BOSN4	19991030	41
CHAVEZ, CHARLES	SK2	20000301	16	KRAMER, CHARLES	MK1	20000301	24
COOKSON, DALE	AVT2	20000301	20	LACHOWICZ, MICHAEL	YN1	20000401	20
COOLEY, JOSEPH	CAPT	20000317	38	LAMONT, DANIEL	BMCS	20000401	20
COOPER, ANGUS	MKC	20000312	30	LARRABEE, RICHARD	RADM	20000301	32
CREDLE, EDWARD	SKC	20000301	23	LARSEN, SOREN	RD3	19991203	02
CROSS, ROBERT	AVT1	20000301	20	LAUGHINGHOUSE, BILLY	DC1	20000301	20
CURRIE, ROBERT	GMC	20000301	21	LUTZ, TIMOTHY	MK2	20000401	20
DALTON, TERESA	MKC	20000301	20	MACY, HARVEY	MKC	20000401	23
DAVERN, ANTHONY	LT	20000401	22	MARSHALL, ARRIC	DC1	20000301	20
DEBORBA, RICHARD	MK2	20000218	05	MARTIN, LINDA	YNCS	20000225	25
DEROCHEMONT, ORVILLE	MKCM	20000301	35	MATTULAT, JOHN	AMT1	20000401	20
DIAZ, LUIS	PACM	20000401	24	MAYNARD, MICHAEL	FS1	20000301	24
DIEFENDERFER, PATRICIA	TCC	20000301	20	MCCARTY, PATRICK	ETCM	20000301	24
DOENCH, LAWRENCE	CDR	20000331	37	MCEVILY, TERENCE	DCCS	20000301	22
DUFFY, EDWARD	YN1	20000217	38	MC GEE, STEPHEN	FS1	20000215	32
ELLNER, PAUL	CAPT	20000301	24	MCINNES, ROBERT	AVT1	20000401	20
ENLUND, WILLIAM	PSCM	20000222	42	MEADERS, JONATHAN	TC2	20000201	20
EVANS, SHERRY	SK2	20000401	22	MILLER, JERRY	MK1	20000308	35
FELKNER, ROBERT	AVI2	20000301	20	MONTALVO, LUIS	HS1	20000301	20
FINAMORE, JAMES	MK1	20000401	20	MOORE, SCOTT	ENG2	20000301	23
FLANNERY, THERESA	HS1	20000127	13	MORAN, GERARD	MK1	20000301	23
FLORA, THOMAS	LCDR	20000401	28	MORROW, KENNETH	MKC	20000301	21

Name	Rank	Retirement Date	Yrs Srv
MULDONG, EDUARDO	FSCM	20000301	30
NALLY, EILEEN	LT	20000207	10
NEWELL, ROBERT	MKC	19980511	41
NEWMAN, PAUL	LCDR	20000201	20
NORTON, WILLIAM	CAPT	20000219	37
ONEILL, EDMUND	SK1	20000401	24
OSBORN, MICHAEL	ELC4	20000301	30
PATSTONE, FRANK	TCC	20000217	38
PERCHIKOFF, GEORGE	MKC	20000219	40
PEREZ, JOSE	BM2	20000401	20
PERKINS, CHRISTOPHER	TC1	20000401	20
PESEK, WILLIAM	PSCS	20000213	32
PETERS, THOMAS	TCC	20000401	20
PETERSEN, HARRY	FSC	20000401	22
PHILLIPS, MARK	MAT3	20000301	22
PIERCE, MICHAEL	AVI3	20000301	22
PINA, BRENDA	YN1	20000401	20
RAY, ARTHUR	RDCM	20000217	29
RICHISON, CHARLES	AMT2	20000401	20
RITZ, BRUCE	MK1	20000301	22
ROBEL, JAMES	SK1	19991201	20
ROGAN, RONDELL	HS1	20000401	20
SALA, MARC	ENG4	20000301	30
SALTERS, ERIC	TC3	20000321	03
SANBORN, CURTIS	SKC	20000219	32
SCHAEFER, DENNIS	PAC	20000401	20
SCHILLER, KEVIN	YNCM	20000301	39
SELFE, DONALD	BM1	20000205	40
SHERMAN, JAMES	ASTCS	20000401	20
SHETLER, STEVEN	F&S4	20000301	29
SHIFFMAN, DAVID	DC1	20000301	30
SIDA, MICHAEL	BM1	20000401	20
SMITH, KEITH	SK1	20000401	20
SMITH, NORMAN	YN1	20000301	20
SMITH, WILLIAM	TTC	20000301	27
SOUDER, STEPHEN	PSCS	20000306	41
SPIRAWK, JOSEPH	MK1	20000301	20
SPITZER, GREGORY	LCDR	20000220	29
STOCKHAM, GARY	ELC3	20000401	30
STRATTON, CRAIG	AMT2	20000401	20
STUBBS, BRUCE	CAPT	20000401	29
STUDER, WILLIAM	MK1	20000227	30
SUTHERLAND, CHRISTOPHER	MK3	20000310	02
SYREK, TIMOTHY	GMC	20000401	20
TEAGUE, WILLIS	ET1	20000317	21
TESSARI, JOHN	MKC	20000203	24
THOMAS, LAWRENCE	AMT1	20000301	20
THOMAS, MICHAEL	BOSN3	20000301	22
THOMAS, STEVEN	MK2	20000401	20
THOMPSON, PHIL	GM1	20000301	20
VANHAUTER, KURT	LTJG	20000306	13
VARGO, STEVEN	AMTC	20000401	21
VEGA, ALBERT	MK2	20000313	05
WARD, PAUL	BM1	20000301	20
WARRENE, ROBERT	RD1	20000301	21
WEBB, HARLEN	DC1	20000401	20
WEBBER, THOMAS	PS1	20000220	25
WELLS, OTTO	GMC	20000301	27
WHEELLESS, TIMOTHY	YNC	20000301	22
WHITE, JAY	MKCS	20000301	20

Name	Rank	Retirement Date	Yrs Srv
WIGGS, ROBERT	YNC	20000401	26
WILSON, DONALD	PS2	20000203	23
WOOD, RICHARD	PSC	20000320	32
WREGGELSWORTH, QUINN	AVT2	20000301	20
WRIGHT, ALVIN	EMC	20000401	20
YANKURA, DONALD	FSC	20000204	20
YELTON, RICKIE	FSCS	20000301	22
ZEILER, JOEL	MK1	20000401	20



## What are they doing now?

- ◆ **YN1 John W. Williams** – After retiring in August 1994, I moved to Alamogordo, New Mexico and accepted a position as the Executive Director of the Otero County Boys & Girls Club. I worked for 5 years providing educational and character development programs to kids across New Mexico, as well as lobbying in the State Capitol for program expansion funding. In June 1999, I moved on to become the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of the New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped. Since retirement, I have been very active with the United Way and various service clubs in my community. It has been a great pleasure to hold jobs that allow me to contribute to the community that I now call home.



## A note from the Editor

If you have an article for "What are they doing now" please submit it to the Editor,

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NAME	RANK	DATE OF DEATH	CITY	STATE
ALLOCCA	LOUIS	CAPT	20000403	VERO BEACH FL
ANDERSON	KENNETH	BMCS	20000310	SAN LEANDRO CA
ANDERSON	RUDOLPH	CAPT	20000220	PITTSBURGH PA
BARNETTE	HAROLD	BM1	20000301	AVON NC
BARRETT	KENNETH	BMC	20000321	CHINCOTEAGUE VA
BERGSTROM	LAWRENCE	BMC	20000123	BARBEAU MI
BOEDECKER	KENNETH	CAPT	20000324	CHARLESTON SC
BORMAN	HENRY	CAPT	20000210	BLUFFTON SC
BRAZ	ANTONIO	CWO4	20000222	NEW BEDFORD MA
CEPAITIS	EDWARD	BMC	20000108	EUREKA CA
CONOVER	DAVID	ETCM	20000306	FT ST LUCY FL
COYNE	MICHAEL	CAPT	20000117	NORWOOD MA
CROUSE	PORTER	BMC	20000402	FORESTDALE MA
DELPERTO	JOHN	ENC	20000220	SYRACUSE NY
DITURNO	FRANK	ENC	20000217	BEDFORD HEIGHTS OH
DONDERO	CHARLES	CWO4	20000324	HYATTSVILLE MD
DOUGLAS	RALPH	LT	20000328	MOBILE AL
DUCKWORTH	LAROY	MKCM	20000323	GAINESVILLE FL
ENGLAND	WILLIAM	BMC	20000330	FT MYERS FL
EVANS	JAMES	ASM1	20000410	BELLEVIEW FL
FELDMAN	HAROLD	PS2	20000307	TROY MI
FEWSTER	CHARLES	FSCS	20000326	BALTIMORE MD
FOLGER	FREDERICK	CAPT	20000403	CHICO CA
FOX	ERNEST	CDR	20000107	ELIZABETH CITY NC
FRANKE	RADFORD	BMC	20000311	DEL MAR CA
GATES	DONALD	BMC	20000410	SAN DIEGO CA
GAUTHIER	GEORGE	BMC	20000301	CEDAR MI
GIGGINS	CHARLES	CSC	20000317	RUSKIN FL
GOODMAN	CLARENCE	BM2	20000306	SODUS MI
HAMILTON	WILLIAM	MKC	20000328	PRINCETON TX
HANN	STANLEY	EMCS	20000222	WATERFORD CT
HATCHER	ROBERT	BM1	20000328	HAMPTON BAYS NY
HOLDEN	ROBERT	ENC	19991220	BLOOMINGTON TX
HURLEY	JOHN	SN	20000108	NEWTOWN SQUARE PA
JOHNSON	WALTER	CAPT	20000225	HUNTSVILLE AL
JONES	PAUL	QMC	20000315	SMYRNA TN
JONES	ROBERT	BMC	19960813	GOLDEN CO
JOSE	DOUGLAS	RMC	20000101	RENO NV
KAVALESKI	CHESTER	BM1	20000322	LYNN MA
KEELING	HARRISON	SKC	20000401	BERKELEY CA
KING	THOMAS	BM1	20000211	CURRITUCK NC
KNEPP	DAIRELL	ENCS	20000327	CHARLEVOIX MI
KUCHARSKI	WILLIAM	EN1	20000229	VICKSBURG MS
LACROIX	HARVEY	BMC	20000317	SANFORD FL
LAGARD	RAYMOND	DC1	20000228	GRAND PRAIRIE TX
LAKE	THOMAS	RM1	20000317	BILOXI MS
LANDIS	THEODORE	CWO2	20000228	DOVER TN
LANG	PAUL	GM1	20000116	MONTGOMERY LA
MANDAC	APOLINARIO	SD1	20000202	NEW LONDON CT
MANN	NOAH	QMC	20000314	PORTSMOUTH VA
MAY	MACK	BMC	20000326	ALPENA AR
MCGOWAN	FLOYD	LT	20000219	CHESAPEAKE VA
MILLARD	GEORGE	LCDR	20000225	WEST SENECA NY
MITCHELL	JOHN	RMC	20000325	ST LOUIS MO
MODESTE	CHARLES	YNC	20000411	LAWRENCE MA

NAME		RANK	DATE OF DEATH	CITY	STATE
MUIR	JOSEPH	CS1	20000312	MORENO VALLEY	CA
NELSON	LOUIS	BMCM	20000215	WASHINGTON VILLAGE	NY
NEWBERN	WILLIAM	ENCS	20000329	COCOA BEACH	FL
OCONNELL	EDWARD	ENC	19991211	TUCSON	AZ
OLIVER	EVERETT	YNCM	20000415	SEQUIM	WA
PAYNE	SHELBERT	DCC	20000207	JONESBORO	GA
PEARCE	ALLEN	CAPT	20000318	PORTLAND	OR
PETERSON	ANTON	LT	20000324	LAKEWOOD	CA
PIERSON	GRIFFIN	WO1	20000111	MESA	AZ
PITTMAN	MALCOLM	LT	20000221	WESTBROOK	ME
PRANGE	RICHARD	SS2	20000323	WEWAHITCHKA	FL
RATCLIFFE	ROBERT	FTC	20000315	SAG HARBOR	NY
RAY	ARTHUR	RDCM	20000217	NEWPORT NEWS	VA
RENN	WILLIAM	RMC	20000228	SEATTLE	WA
SEABORG	HAROLD	RADM	20000224	EDMONDS	WA
SHAW	THOMAS	ENCS	20000224	FORT LAUDERDALE	FL
SMITH	ELBERT	BM1	20000409	FORNEY	TX
SMITH	WILLARD	ADM	20000401	ATLANTIC BEACH	FL
SOWASH	RICHARD	LCDR	20000322	AVON PARK	FL
SPENCER	JOHN	CDR	20000309	SEATTLE	WA
SPROWLS	ALVIN	CWO3	20000326	INDEPENDENCE	MO
STANLEY	LOUIE	CWO4	20000320	DACULA	GA
SULLIVAN	EUGENE	BM1	20000228	CHELSEA	MA
SYNOVEC	JOHN	CDR	20000304	WALLINGFORD	PA
THOMAS	THEODORE	SKC	20000401	SEBASTIAN	FL
THOMAS	WILLIAM	ENC	20000217	ROBERTS	IL
TIBBITS	LEWIS	CAPT	20000405	SLIDELL	LA
VOIGT	JOHN	QMC	20000229	CROSS	SC
WALKER	BENNETT	CSC	20000203	LOUISVILLE	KY
WALSH	RICHARD	CAPT	20000418	MESA	AZ
WATERMAN	JOHN	CSC	20000224	CHESAPEAKE	VA
WHEELER	MARION	SOCS	20000117	PRINEVILLE	OR
WHOLEY	THOMAS	CDR	20000228	WOODSTOCK	NY
WILFONG	JAMES	RMCM	20000216	MONTE RIO	CA
WILLIAMS	VERNON	MKC	20000228	THEODORE	AL
YACH	RICHARD	YNC	20000415	BROOMALL	PA
YARMAN	ERNEST	CSCM	20000408	ROSSVILLE	GA



### Dependent TAPS



◇ Emma E. Neal, wife of ETCM James Neal	25 March 2000	Winton, NC
◇ Bettie L. Garrett, wife of CWO3 William Garrett	2 March 2000	Jacksonville, FL
◇ Alice E. Davis, wife of RMC Ralph Davis	27 March 2000	Livermore, CA
◇ Susan M. Davis, daughter of RMC Ralph Davis	21 March 2000	Livermore, CA
◇ Montie Elsie Freeman, wife of EM1 Gordon Freeman	8 April 1999	Morehead City, NC
◇ Margaret N. Gober, wife of YNCS Eddie L. Gober	23 January 2000	Oklahoma City, OK
◇ Carol Lynn Elesh, wife of MK1 Robert A. Elesh	27 March 2000	Jacksonville, FL
◇ Fredrika P. Bender, wife of Capt John L. Bender	6 July 1999	Bethesda, MD
◇ Ruth Engel, widow of VADM B. F. Engel	9 March 2000	Hawaii
◇ Rose M. Butler, wife of CWO4 Bobby B. Butler	10 April 2000	Elizabeth City, NC
◇ Mary D. Emerson, wife of Olin V. "Blackie" Emerson, USLHS	15 September 1999	Leonardtown, MD

\*\*Please note: If you have lost a loved one and would like their name to be printed in Dependent TAPs, please contact the Editor with their name, date of death, your name and retired rank, and city/state. You can write the Editor at: USCG Retiree Newsletter, HRSIC (RAS), 444 SE Quincy Street, Topeka KS 66683; or e-mail the Editor at:

"HRSIC-rasnewsletter@hrsic.uscg.mil". You may also fax your request to: (785)295-2639/2640.

## Employment Opportunities



- U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters is assisting U.S. Customs** – in their search for three personnel with Coast Guard experience to act as Senior Maritime Advisors at the American Embassy in Kiev, Ukraine; Tbilisi, Georgia; and Baku, Azerbaijan. These advisors shall be the principal managers on all matters related to the development of autonomous institutional capabilities within each country to curb employment of the nation's waterway's systems for unlawful purposes. As such, they shall develop and coordinate in conjunction with other U.S. government agencies, agencies within each country's governments, and other members of the Embassy staff, the execution of a plan to enhance capabilities to prevent the movement of illegal drugs, precursors and other essential chemicals, and other illicit products along navigable rivers and in ports. This will include long term advisory services, procurement of equipment, and coordination of various in-country training opportunities, working in conjunction with the International Affairs staff at CGHQ.

Personnel will be hired by U.S. Customs under a personal services contract at a competitive salary and benefits package. Housing and utilities will be paid for and provided through the American Embassy in each country. This can be an accompanied tour, although personnel with school-age children are advised that local schooling options are extremely limited.

Interested personnel should send a resume detailing their Coast Guard experience to LCDR John Arenstam at phone: (202)267-2555, email: [Jarenstam@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:Jarenstam@comdt.uscg.mil) or Ms. Karen Chaisson at phone: (202)267-6878, email: [Kchaisson@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:Kchaisson@comdt.uscg.mil).
- Navy Junior ROTC Program seeking instructors** – The Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) Program will expand from 435 to 490 high schools this fiscal year, with plans to add 210 more units during fiscal years 01 through 05. This expansion will necessitate the hiring of over 550 additional instructors into the program to fill these new positions.

The current NJROTC program encompasses approximately 64,000 cadets, 961 instructors and is made up of units in 43 states, the District of Columbia, Italy, Japan, and Guam. It is designed to promote patriotism, citizenship, self-discipline and

leadership skills in high school students. The program includes a Naval Science curriculum with subjects like naval history, oceanography, navigation, naval operations, and leadership. Additional activities include community service, orientation trips to military bases, sea cruises, athletic, academic and drill events.

Instructors in this program are retired Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard officers and senior enlisted (E-6 to E-9) who have served a minimum of 20 years active duty or have retired under the Temporary Early Retirement Authority (TERA) and have been out of the service no more than six years. Instructors are hired as high school teachers, wear their uniforms, maintain current weight requirements and receive a salary at least equal to the difference between their retired pay and the active duty pay and allowances. Many instructors are paid considerably higher salaries.

More information on this program can be found at [www.cnet.navy.mil](http://www.cnet.navy.mil). Type NJROTC in the search window. Additional information can also be obtained from Ms. Cheryl Ward at (850)452-4947, extension 334.

- Roscioli Yachting Center Inc.** – shipyard in business for 35 years, is expanding and looking for experienced marine personnel.

Positions available for carpenters, electricians, mechanics, painters, laminators, purchasers, supervisors, and general yard help. Candidates with experience, certifications, and equipment licenses are preferred. Experience with capstans, line handling, small boat handling, boat elevators, and general construction skills in a marine environment are necessary for general yard help applicants.

Excellent pay and benefits for both Fort Lauderdale and Bradenton, Florida locations. Reliable, loyal, responsible, and motivated people send resume to Human Resources Department, 3201

**If you have questions about your health benefits, why not contact your Health Benefits Advisor via email? Send your health benefits questions to:**

**PAC Area: [rmobley@d11.uscg.mil](mailto:rmobley@d11.uscg.mil)**

**LANT Area: [hbalant@mlca.uscg.mil](mailto:hbalant@mlca.uscg.mil)**



# Locator



Oscar Thomas would like to locate George Gagliardy. They were stationed together at CG Surf Station – Marblehead, OH in 1941. The last time he saw him, he was serving on one of two light ships out of San Francisco in 1943. Please send information to: Oscar Thomas at 12336 Ware Lake Road, Vancleave, MS 39565.

MK2 Todd W. Babbitt is trying to locate BMC Jack B. Abbott who was stationed at CG Station Cleveland Harbor in Cleveland, Ohio – 1982-83. Please contact him at: 124 S. B Street, Cheboygan, MI 49721; phone (231)597-8059 or email makita@voyager.net.

ET2 Eugene Fogle would like to hear from MK1 Derrick Jones. Please contact him at 109 English Rd, Summerville SC 29483; phone (843)875-1224

Nancy M. McGuire is trying to locate Robert Mark Wells. Please contact her at 5001 DeMarie Court SE, Olympia WA 98501.

Tom Allen would like to contact William J. Leach who retired 1994-1995 in Puerto Rico. Please contact him at: 751 Quail Drive, Punta Gorda FL 33982.

Larry Phillips would like to hear from Gerard In-gallina who he met at Reserve Training Center in Yorktown, VA in 1983. Please contact him at: 99 Florence Street – Apt 611, Malden MA 02148

HMC Joseph Kraemer would like to hear from QMC Thomas Golenbeski. Contact him at 3305 Providence Drive, Midland TX 79707; phone (915)520-2032; email nickie\_79707@yahoo.com.

CWO3 (Retired) C.W. Hagert would like to locate Charles Miley, BMC – last known duty station was CGC Buttonwood in Honolulu, HI – 1968. Please contact CWO3 Hagert at: 223 Franklin Ave, Astoria OR 97103, via phone at (503) 325-6383, email at: rvcurley@pacifier.com.

CWO4 (retired) Frank D. Goolsby would appreciate a call/fax from CWO4 (retired) Jim Preston, a recent retiree at CG Air Station San Diego, CA. Please contact him at: phone/fax – (858)268-9433 or 6140-302 Calle Mariselda, San Diego CA 92124-1150.



## Reunions & Notices



- **USS Callaway (APA-35)** 34th reunion will be held 31 July – 2 August 2000 at the Holiday Inn Select, 155 Holiday Drive, Solomons MD 20688, phone: (410)326-6300. For more information contact Wallace E. Shipp at 5319 Manning Place NW, Washington DC 20016-5311, phone (202)363-3663.
- **CG Station Charlevoix** will commemorate it's 100th year of operation in service to the mariners of Eastern Upper Lake Michigan in July. The Station plans to host a variety of activities starting with a reunion barbecue on 14 July, an Open House on 15 July, and a day of display's and commemorative ceremonies in downtown Charlevoix on 16 July. The reunion dinner is open to any and all persons who have served in Charlevoix. For further information contact Station Charlevoix at (231)547-2565.
- **USCGC Casco (WAVP-370)** is planning a reunion 22-24 September 2000 in Boston, MA. For information contact Bill Matson at 51 Whipple Road, Billerica MA 01821.
- **USS Spencer (CG W-36)** will hold it's 27th reunion 11-15 October 2000 in San Antonio TX. For information, please contact Jack L. Shampine, Sec/Treas at 7398 Route 31, Cicero NY 13039; phone: (315)699-3127 or Hank Robers, Pres at 32 Freedom Court, Baltimore MD 21220; phone (410)335-6826.
- **USCG Reserve Training Center** is planning a reunion for all instructors, administrators, students, active duty, reserve, and retired personnel to take place 21-22 October 2000 at Yorktown, VA. For information contact P.W. Falhaber, CDR, USCG (retired) at 5 Bluebill Drive – #511; Napals FL 34108; phone (941)597-8688.
- **USS Cambria (APA 36)** trying to generate interest in having a reunion of Coastguardsmen who served on the Cambria to coincide with the big millennium celebration the Coast Guard Combat Veterans are holding a reunion in Covington KY, this 22-26 October 2000. Contact Al Duffield at 12 Belmar Road; Hatboro PA 19040; phone (215)675-5175; email alduffield@aol.com for information.
- **USS Cavalier (APA-37) WWII** is planning a reunion for 22-25 October 2000 in Las Vegas, NV. Please contact CWO4 John E. Giles, USCG (retired) at P.O. Box 325; Pacific City OR 97135; phone (503)965-6732; email jgiles@oregoncoast.com for further information.
- **CGC RUSH (WHEC723) WESTPAC 1970/71 CREW** anticipating a reunion in 2001. Please contact "Royal Baby" John A. Vogel at 1311 West Sixteenth Place, Yuma AZ 85364; phone: (520)783-3625; email lrvo-gel@cybertrails.com for information.
- **9th edition of the Coast Guardsman's Manual** contains new or updated information and photographs. The book was revised by retired Coast Guard Captain George E. Krietemeyer. List price is \$19.95, USNI Member Price is \$17.56. Coast Guardsmen can place their orders now on the web at [www.usni.org](http://www.usni.org) or by calling 1-800-233-8764.
- **USS LST 829 (Coast Guard manned)** will be holding it's 18th Ship's reunion 13-16 September 2000 in Hyannis, MA. Please contact Peter J. Previte at 360 Upper County Road – Apt 10J, So. Dennis MA 02660-3769; phone (508)760-3493, or Albert J. Ryzner at 4 Autumn Court, North Dartmouth MA 02747; phone (508)995-0734.
- **USCGC CAPE GULL (WPB 95304), USCGC HOLLYHOCK (WAGL-220), USCGC LOTUS (WAGL-229)** researcher seeks to communicate with former crew members. Please contact B.C. James at P.O. Box 871, Floral City FL 34436-0871.
- **Greenland Patrol** reunion to be held 1-5 October 2000 in Branson, MO. For information please contact John Pearse at 1382 St. Hwy Y, Forsyth MO 65653; phone (417)546-4499; email: [pearsejohn@tri-lakes.net](mailto:pearsejohn@tri-lakes.net) or Fountain Head Travel; Branson MO; phone (800)334-2723; email [gobranson@aol.com](mailto:gobranson@aol.com).

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- **Bering Sea Patrol – Alaska Veterans Reunion Association** will be holding it's 25th reunion aboard Holland America Line MS Westerdam on a cruise to Alaska through the Inside Passage. This seven day cruise departs Vancouver, BC 16 September 2000 and returns 22 September 2000. If you would like to join the members, their guests and friends on this cruise, contact Chairman Jim Loback; phone (714)968-8964; fax (714)968-9223; email LOB96JM@aol.com.
- **Mobile Chapter of the Chief Petty Officers Association** will be hosting the 32nd Annual Convention in Mobile, AL during the week of 28 August through 1 September 2000. The convention is being held in conjunction with the chapters Annual Old Timers Picnic on 2 September. Look for more information on the convention in coming issues of the Chief's Magazine. The registration forms for the hotel and convention were published in the April edition of the magazine. For further information please contact BMCS Jack Crowley, USCG (retired) at (334)649-8800; email jjccc99@aol.com.
- **USS General M.C. Meigs (AP-116) USCG manned troop transport** is planning a reunion 28 September through 1 October 2000 in Norfolk, VA. Please contact R.E. (Buzz) Sawyer at P.O. Box 6020, Suffolk VA 23433; phone (757)238-3439.
- **Book on the sinking of the Andrea Doria** – Richard Goldstein is writing a book on the July 1956 collision of the ocean liners Andrea Doria and Stockholm and the subsequent rescue effort by the Coast Guard, Navy and civilian ships. He is interested in hearing from former Coast Guardsmen who were aboard any of the eight cutters involved in the search and rescue, and who might have recollections for use in the book. He is particularly eager to interview (in most cases this would be by phone) anyone who was aboard the Hornbeam, which removed the Andrea Doria's captain and senior crewmen, and the Evergreen, the on-site commander. If you have information, please contact Richard Goldstein at 34 Reynal Road, White Plains NY 10605; phone (914)684-0270; email rgoldst270@aol.com.
- **USCG National Association of Former Stewards & Stewardmates Inc.** invite all members and friends to attend their 11th reunion to be held 18-20 August 2000 in Atlantic City, NJ. Please contact BMCM Robert Hammond at 97 Curtis Ave, Piscataway NJ 08854; phone (732)752-2512.
- **AE Sailors Association** is holding a reunion 27 September through 1 October 2000 in Asheville, NC. Please contact Ralph A. Gaul, Secretary at AESA, HC 63, BOX 32; Mifflintown PA 17059; phone (717)436-6814.
- **Cutters: McCulloch, Mendota, Northwind, Pontchartrain, Winnebago, Cape Upright, Point Warde, plus Lorsta Carolina Beach, Station Wrightsville Beach and COTP/MSO Wilmington** will hold a reunion 13-15 October 2000 in Wilmington, NC. For information contact Vince Monfalcone; phone (910)395-0987; email vinmonjr@worldnet.att.net, or Danny Buck; phone (910)259-2679; email darby4rd@aol.com.
- **USCGC Ingham (WHEC-35)** will be holding it's 9th Biannual Reunion 2-6 August 2000 in Holland, MI. All hands that served during the Ingham's 52 years (1936-1988) are welcome to attend. For more information contact CAPT J.R. Hearn, USCG (retired) at 103 Sequoia Road, Portsmouth VA 23701; phone (757)405-3032.
- **All Coast Guard, Reserve, Auxiliary, friends & family** are invited to attend a reunion at Fort Mitchell in Cincinnati, OH 22-26 October 2000. For information contact CWO4 Baker Herbert, USCG (retired) at P.O. Box 544, Westfield Center OH 44251; email uscgw64@aol.com.
- **USCG Loran Construction & Operation in the Pacific** reunion has been scheduled in the Dearborn, Flint, Saginaw MI area for 14-17 September 2000. For further information contact Ronald Fraleigh at P.O. Box 985, Fenton MI 48430; phone (810)735-7359; email CLHOffice@aol.com.
- **Great Lakes Retiree Activities Office – Retiree Seminar** is set for 23 September 2000 at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, IL. For information, contact the Great Lakes RAO between the hours of 0900-1500, Monday-Friday toll free at (888)231-0714; commercial (847)688-3603, ext 118; fax (847)688-2827. Members of all branches of the military are welcome.

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- **USS Vesuvius (AE-15) WWII and other shipmates** are invited to attend a reunion set for 27 September through 1 October 2000 in Ashville, NC and in the fall of 2001 in New Orleans, LA. For information contact CMDR Alan C. Moore at 2807 NW 83rd St – Cottage #16, Gainesville FL 32606; phone (352)372-2037 or (828) 733-8863.
- **All Coast Guard Coxswains**, if you served as a coxswain, regular or reserve at CG Station New London and would like to have your name engraved on a brass plaque that is to be displayed there, please send a copy of your coxswains letter, certificate, or any document verifying your certification & rate/rank to: Auxiliarist Vincent F. Yannone SO-AUG, CG Station New London, C/O Fort Trumbull, New London CT 06320-5593.



## Request for Reader Assistance

*Over the years historians have neglected to record accurately much of the Coast Guard's rich history. Captain Donald Taub, USCG, Retired; is very involved in keeping that history alive and is currently doing research to accurately record that history surrounding several events. He requests your assistance in gathering information in the areas below:*

PBY-5A's in Greenland in 1943, prior to USCG Squadron VP-6. USCG History lost?

I am seeking only persons who had actual knowledge of either of the two topics.

The 5-month long Ice Cap B-17 rescue of November 1942 to April 1943:

Were the 2 PBY's used Navy or CG with mixed crews? On 9 November, a B-17 crashed on the Ice Cap on the East Coast about 40 miles from Comanche Bay. The Navy PBY's used in 1942 rescues had departed by October. USCGC Northland's sea-plane piloted by LT Pritchard was the first on scene. He crashed. The USAF ski-plane failed. A civilian ski-plane was brought in from Canada, and it crashed. Men with Army motorsleds were killed in crevasses. ENS Fuller, USCG, by dogsled got stranded for 4 months. RADM "Iceberg" Smith at BW-1 arranged for two PBY-5A's to be sent north in January. PBY (No. 20) made 3 belly-landings on the Ice Cap in February, March and April with a dogsled team. The second PBY concluded the operation on 18 April 1943. Two USAF participants identified these PBY's as CG planes; not Navy as was later inferred.

The USAF report was written in the USA; most of it as told by the B-17's co-pilot. The writer, however, confused USCG as Navy. It happened that the pilot of PBY-5A (20) was a Navy LT. No one else was identified, and the PBY's were not specifically identified. A USAF co-authored 3-part book told the story. It's main writer was not a participant. Only one of the co-authors specifically identified the PBY, and was a participant. He wrote that the PBY

was a CG plane. In 1957, USCG's Historian briefly wrote of the loss of LT Pritchard's plane, and wrote that the PBY was a Navy plane, and incorrectly identified the men that Pritchard had picked-up. (Aside; USCG's history of the Greenland Patrol in general, is a study in errors and omissions). Later, the B-17 co-pilot re-stated that he was rescued by a USCG PBY-5A with a Navy pilot in it's crew; not a Navy PBY as "his" report inferred.

Is there any direct information relating to this event out there with the readers??

USCG PBY-5A Squadron VP-6:

It was commissioned on 5 October 1943, but when was it's actual origin in Greenland? Navy PBY's returned after the above rescue, and a transition began. An RM1 at BW-1 said USCG manned PBY's were also there at least by August 1943. A member of VP-6 said his group took-over PBY's from the Navy at Argentia, Newfoundland, in August and flew to BW-1, adding that USCG PBY's were already there.

Is there anyone in the readership who has direct knowledge pertaining to these items?

Please direct responses to:

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8331 Snowbird Drive  
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

Phone: (714)960-4158



## USCG Greenland Patrol 1940-1945 WWII Memorial



The WWII memorial dedicated on 23 September 1999, takes its place among four other WWII memorials near the entrance of the USCG Museum located at the USCG Academy in New London, CT. Its heading reminds that this was the longest continuous operation of U.S. military forces during WWII.

Its bronze plaque lists the names of 59 vessels, 25 places ashore, USCG Aviation Squadron VP-6, a U.S. Army battalion, the Sedge Patrol, and the little known USCG



volunteers who served ashore during 1940 through 1942. Of its 7 U.S. Navy manned vessels, one was the former USCG ship BEAR, that first saw service in Greenland in 1884.

The fruition of this WWII veterans group memorial was largely the effort of WWII veteran QMC John S.

Stamford, USCG, who has continued to serve with the USCG Auxiliary.

*Story submitted by Captain Donald M. Taub, USCG, Retired*



## Korean War Medal update

We have received many calls about an article that was featured in the March/April edition of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Magazine that reported a Korean War campaign medal was available to veterans serving at that time. Since DAV printed that article the original information provided on procuring the new Korean War Medal has been

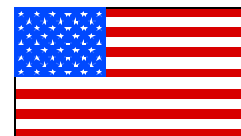
rescinded by the Department of Defense. At this time there is no official word on how this medal is to be obtained.

In the interim, it seems that Congress may now get involved, to keep vets from having to buy the medal themselves.

The Retiree Newsletter will provide

information on this subject in future issues as it becomes available.

*For additional information check the Commemoration Committees web site at: [//korea50.army.mil](http://korea50.army.mil)*



## TRICARES new e-mail Help system

Health insurance can be confusing, but it certainly shouldn't be hopeless. To help address the many questions you or your family may have about TRICARE, the Army has developed an e-mail help system that can quickly put you in touch with a TRICARE expert with the simple click of a mouse.

The e-mail address,

TRICARE\_HELP@amedd.army.mil, can be accessed from any computer that is connected to the Internet and is available to all TRICARE beneficiaries of all branches of service, including retirees and eligible family members.

After you submit a query, your question is received at the TRICARE e-mail help staff center. Within one business

day, you will receive an initial response to let you know the name of the expert who is responsible for answering your inquiry. Depending on the complexity of your question, a final response can take from one day to one week to arrive. Responses come directly to you. Each inquiry and response is filed so you can revisit your query later.





## TRICARE NEWS

### Cohen, Shelton address top personnel aspects of DoD budget 2001

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, April 27, 2000 -- Fixing TRICARE, moderating the tempo of operations and housing are top DoD quality of life priorities for the fiscal 2001 Defense budget request, Defense Secretary William S. Cohen and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Army Gen. Henry Shelton said April 26.

Cohen and Shelton testified before the Defense Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Cohen thanked the committee for funding the fiscal 2000 pay raises and fixing military retirement, but said more must be done. He said housing and health care are the two areas that concern him most in the fiscal 2001 request.

Shelton said fixing TRICARE is not only the "right thing to do, it is the smart thing to do." He said the system, the nation's largest health care provider, "is not user friendly." While military members and their families are generally satisfied with the care they receive once they have entered the TRICARE system, "they are frustrated with the system as a whole," Shelton said.

The senators asked Cohen and Shelton what DoD wants to do to reform the system. They urged DoD to hurry with a proposal to Congress. "The chairman and I are looking at the pharmacy benefit, and that's something that we think we can recommend fairly

quickly," Cohen said. "But we're still trying to work out what the price tag is going to be...."

The secretary said DoD is looking at the possibility of using VA medical treatment facilities and the possibility of opening the Federal Employee Health Benefits Plan to military retirees. He said DoD is still looking at the options, "but I would say in the next few weeks, we should have some kind of a recommendation coming to you." Cohen said any solution would be "fairly expensive."

Cohen also explained the administration's budget request for military housing. "On housing, we ... included some \$3.1 billion in the budget for the five-year period to eliminate the inequity that currently exists [between service members living on base and off base]". The money will eliminate the 19 percent of housing costs service members living off base must pay out of pocket, he said.

"We are trying to deal seriously with the housing situation," Cohen said. "We've got a long way to go in terms of rehabbing and replacing much of the housing that currently exists to make sure we are providing adequate housing for the men and women who are serving us."

Operations and maintenance accounts are in good shape, he said, "but, I will tell you, there's not any margin for us to absorb further cuts in operations and maintenance funding."

Cohen and Shelton both said the U.S. military position around the world is good but that the forces are over-stretched. "I think the force is

relatively healthy, although it is stretched," Shelton said. "And I would tell you that unit personnel shortages continue to plague many units in the field." He said the first-to-fight units are combat-ready, but that follow-on units are not manned or equipped as well.

"The current tempo of operations ... is having an effect on [service members] and also on their family members," Shelton said. "We still encounter frequent, often unexpected and persistent, deployments. And that of course produces stress. Ultimately, if we are not careful, too many protracted deployments will inevitably disrupt our operating budgets and cause lost training opportunities. And of course, it always accelerates the wear and the tear on the equipment, which then leads to additional recapitalization requirements.

"But most importantly," Shelton continued, "I think, our high pace of operations impacts quality of life. And it could, if we aren't careful, jeopardize our capability to retain the great quality force that we have worked so hard to build."

Shelton said DoD is increasing the size of some of the low-density, high-demand forces as well as using "all of the tools in our kit bag" to solve the perstempo problem.

### TRICARE Retiree Dental Plan – Frequently asked questions

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### 1. Who's covered?

People eligible to enroll in this program are:

Members of the Uniformed Services (including the Retired Guard) who are entitled to retired pay;

Members of the Retired Reserve who would be entitled to retired pay, but are under age 60;

Spouses of enrolled members;

Children of enrolled members, up to age 21 (or to age 23 for full-time students, or older if they become disabled before losing eligibility);

The unremarried surviving spouse and eligible children of a deceased member who died while eligible for coverage as described above, or a deceased active duty member who died while on active duty for a period of more than 30 days and whose family members are not eligible, or are no longer eligible for dental benefits under the Family Member Dental Plan.

Those not eligible for this program are:

Divorced former spouses of eligible members;

Remarried surviving spouses of deceased members;

Family members of non-enrolled retirees.

### 2. Are members over 65 eligible?

Yes. If you are a Uniformed Services retiree or spouse, no matter what your age, you are eligible for this program.

### 3. Can eligible family members enroll without the retiree?

The current law (USC 1076c) requires that the retiree be enrolled in order for family members to be enrolled.

### 4. What are the advantages of joining the program?

With the DeltaSelect USA/TRICARE Retiree Dental Program, you'll enjoy:

Great coverage for the most commonly needed dental services to help you maintain good dental health;

Coverage beginning immediately upon your enrollment effective date, with no pre-authorizations or waiting periods required after your enrollment becomes effective, even for major services;

The flexibility to visit any dentist you choose—including specialists. You and your family members can go to different dentists if you prefer;

The opportunity to enroll any or all of your eligible family members;

Special advantages when you visit a DeltaSelect USA dentist, including lower out-of-pocket costs and no claims paperwork;

### 5. How much does it cost?

The program is surprisingly affordable. Depending on where you live, you'll

pay approximately \$10-\$17 a month for single person coverage, \$19-\$33 for two people or \$31-\$53 for a family of three or more.

To start enrollment, you'll need to make a prepayment of four months' premium. Once a payment process is established, the unused portion of the premium prepayment will be refunded to you approximately five months after your enrollment begins.

NOTE: Premium rates for the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program are adjusted annually each February based on amounts specified in Delta's contract with the Department of Defense. Department of Defense directed implementation of program enhancements could result in the contractual establishment of higher premium rates.

### 6. Why is a prepayment necessary?

Federal law requires the government to first attempt an automatic deduction from retired pay. A four months' prepayment ensures all eligible members will be able to participate immediately upon their enrollment effective date. The prepayment is used to pay the monthly premium until your payroll allotment or other payment process is established for you. Your application cannot be processed without your prepayment by check or credit card.

### 7. How long is the enrollment commitment?

You must enroll for an initial 24 months. After the initial 24 months, you can remain enrolled on a month-to-month basis. Under government rules, no disenrollment is allowed during the initial 24-month commitment.

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### **8. Which dentists can I see?**

The DeltaSelect USA/TRICARE Retiree Dental Program is a preferred provider organization (PPO): a fee-for-service program in which you can go to any dentist, but there are advantages to receiving treatment from a DeltaSelect USA dentist. DeltaSelect USA dentists have agreed to accept certain fees for covered procedures. Plus, DeltaSelect USA dentists will handle all claims paperwork for you.

If you go to an out-of-network dentist, the coverage percentage levels are the same. However, only DeltaSelect USA dentists have agreed to accept the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program fees. Therefore, you are responsible for the difference between the program payment and the amount your out-of-network dentist charges. Also, you may need to submit claim forms to collect reimbursement for out-of-network treatment.

An online dentist directory is available on this site. You can also call our Customer Service number at 1 (888) 336-3260 to request a list of participating dentists over the telephone. If you find your regular dentist does not participate, please notify our Customer Service representatives and we will be happy to send your dentist an invitation to join the network.

### **9. Where is coverage offered?**

You can receive covered treatment anywhere in the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Canada.

### **10. Who administers the program?**

The DeltaSelect USA/TRICARE Retiree Dental Program is administered by Delta Federal Services, the Federal Dental Programs division of Delta Dental Plan of California, with the same high level of quality, service, and dependability Delta delivered to you in the active duty family members' dental plan a few years ago. But the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program is unlike any other previous program, with all new benefits and guidelines.

### **11. What is the enrollment cutoff date?**

You may enroll at any time. If we receive your enrollment form and payment by the end of the month, and your eligibility can be verified, your coverage will begin on the first day of the following month--your enrollment effective date.

### **12. Are crowns, bridges and dentures covered?**

Prefabricated crowns (or caps) are pre-formed and adapted to fit your teeth. They are generally used as an interim treatment on adults and are covered under this program. A cast crown (or cap) is laboratory processed and custom fit to your tooth. Cast crowns are not covered. Bridges and dentures are not covered at this time.

### **13. How many cleanings are covered?**

For children, the program covers two periodic exams, two cleanings, two fluoride treatments and one set of bitewing x-rays per year. For adults, the program covers two periodic exams, one cleaning, one fluoride treatment and one set of bitewing x-rays per year.

### **14. Which SSN should surviving spouses use?**

When enrolling, surviving spouses

should submit the Social Security number of the deceased retiree rather than their own Social Security number.

### **15. Can my premium be deducted from VA disability pay?**

At this time, only retirees whose pay comes through the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), Coast Guard or Public Health Service can have their premiums deducted from their retired pay. However, we will work with you to set up either the direct monthly billing or the electronic funds transfer (EFT) method of payment.

### **16. How do I sign up?**

There are three ways to enroll:

- 1) Enroll online from this web site using your Visa or MasterCard;
- 2) Enroll over the telephone with your credit card. Call us between 5 a.m. and 7 p.m. Pacific Time, Monday through Friday, toll-free at 1 (888) 838-8737;
- 3) Download the enrollment form from this web site and return the completed form with your check, money order or credit card payment information. Mail to:

Delta Federal Services  
DeltaSelect USA/TRICARE Retiree  
Dental Program  
P.O. Box 537008  
Sacramento, CA 95853-7008

You will receive your dental benefits kit containing your official TRICARE Retiree Dental Program identification card and Evidence of Coverage booklet by mail within two to three weeks after your enrollment is processed. Remember, your coverage begins the first day of the month following your enrollment, whether or not you have received your dental benefits kit.

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## 17. Where can I get more information?

By Phone:  
Enrollment  
(888) 838-8737

Customer Service  
(888) 336-3260

By Mail:  
DDP\*DELTA  
P.O. Box 537008  
Sacramento, CA 95853-7008

By E-mail:  
Enrollment:  
ddpenroll@delta.org

Customer service:  
ddpservice@delta.org

Billing:  
ddpbilling@delta.org

## Manufacturer recalls asthma inhalants

HEIDELBERG, Germany (Army News Service, April 12, 2000)

Schering Laboratories has issued a precautionary voluntary recall of certain prescription inhalation aerosols used for treatment of asthma because there is a remote possibility they may not contain an active drug for relief.

The products that may be affected are Proventil and Warrick brands of Albuterol, USP Inhalation Aerosol; and beclomethasone dipropionate, which is marketed as Vanceril Double Strength (84 mcg) and Vanceril (42 mcg) oral inhalant, and as Vancenase nasal "pockethaler."

These products are available in the U.

S. military healthcare system.

Other Schering aerosol products affected by the recall that are not in the military pharmacy system in Europe, but available in the United States, are generic albuterol inhalers labeled Major, Martec, Qualitest, Schein, Novopharm or URL Inhalation Aerosol.

The recall does not involve any of these products with expiration dates of October 2001 (10/01) or later. It does not involve any of these products that are already opened and are being used by asthma patients with good results.

It also does not involve Proventil HFA (albuterol sulfate) Inhalation Aerosol.

The lot numbers and expiration dates appear on either the top or bottom flaps of the product packages and on the canister label. The following lot numbers are involved in the recall only if the expiration date is September 2001 (09/01) or earlier:

Proventil and Warrick brand (albuterol, USP) Inhalation Aerosol and refills: Lots 7-BBS-303 through 7-BBS-642; all lots starting with the prefix 8; lots 9-BBS-500 through 9-BBS-832. These lot numbers also apply to those aerosol inhalants not available in the U.S. military pharmacy system in Europe.

Vanceril Double Strength (84 mcg) oral inhaler: Lots 8-DMT-644 and 8-DMT-646; lots 9-DMT-133 through 9-DMT-621.

Vanceril (42 mcg) oral inhalant: Lots 8-AMA-208 through 8-AMA-703; lots 9-AMA-200 through 9-AMA-404.

Vancenase nasal Pockethaler: Lots 8-RRG-113 through 8-RRG-121; lots 9-RRG-101 through 9-RRG-119; and lot 9-AMA-100.

Patients who have questions or suspect they have an affected inhaler should contact their pharmacy. Patients may return affected inhalers to their military pharmacy for replacement or to the emergency room of the Army hospitals in Heidelberg, Wuerzburg or Landstuhl if the pharmacy is not open.

(Editor's note: This article courtesy of the Europe Regional Medical Command Public Affairs Office.)

Link to original news item:  
<http://www.dtic.mil/armylink/news/Apr2000/a20000412medrecall.html>

## Supreme Court denies CORMV appeal

On April 17, the U.S. Supreme Court denied the Coalition of Retired Military Veterans' (CORMV) petition to review a lower court ruling that had dismissed CORMV's suit for compensation for medical benefits that had been promised and then taken away. Without comment, the Supreme Court let stand the district court and appellate court holdings that neither statute nor regulations had ever authorized the Armed Services to promise free lifetime medical care to enlistees. The lower court had also found the claim by now-retired members of the armed services -- that regulations diminishing medical care previously available for military retirees constituted a compensable taking -- to be without merit. On behalf of the member associations of The Military Coalition, TROA had submitted a friend-of-the-court brief supporting CORMV.

This decision is a major disappointment for all of us, and leaves the only avenue for judicial relief the suit brought by the Class Act Group, headed by its very able attorney, Col. George "Bud" Day, USAF (Ret), a recipient of the Medal of Honor.

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On March 7 Col. Day forcefully presented his case to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, arguing that an implied contract existed between retirees and the government. The government's contractual offer to each servicemember had been part oral (e.g., reenlistment lectures) and part written (e.g., recruiting brochures), and individuals had accepted the offer by deciding to serve until they were retirement-eligible. Also, one of the requirements to show an implied contract with the government is mutuality of intent to contract, which the government had clearly shown by living up to its contractual obligations for generations.

Col. Day is optimistic that the Appeals Court will accept the arguments of the Class Act Group, since they're carefully premised on both statutes and historical documents that clearly spell out the government's lifetime health care commitment. A decision is expected in the near future.

Source: TROA (The Retired Officer's Association) Legislative Update

### **Pharmacy changes will expand services, increase safety**

By Staff Sgt. Kathleen T. Rhem, USA  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, April 17, 2000 --

DoD healthcare experts are planning several ways to improve and expand pharmacy services for active and retired service members and their families.

A step that should appease some retiree groups is a pilot program to provide a pharmacy benefit to Medicare-enrolled military retirees and their families.

The pilot program will open up for en-

rollment June 1 in two randomly selected sites, Fleming, Ky., and Okeechobee, Fla., and could affect up to 6,000 individuals. Service will begin July 1, said Navy Capt. Charlie Hostettler, deputy director for pharmacy programs in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

The Pharmacy Redesign Pilot will make the National Mail Order Pharmacy program available and provide a retail pharmacy benefit to over-65 retirees in those two areas. It will entail a \$200 annual enrollment fee and set cost shares, Hostettler said. Cost shares are \$8 for each 90-day prescription through the mail order pharmacy and 20 percent cost share for each 30-day prescription through a retail outlet. Enrollees must also have Medicare Part B coverage to be eligible for this program.

Hostettler said program progress reports are due to Congress in October 2000 and in April and October 2001. Congress would decide whether to expand the program to retirees nationwide.

The pilot program, initially supposed to be up and running in October 1999, was delayed in order to lower the enrollment fee to \$200 from a proposed \$250. "In order to try to appeal to a larger group, we lowered the fee," said Mary Gerwin, deputy assistant secretary of defense for health affairs.

Hostettler called the program "an extremely robust benefit" for over-65 retirees featuring a low enrollment fee and low cost share. It's much better than civilian plans currently being proposed for Medicare recipients, he asserted, pointing to a recent Clinton administration plan that proposed a 50 percent cost share for prescriptions and a \$1,000 annual cap.

Military retirees over 65 today have no pharmacy benefits unless they go to a military medical treatment facility, he

said.

Plan beneficiaries will be encouraged to order their prescriptions by mail as much as possible because both they and the government save money, Gerwin said. "We get better prices, because we get better volume discounts," she said.

The fiscal 2000 Defense Authorization Act called for the Pharmacy Data Transaction System to be operational by April 15, and officials say they're close to that goal. A test site at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, should be up and running in April, Hostettler said, and officials hope to expand it system-wide by December 2000.

The Pharmacy Data Transaction System will be a DoD-wide consolidated database that stores all information relating to drug safety for each individual. If all goes as planned, Hostettler said, a "computerized red flag" will alert pharmacists when there might be problems with filling a prescription, such as patient allergies and potential drug interactions.

The fiscal 2000 budget also called for a uniform formulary across the DoD healthcare system by Oct. 1. A formulary is the drugs kept on hand. Hostettler said DoD may not meet that deadline. The problem, he said, is that the authorization act called for a Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee to recommend the formulary and a Beneficiary Advisory Panel to review and comment on the decisions prior to their implementation.

Impaneling and convening committees takes time, he said: "We're trying our best to meet that Oct. 1 deadline," he added.

In addition to these planned improvements to the pharmacy benefit, DoD health officials have ambitious plans for a complete overhaul in the future.

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Hostettler said the biggest hurdle for managers today is the several pharmacy systems in place under the umbrella of DoD pharmacy services.

"Today, we have five managed care contractors that take care of the 12 TRICARE regions," he said. "Each has its own pharmacy benefit management. Each has a retail pharmacy network set up, and they have firewalls set up between them. They are proprietary businesses and don't share proprietary information."

He also said the National Mail Order Pharmacy is a completely separate system, and 120 different systems manage the more than 500 military medical treatment facility pharmacies.

"It's difficult for mobile military patients to take a prescription from one area and get it filled in another area," Hostettler said. He said beneficiaries in this situation must sometimes pay out of pocket and file reimbursement claims, a time-consuming and often inefficient process.

"You end up having to work around the system, instead of the system working for you," he said.

DoD proposes to consolidate the contractor, mail order and military treatment facility systems, Gerwin said. In February, health affairs officials requested feedback and suggestions on the idea from government officials and experts in the pharmaceutical industry. Hostettler said responses were constructive and are being assimilated now.

He said the next step is to staff a plan and send it to Health Affairs officials for approval. Hostettler said implementation could be slow because of the complexity of TRICARE contracts. But, he and Gerwin insisted, the idea has merit for many reasons, with portability and cost savings topping the list.

"On the management side, we have five contractors, a national mail order system and all the medical treatment facilities operating somewhat independently. [Under the proposed consolidated system,] we would end up with one claims processor for all the pharmacy claims," Hostettler said. "Think about the overhead it takes to run five pharmacy management operations. We'd conserve a lot of hours and dollars."

He also said putting 8.4 million beneficiaries under one plan would give DoD bargaining power to get

**For additional TRICARE information and other news about military healthcare, visit the TRICARE web site at:**

**[www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil)**

### Did you know?



- Some spouses believe they will continue to receive their military spouse's retired pay after his or her death.  
**Fact: Retired pay stops upon death of the retiree!**
- Some spouse's believe the CG will provide for all burial/funeral expenses incurred at the time of a retiree's death.  
**Fact: The VA pays burial benefits only when certain eligibility criteria are met.**
- When a retiree dies on any date other than the last day of a month the retired pay for the month of death (if sent out by HRSIC) must be returned to HRSIC by either the bank, if received by direct deposit, or by the surviving widow or next-of-kin if received by check.  
**Fact: On return of the payment, HRSIC will provide a payment**

**to the listed beneficiary(ies) on file for any unpaid retired pay up to the date of death. Social Security payments for all recipients stop the last day of the month preceding death. VA disability compensation paid to a veteran during the month of death may be retained by the surviving widow.**

**SBP beneficiaries (spouse & child(ren), person with insurable interest) must file a claim before any SBP annuity is payable.**

- A retiree's beneficiary(ies) must file a claim with HRSIC to receive any portion of the unpaid retired pay due up to the date of the retiree's death.
- A new beneficiary designation should be provided to HRSIC whenever a previously designated beneficiary dies, or when a divorce/dissolution of marriage occurs and the retiree desires that their unpaid retired pay not be paid to their former spouse.
- When a retiree who has Spouse coverage under SBP loses the spouse through death, a request should be made to HRSIC to suspend the SBP monthly premium by providing a copy of the death certificate.

### Travel Advice:

Retirees and authorized military ID card family members traveling outside of Canada and Western Europe should update their routine vaccinations and decide if special shots or malaria protection is needed. Sources of information for travel are your travel agent or persons already in the area. Another good source of information is the CDC (Center for Disease Control) web site at: **[www.cdc.gov/travel/](http://www.cdc.gov/travel/)**

# 13th Commandant of the Coast Guard Dies

WASHINGTON -

Admiral Willard J. Smith, former Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard from July 1966 to June 1970, died on April 1 in Atlantic Beach, Fla., and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on April 27. He was the oldest living former

Commandant. **His cremated remains were buried with those of his wife, the former Harriet A. Lary of Los Angeles, Calif., who died on February 2, 2000. A memorial service was held at the Fleet Landing Officers Club in Atlantic Beach, Fla., on April 7.**

Admiral Smith was born at Suttons Bay, Mich., on May 14, 1910. During his tenure, Admiral Smith oversaw the service's transition from the Treasury Department to the Department of Transportation in April 1967. Even in those years, the Coast Guard's mis-

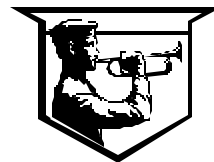
sions had expanded to the extent that Admiral Smith was quoted as saying the words "Coast Guard" gave only a limited picture of the service's responsibilities. "People are surprised, for example, that we have ships and men in Vietnam," he said in a 1970 interview.

A 1933 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy, Admiral Smith is the first aviator to have held the post of Commandant. During his career, he held major sea commands and served in posts that included Commander of the 9<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District in Cleveland, Ohio; and Superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn., where he earned the Legion of Merit.

During World War II, while serving as Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Air Station at

San Francisco, he made a daring open sea landing in rough water to bring a stricken naval officer ashore for medical treatment, an act that earned him a Letter of Commendation.

Admiral Smith retired from the Coast Guard on June 1, 1970, spending most of his retirement in Traverse City, Mich. He is survived by his daughter, Lary; son, Jeffrey; and grandchildren and



"Success is fruit which grows from seeds...of patient work and thoughts and deeds."

Martin Buxbaum  
Author

## Retirees wary of FEHBP

Only about 2,000 military retirees have enrolled in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program since a pilot project opened up to them last autumn, and members of Congress want to know why.

At a hearing Wednesday of the House Government Reform Subcommittee on the Civil Service, members of Con-



gress asked the Defense Department and the Office of Personnel Management, as well as associations representing military retirees, to explain the low enrollment level in the pilot project, which is permitted by law to have up to 66,000 participants.

For starters, the pilot was originally open to retirees in only eight geo-

graphic areas. The Defense Department has since added two additional areas. The legislation establishing the pilot allows only 10 geographic regions to participate.

Another problem is that military retirees are wary of joining the FEHBP pilot because it expires in two years. Several members of Congress are pushing for a legislative change that would guarantee any retiree who joined the program would get perma-

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ment coverage under FEHBP.

Finally, the marketing and educational materials provided to potential enrollees was unattractive and uninformative, according to associations representing military retirees. Several military retirees who wrote to the subcommittee echoed the associations' sentiments. Rep. Joe Scarborough, R-Fla., chairman of the subcommittee, said the poor information effort suggested resistance at the Defense Department to the demonstration project.

Rear Admiral Thomas F. Carrato, a Public Health Service officer who serves as director of Military Health Systems Operations at DoD, said the department was committed to making the project work and noted that DoD spent \$4 million on marketing efforts. That adds up to \$2,000 per person who agreed to sign up.

There are about 1.4 million military retirees who could participate in the FEHBP if it were available to them, according to Rep. Jim Moran, D-Va., a staunch supporter of extending FEHBP to military retirees.

The main problem with extending the program nationwide is the cost, estimated by the Congressional Budget Office to be \$9 billion a year at first.

The military retiree pool is kept separate from civilian employees and retirees, so military retiree involvement in the program does not affect civilians' premiums.

Scarborough asked Carrato to predict how many retirees would enroll in the pilot in the coming year. Last year at a subcommittee hearing, Carrato quoted CBO projections that 85 percent of eligible retirees would sign up. Because only about 4 percent actually signed up, Carrato refrained from offering a prediction this year.

**"To reach the port of success we must sail, sometimes with the wind, and sometimes against it – but we must sail, not drift or lie at anchor."**

Oliver Wendell Homes  
Physician & Writer



## Locate a long lost friend on TROA's web site

Alexandria, Va... (March 20, 2000)

The Retired Officers Association (TROA) now has a free Locator Information section on its web site that allows anyone to look for old service friends, submit unit reunion notices, or see if someone is looking for them.

TROA members or guests can submit unit reunion notices and "looking for old friends" items by signing in to TROA's Locator Information page at <http://www.troa.org/locator/>. The submitted information should appear on the Web site within 24 hours. As an additional benefit for TROA members only, the information will be consid-

ered for inclusion in The Retired Officer Magazine, which reaches about 400,000 TROA members.

The site's special feature allows someone to see if any former service buddies are looking for them to attend reunions, help with unit histories, and find information, etc.

Users may submit a reunion notice or a search notice by filling out an electronic form. Simple instructions and examples of each type of search are provided on the Locator Information page. (URL is in paragraph 2).

TROA is the nation's fourth largest veterans association, with nearly 400,000 members. Membership is open to offi-

cers and warrant officers from the active duty, Reserves, and National Guard, plus former and retired officers and warrant officers, and surviving spouses. You do not have to be retired to join.

To find out more information about TROA or to become a member, click on the "join our ranks" link on the TROA Locator Information page or call, 1-800-245-8762 (TROA).

*"We must open the doors of opportunity, but we must also equip our people to walk through those doors."*

Lyndon B. Johnson  
36th U.S. President

# DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE

## Coast Guard/NOAA Retired Pay & Annuities



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Coast Guard Human Resources  
Service & Information Center  
444 SE Quincy Street  
Topeka, KS 66683-3591



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Commercial (785)357-3415



FAX (785)295-2639



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- Change FITW



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(785)295-2639



## Report of



To report the death of a Coast Guard, NOAA retiree/annuitant, or a Lighthousekeeper call: 1-800-772-8724

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FAX: (785)295-2639



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In CA: 1-800-334-4162  
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**TRICARE/Medical Benefits**



Call your CG Health Benefits Advisor at:

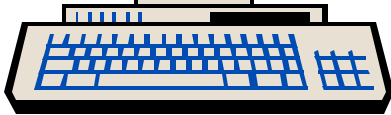
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Visit the TRICARE web site at:  
 "www.tricare.osd.mil/"

**Final Active Duty Pay**

Visit the "SES web page at:  
 www.uscg.mil/hq/hrsic/ses.htm



For information on Severance Pay, Separation Pay, Disability Severance Pay, LES's, IRS Form W-2, while on Active Duty prior to separation/retirement call or write:

Commercial: (785)357-3550  
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 Coast Guard Human Resources  
 Service & Information Center  
 444 SE Quincy Street  
 Topeka, KS 66683-3591



**Service**



For copies of DD214's, personnel records, medical & dental records, and service medals - requests must be in writing and include complete name, rank, SSN, dates of service and date of birth. Write to:

National Personnel Records Center  
 9700 Page Boulevard  
 St. Louis, MO 63132-5200



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Visit the National Personnel Records Center web site at:  
 www.nara.gov/regional/mpr.html

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 www.ssa.gov/SSA\_home.html



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1-800-772-1213



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General Information: 1-800-827-1000  
 Insurance Information: 1-800-669-8477  
 Headstones: 1-800-697-6947



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Find information on insurance coverage for veterans including VGLI on the VA's website at:  
 www.va.gov/benefits/insurfaq.htm

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OSGLI  
 213 Washington Street  
 Newark, NJ 07102

1-800-419-1473



**Travel Claims**



Visit the TVL web page at:  
 www.uscg.mil/hq/hrsic/tvpage.htm

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