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10 Year Anniversary of CG in the Persian Gulf



CGC MIDGETT'S DEPLOYMENT W/USS CONSTELLATION (FOR RELEASE) Persian Gulf (July 15)--The CGC Midgett (WHEC 726) sails alongside the USS Constellation. The Cutter Midgett departed homeport of Seattle Washington on June 18, 1999, to deploy with the USS Constellation Battle Group to the Persian Gulf. The Midgett is the first Coast Guard cutter to deploy to the Gulf with a U.S. Navy Battle Group. Once in the Gulf, the Midgett's primary mission was to enforce the United Nation's sanctions that are in place.

USCG photo by SENNOTT, ALICE PA2

After over 10 years since the CG was first called to duty in the Middle East, many people of the general public are unaware of the CG's accomplishments or presence during that time. As seen in the photo above, to this day, our operations continue in the Persian Gulf. The following chronicles the beginning of the CG's involvement.

2 August 1990: Iraqi military forces invaded Kuwait.

6 August 1990: President George Bush orders the deployment of U.S. armed forces to defend Saudi Arabia in an operation named "Operation Desert Shield."

10 August 1990: Marine Safety Offices [MSOs] around the U.S.

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became immediately involved in Operation Desert Shield. MSO Hampton Roads was directly responsible for the activation inspections of 22 of 78 Ready Reserve Fleet [RRF] vessels activated nationwide. These and similar inspections by MSOs throughout the U.S. ensured that RRF vessels were fully capable of safely meeting their vital support



Yorktown, VA

A Coast Guard 25-foot Port Security Unit Raider Boat, takes part in a hostile party demonstration put on by the Coast Guard for Missions Day attendees. The raider boat was one of the vessels that participated in Coast Guard Missions Day at Reserve Training Center Yorktown. The Boston Whaler type 22, 25 and 27 designed raider boats have twin outboard engines, do 40 knots and are highly maneuverable. Each has a .50-caliber Machine Gun (MG) Forward/2 M60 7.62 mm MGs Aft. They have a crew of three or four. The purpose of Coast Guard Missions Day is to raise the visibility of the Coast Guard by providing a one-day, missions-intensive and hands-on Coast Guard experience to staff level employees of the U.S. Congress and Administration. USCG photo by BROWN, TELFAIR H. PA1

mission. The quality of the inspection work is reflected in the 95 percent operationally ready rate achieved by the RRF vessels once they were in service. Additionally, a flexible Merchant Marine manning and licensing program was established to facilitate movement of RRF vessels.

In addition to the supervision of all regularly assigned peacetime port safety and security missions, Coast Guard MSOs were responsible for the establishment and supervision of Port Security Detachments in the coastal ports of the U.S. This effort involved the activation and organization of Coast Guard reservists to oversee shoreside and waterside security at facilities plus the supervision of the loading of hazardous materials and explosives aboard Military Sealift Command vessels bound for the Kuwaiti theater of operations.

16 August 1990: Multi-national maritime intercept operation began intercepting ships going to or from Iraq and Kuwait, consistent with U.N. Security Council Resolution 661.

17 August 1990: At the request of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Secretary of Transportation and the Commandant of the Coast Guard commit Coast Guard law enforcement boarding teams [LEDETs] to Operation Desert Shield. A total of 10 four-person teams served in theatre to support the enforcement of UN sanctions by the Maritime Interdiction Forces. Approximately 60 percent of the 600 boardings carried out by U.S. forces were either led by or supported with the USCG LEDETs. Additionally, a 7-man liaison staff was designated by the

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Commandant as Operational Commander for the USCG forces deployed in theatre.

22 August 1990: President George Bush Sr. authorized the call up of members of the selected reserve to active duty in support of Operation Desert Shield. Three port security units (PSU's), consisting of 550 Coast Guard reservists are ordered to the Persian Gulf in support of Operation Desert Shield. (This was the first involuntary overseas mobilization of Coast Guard Reserve PSU's in the Coast Guard Reserve's 50-year history). A total of 950 Coast Guard reservists are called to active duty. Other reservist duties included supervising RRF vessel inspection and loading hazardous military cargoes.

4 September 1990: USS *Goldsborough* (DDG 20) stops and challenges the Iraqi cargo ship *Zanobia*. She was loaded with tea, a cargo prohibited under UN Resolutions. The Coast Guard officer in charge of the boarding party ordered the master to sail his vessel to a non-Iraqi or Kuwaiti port--the master refused. Whereupon the Coast Guard officer ordered a member of the boarding team to seize the helm. The team sailed the vessel to Muscat, Oman. [Edward J. Marolda & Robert J. Schneller, Jr., *Shield and Sword: The United States Navy and the Persian Gulf War*, Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1998, p. 91]

15 September 1990: The Secretary of Transportation and the Commandant of the Coast Guard authorized the first-ever deployment of a reserve port security unit overseas. PSU 303 is the first unit deployed. They were stationed in ad-Dammam.

15 September 1990: A multinational boarding team, including four Coast Guardsmen, boarded the Iraqi tanker *Al Fao* after the tanker was stopped by the USS *Brewton* (FF 1086) and the HMAS *Darwin*. The tanker was permitted to proceed after the boarding team determined that it had no cargo on board.

22 September 1990: The second port security unit, PSU 301, was deployed to Saudi Arabia. They were stationed in al-Jubayl.

28 September 1990: "A Coast Guard LEDET from the USS *Brewton* (FF 1086) boarded HMAS *Success* and presented relevant briefings and lectures to the visit and search parties of HMAS *Success*, HMAS *Darwin*, and HMAS *Adelaide*." [Marolda & Schneller, p. 91.]

22 October 1990: The Iraqi merchant vessel *Al Bahar Al Arabi* was cleared to proceed by a multinational boarding team including Navy and Coast Guard personnel from the USS *Reasoner* (FF 1063) in the North Arabian Sea. The merchantman had apparently "disposed of" its prohibited cargo.

November 1990: PSU 302, staffed by reservists from Cleveland, Ohio, arrive in the Gulf. They were stationed in Bahrain.

16 January 1991: The White House announced the commencement of Operation Desert Storm: offensive action against the forces of Iraq under the provisions of U.N Security Council/U.S. Congressional resolutions. With the commencement of Operation Desert Storm, Coast Guard MSOs increased both the level and tempo of port safety and security activities in the port to protect critical commercial and military waterfront facilities from the threat of terrorism. The Coast Guard increased both shoreside and waterside

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Important Address Change Information! Don't delay the prompt processing of your address change! Include your Social Security number. If you are an annuitant, include your sponsor's SSN. And most important –

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY!

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security patrols in ports using regular and reserve augmentation forces, established and enforced waterside security zones around key facilities and in one case, in Norfolk, responded to a potential terrorist bombing incident at a bulk liquid facility.

17 January 1991: The air offensive against Iraqi forces began.

18 January 1991: Coast Guard LEDET personnel on board the USS *Nicholas* (FFG-11) assisted when the frigate cleared eleven Iraqi oil platforms and took 23 prisoners.

13 February 1991: In response to

Changes to HRSIC Phone Number Prefix and Facsimile Numbers

1 January 2001 the prefix numbers for all phones at HRSIC changed. The new prefix is (785) 339-XXXX. The last 4 digits of all Phone Numbers will remain unchanged. The Toll Free Number has not changed and will remain (800) 772-8724. The new Fax Number for Retiree and Annuitant (RAS) Branch is (785) 339-3770.

the Iraqi action of firing oil wells and pumping stations, some off shore, in Kuwait that caused oil spills in the Gulf, two HU-25A Falcon jets from Air Station Cape Cod, equipped with Aireye technology [which precisely locates and records oil as it floats on water], depart for Saudi Arabia as part of the Inter-agency oil spill assessment team [USIAT] They were accompanied by two HC-130 aircraft from Air Station Clearwater which transported spare parts and deployment packages. The Falcons mapped over 40,000 square miles in theatre and located "every drop of oil on the water. . .The USIAT used the mapping product to produce a daily updated surface analysis of the location, condition and drift projections of the oil." The AVDET was deployed for 84 days, flew 427 flight hours and maintained an aircraft readiness rate of over 96 percent. [Christopher J. Stickney, "Are You Derby?--No, We're Coast Guard!", Coast Guard Academy Alumni Association *The Bulletin* (August/September 1991), pp. 17-20.]

24 February 1991: Coalition forces began a ground offensive to liberate Kuwait.

**Each that we lose takes part
of us;
A crescent still abides,
Which like the moon, some
turbid night
Is summoned by the tides.**

Emily Dickinson

28 February 1991: By presidential order all Coalition offensive operations ceased at 0800 local time.

11 April 1991: The UN Security Council declared a formal ceasefire, ending the Gulf War.

21 April 1991: A tactical port security boat [TPSB] of PSU 301, stationed in Al Jubayl, Saudi Arabia, was the first boat in the newly reopened harbor, Mina Ash Shuwaikh in Kuwait City, Kuwait. The USCG TPSB led a procession of multinational vessels into the harbor. [Ronald L. Davis, "CG port security boat first into reopened harbor in Kuwait City," *The Coast Guard Re-servist* (Sep/Oct 1991), p. 13.]





The chiropractic health care demonstration became a permanent benefit for active duty personnel at designated military treatment facilities (MTF) worldwide. A five-year phased-in implementation will begin in 2001.

Other:

An Individual Case Management Program for Persons with Extraordinary Conditions (ICMP-PEC) was funded. In selected cases, the program allows waiver of TRICARE limitations on health care coverage, including coverage of custodial care services for persons with exceptional conditions. Applicability/scope still pending at this time.

While not immediate, over the next 5 years as TRICARE contracts are renewed, MTF non-availability statement/preauthorization for TRICARE Standard will be eliminated.

UNTIL THE FINAL IMPLEMENTING RULES ARE PUBLISHED, MEMBERS SHOULD KEEP A COPY OF ALL HEALTH CARE RECEIPTS AND TRICARE STANDARD EXPLANATIONS OF BENEFITS FOR CARE RECEIVED IN A TPR AREA FROM 30 OCT 00 UNTIL 1 OCT 01. **MEMBERS SHOULD NOT CANCEL EXISTING SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE POLICIES.**

NOTE: At this time, one of the key factors which will be used in determining eligibility for the TRICARE Remote for Family Members benefit will be the formal enrollment of the active duty member in TRICARE. This requires the active duty member to fill out an enrollment form. Although we had a recent service-wide drive to enroll all of our active duty members in TRICARE, the biggest step a service member can take to ensure earliest TPR eligibility for their family member is to verify the active duty member's actual enrollment in TRICARE. **The easiest way to verify your enrollment is to contact the TRICARE contractor at the toll-free number for your region listed below. This may be especially important to individual service members who have executed a recent PCS transfer:**

TRICARE ENROLLMENT verification:

Region 1>1-888-999-5195	Region 2>1-800-931-9501	Region 3 & 4>1-800-444-5445
Region 5>1-800-941-4501	Region 6>1-800-406-2832	Region 7 & 8>1-888-874-9378
Region 9,10, 12>1-800-242-6788	Region 11>1-800-404-0110	Europe 1-888-777-8343
Latin America 011-507-284-6977	Puerto Rico 1-877-616-5963	Pacific 1-808-433-6847

Another key factor regarding eligibility will be that the active duty family member and the active duty service member have the same address in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). Eligible beneficiaries may update their addresses in DEERS in a number of ways; Visiting local personnel offices that have an ID card facility.

Calling the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office (DSO) Telephone Center at 1-800-538-9552. The best time to call the Telephone Center is Wednesday - Friday, between 9 - 3 (Pacific Time) to avoid delays.

Faxing address changes to 1-831-655-8317.

Mailing the change information to the DSO, Attn: COA, 400 Gigling Road, Seaside, CA 93955-6771.

Visiting a military treatment facility.

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Emailing information to addrinfo@osd.pentagon.mil and include the following information:

Sponsor's Name and Social Security Number

Name(s) of other family members affected by the address change

Effective date of address information

Telephone number (to include area code), if available

Note: Internet users should use all lowercase letters because some email systems are case sensitive.

To change information other than address data, beneficiaries may visit an ID card facility, mail or fax changes with appropriate documentation to the address/numbers provided above. To learn what documentation is required, call an ID card facility or the DSO toll-free number, 1-800-538-9552. The hours of operation for DSO are Monday-Friday (excluding Federal Holidays), 0600-1530 (Pacific Time).

As you can see, this legislation should significantly enhance your military medical benefit. However, the details are far from complete, and it will take several years for the changes to be fully implemented. The Coast Guard is working with DOD to develop detailed implementation guidance on these improvements. Again, additional information will be provided as soon as available. Other websites which also can be periodically visited and contain information on TRICARE benefits are:

<http://www.tricare.osd.mil/ndaa>

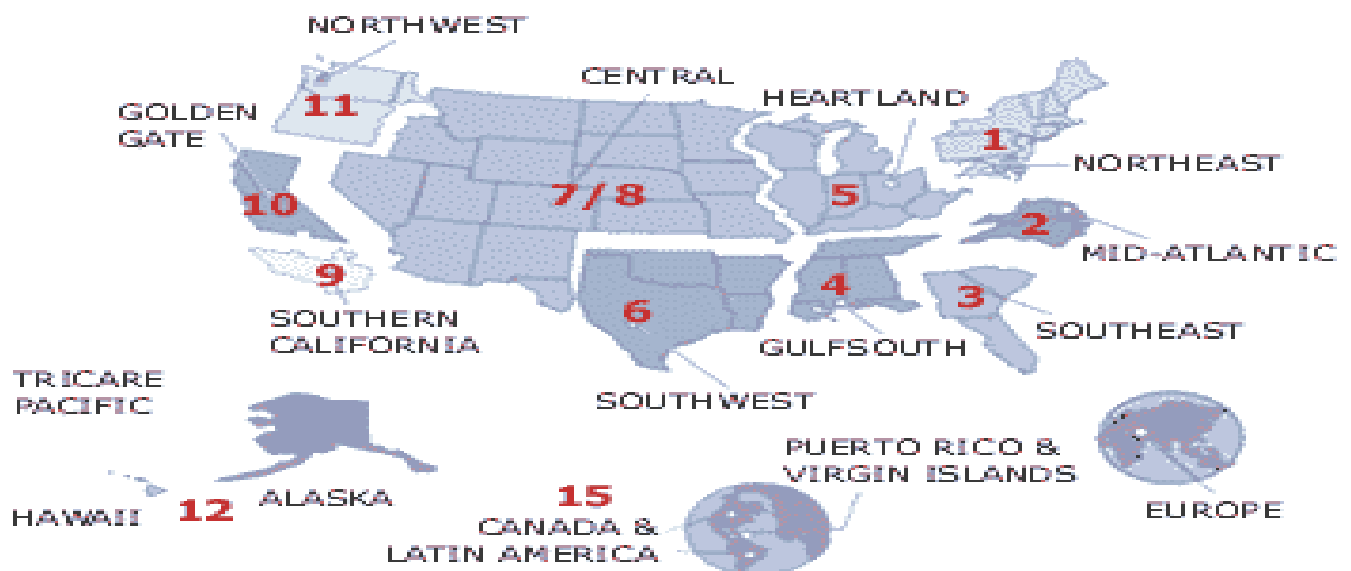
<http://www.mytricare.com>

For beneficiaries over 65:

<http://www.medicare.gov>

1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)

TRICARE REGIONS



TRICARE FOR LIFE

President Clinton signed the FY2001 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001, Public Law 106-398 (the Act) on 30 October, 2000. The legislation included a number of health care provisions that collectively represent the most significant change to military health care benefits since the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) was established by Congress in 1966.



Key Features

o Effective 1 April, 2001, the pharmacy benefit provides Medicare-eligible retirees of the uniformed services, their family members and survivors the same pharmacy benefit as retirees who are under age 65. It includes access to prescription drugs not only at military treatment facilities, but also at retail pharmacies and through our national mail order service program. (Section 711 of the Act.)

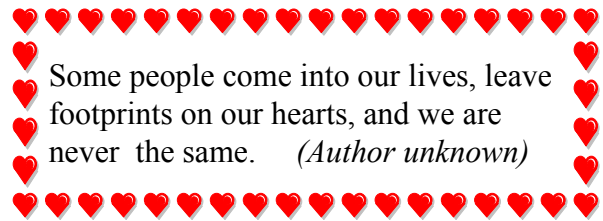
- All beneficiaries who turn 65 prior to 1 April, 2001, will automatically qualify for the benefit whether or not they have purchased Medicare Part B.
- All beneficiaries, who attain the age of 65 on or after 1 April, 2001, must be enrolled in Medicare Part B to receive this benefit.

o Medicare-eligible military beneficiaries become eligible for all other TRICARE benefits effective 1 October, 2001. The law requires that all Medicare-eligible beneficiaries, regardless of age, must be enrolled in Medicare Part B to receive the rest of the TRICARE benefits. (Section 712 of the Act.) With enrollment in Part B, these benefits will provide the following coverage:

- If the medical care received is a benefit of both Medicare and TRICARE,

Medicare will pay the allowable amount for the care. TRICARE will pay the amount that is the Medicare cost share, as well as any Medicare deductible. Most, but not all medical services are a benefit under both Medicare and TRICARE.

- If the medical care received is a benefit of Medicare, but NOT a benefit of TRICARE, Medicare will pay its normal amount and the beneficiary will be responsible only for the Medicare deductible and cost-share. An example of this type of care is certain types of chiropractic care that is covered by Medicare.
- If the medical care received is a benefit of TRICARE, but NOT a benefit of Medicare, Medicare pays nothing. TRICARE will pay the amount it pays for the same service received by a retiree under the



Some people come into our lives, leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never the same. *(Author unknown)*

age of 65. In this case, the beneficiary must pay the applicable TRICARE cost-share and deductibles. An example of this type of coverage is the prescription drug benefit.

o The health care entitlement for Medicare-eligible beneficiaries will be funded, beginning in fiscal year 2003, through the Department of Defense Medicare-eligible Retiree Health Care Fund established by the Department of Treasury. (Section 713 of the Act.)

o The TRICARE Senior Prime demonstration program is extended through 31 December, 2001. (Section 712 of the Act.)

o Active duty family members enrolled in TRICARE Prime will no longer have copayments for civilian health care services under TRICARE Prime (except prescription drugs), effective 1 April, 2001. (Section 752 of the Act.)

o The TRICARE Prime Remote (TPR) program will be expanded to active duty family members throughout the continental United States by 1 October, 2001. In the interim, the Department will implement a program to waive copayments and deductibles of TPR active duty family members. (Section 722 of the Act.)

o An Individual Case Management Program for Persons with Extraordinary Conditions (ICMP-PEC) was funded with a cap of \$100 million. In appropriate cases, the program allows waiver of TRICARE limitations on health care coverage, including coverage of custodial care services for persons with exceptional conditions. (Section 701 of the Act.)

o The chiropractic health care demonstration became a permanent benefit for active duty personnel at designated MTFs worldwide. A five-year phased-in implementation will begin in 2001. (Section 702 of the Act.)

What Do YOU Need to Do Now?



o ENROLL IN MEDICARE PART

B: Beneficiaries who have already turned 65 and do not have Medicare Part B should purchase it if they would like additional health benefits through TRICARE. Medicare allows enrollment each year from January 1 through March 31. Coverage under Part B will be effective July 1 of the same year. Beneficiaries who have not enrolled may be required to pay a surcharge (adjusted for age) to join Part B. Beneficiaries with questions

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regarding Medicare and Part B can visit any Social Security Administration (SSA) office, call the Social Security Administration (SSA) toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, or call the toll-free Medicare number, 1-800-633-4227. They also can find information on the Medicare Web site at <http://www.medicare.gov>

Please remember that if beneficiaries age 65 and over do not have Medicare Part B, they will NOT have the TRICARE benefit to help pay the cost of their doctor and hospital bills when the new benefit begins October 1, 2001.

o **DON'T DROP SUPPLEMENTAL (MEDIGAP) POLICIES YET:** Because of the delayed effective dates, any decision to drop a Medicare supplemental insurance policy (known as Medigap) based on the new law is premature. We are working with the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), and The Military Coalition (TMC) and the National Military & Veterans Alliance (NMVA) to provide the most accurate information on what should be considered before any supplemental policy is dropped.

o **UPDATE INFORMATION IN DEERS:** Beneficiaries should have up-to-date information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). In the coming months, we will mail information to beneficiaries who have received this new entitlement. To ensure that they are not overlooked, eligible beneficiaries must have the most accurate family and beneficiary data in DEERS. Eligible beneficiaries may update their addresses in DEERS in a number of ways, listed below.

o Visiting local personnel offices that have an ID card facility,

o Calling the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office (DSO) Telephone Center at 1-800-538-9552. The best time to call the Telephone Center is Wednesday - Friday, between 9 - 3 (Pacific Time) to avoid delays.

o Faxing address changes to 1-831-655-8317

o Mailing the change information to the DSO, Attn: COA, 400 Gigling Road, Seaside, CA 93955-6771

For valuable info visit the Veterans Affairs website!

<http://www.va.gov>

- o Visiting a military treatment facility
- o Emailing information to addrinfo@osd.pentagon.mil and include the

following information:

- Sponsor's Name and Social Security Number
- Name(s) of other family members affected by the address change
- Effective date of address information
- Telephone number (to include area code), if available

To change information other than address data, however, beneficiaries may only visit an ID card facility, mail or fax changes with appropriate documentation to the address/numbers provided above. To learn what documentation is required, call an ID card facility or the DSO toll-free number, 1-800-538-9552. The hours of operation for DSO are Monday-Friday (excluding Federal Holidays), 0600-1530 (Pacific Time).

SOURCE: TRICARE Web Page at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/ndaa>

Send TRICARE related questions to: TRICARE_HELP@AMEDD.ARMY.MIL or

QUESTIONS@TMA.OSD.MIL

TRICARE web page: <http://www.tricare.osd.mil>

TRICARE Beneficiary Discussion Forum:

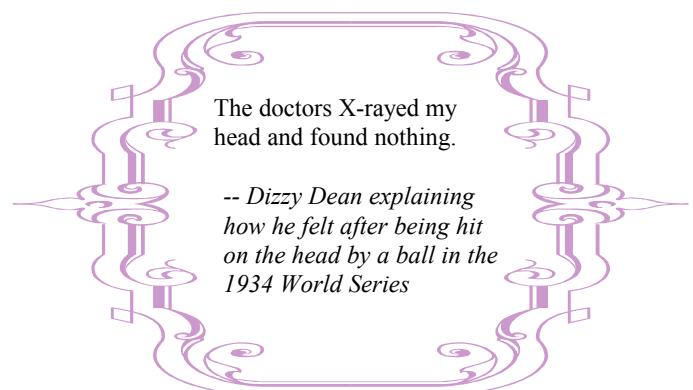
<http://www.tricare.osd.mil/forums/index.cfm?CFApp=7&>

TRICARE regions map and directory of TRICARE Service Centers:

<http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tricare-servicecenters/default.cfm>

TRICARE Claims Forms: <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/ClaimForms/>

DEERS address change: <https://www.tricare.osd.mil/DEERSAddress/>





DoD Plans Data Match with Medicare to Verify Medicare Part B Enrollment

Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting Service (DEERS) Member Service Center representatives have been advising callers to update their records to confirm participation in Medicare Part B.

To clarify what the TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) - the group which oversees the TRICARE program - is contemplating, Steve Lillie, Director of the TFL Working Group has requested that the following information be given the widest possible dissemination.

QUOTE: We understand that there is a lot of uncertainty about whether beneficiaries need to provide evidence of their Medicare Part B enrollment in order to assure that they can get TRICARE for Life benefits.

Beneficiaries do not need to provide Medicare Part B information to DoD. DoD will work with the Health Care Financing Administration to obtain evidence of Part B coverage for all beneficiaries.

We will be working to get the story straight on all our information sources, and would appreciate your help in getting the word out. UNQUOTE.

TMA is optimistic that a data match with the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) will enable them to electronically code the DEERS record to reflect enrollment in Medicare Part B.

Source: TROA

No weapon in the arsenals of the world is as formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women.

-Ronald Reagan

Diabetes Eye Exam Program

The Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) in collaboration with the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) and the American Optometric Association (AOA) have initiated a National program for Medicare beneficiaries with diabetes to encourage them to get their eyes examined. Under the initiative, beneficiaries age 65 and older who have diabetes and haven't had a medical eye exam in the past three years, will be matched with a volunteer ophthalmologist in their area. They'll receive a free comprehensive eye exam and up to one year of follow-up care for any condition diagnosed at the initial exam. To get the name of an ophthalmologist participating in the EyeCare AmericaSM National Eye Care Project[®] in a specific area, call the 24 hour toll-free number at 1-800-222-3937.

Beneficiaries can also call the American Optometric Association's Diabetes Hot Line at 1-800-262-3947 (7AM 7PM Monday through Friday CST) to be matched with an optometrist in your area who will perform an eye exam and arrange for subsequent care. Depending on financial need, the optometrist may waive the Medicare deductible and co-payment for this service. Web Sites of Interest:

-- Health Care Financing Administration

http://www.hcfa.gov/link_rec.asp?URL=http://www.eyenet.org

-- American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO)

<http://www.eyenet.org/>

-- American Optometric Association (AOA)

<http://www.aoanet.org/>

For more information, contact Kathy Winchester at kwinchester@hcfa.gov

[SOURCE: MEDICARE web page at <http://www.medicare.gov> 23 JAN 01]



DIC Reinstatement

The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (OBA-90) eliminated the reinstatement provisions of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) in November 1990.

In 1998, the 105th Congress heard and understood what had been done by an earlier Congress and in the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (H.R. 2400-PL 105-178) included a provision (section 8207) making DIC **reinstatable** effective 1 October 1998. For more info contact your VA representative at 1-800-827-1000.

Source: TROA

Coast Guard Foundation Names President

(Stonington, CT) – Vice Admiral John D. Costello, USCG, (Ret), Chairman of the Board of the Coast Guard Foundation, announced the appointment of Barbara M. Richards of Old Mystic, Ct. as President of the Foundation. She has assumed her duties on 5 February, 2001. Ms. Richards comes to the Coast Guard Foundation from the University of Connecticut Foundation where she was Associate Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations. She is a cum laude graduate of Smith College in Government where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She received a Masters in Government from the University of Pennsylvania.

Costello stated, “The Foundation is extremely pleased that Ms. Richards will fill this important leadership position as we continue to expand our important support of the United States Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Academy. She brings a new level of energy to the Foundation.”

Ms. Richards was previously employed as Director of Continuing Education at Manchester Community College and Director of Special Programs, Lally School of Management and Technology, for Rensselaer at Hartford, a branch of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of Troy, NY.

Ms. Richards stated, “It is an honor to work alongside the 100 board members across the country who are dedicated to supporting the mission of the Coast Guard.

If at first you don't succeed, well, so much for sky-diving. ~Victor O'Reilly

I look forward to the opportunity to lead the Foundation as we build and strengthen programs on behalf of all the men and women serving in the United States Coast Guard.”

The Coast Guard Foundation was founded thirty-one years ago, originally in support of the United States Coast Guard Academy. In the mid '80s, the Coast Guard Foundation changed its mission to include not only support of the Academy but also support of the entire United States Coast Guard. The Foundation raises funds to support morale, quality of life, and education programs. Further information about the Foundation can be found on the Internet at www.cgfdn.org.

Source: CG Public Affairs

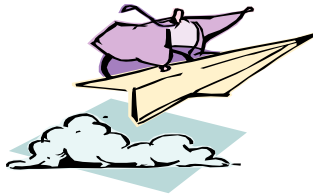


Ens. Joseph Jenkins &
Lt. Clarence Samuels
1943

The first African Americans to become commissioned officers, Jenkins earned his commission through the Candidates for Reserve Commission program at the Coast Guard Academy to become the first African American in the Coast Guard Reserve, while Samuels, a warrant officer at the time, earned a direct commission to lieutenant junior grade. They are pictured aboard the CGC Sea Cloud. Source: CG Magazine

The art of flying is to throw yourself at the ground and miss.

-- Douglas Adams



"The Coast Guard Cutter"

When she steams into the harbor
People don't flock 'round like bees;
For she ain't no grim destroyer;
No dark terror of the seas.
And there ain't a load of romance
To the guy that doesn't know,
In a ship that just saves vessels
When the icy northers blow.

When the old storm signal's flyin',
Every vessel seeks a lee,
'Cept the cutter; which ups anchor
And goes ploughing out to sea,
When the hurricane's a'blowin'
From the banks to old Cape Cod
Oh, the Cutter; with her searchlight,
Seems the messenger of God.
-Arthur Somers Roche



Heroes:

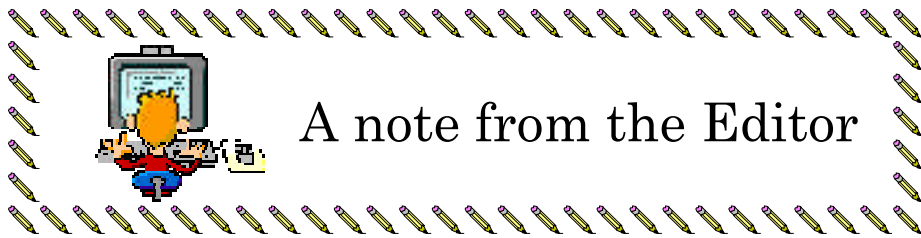
Abbie Burgess Grant
1839- 1892

Born in Maine in 1839 and with a limited education, Abbie tended lighthouses for most of her life. One week after her father received his appointment as lighthouse keeper at Matinicus Rock, Abbie inherited the lamps. Her career as a lighthouse keeper spanned 38 years and saw her work at Matinicus and White Head Light Stations. Abbie was a heroine upon several occasions, risking her safety and well being for the sake of her family and "those that go down to the sea ships." It was not until she married Isaac Grant, bore four children and moved to White Head Light that Abbie received proper recognition and a salary for her lighthouse duties. She died in Maine in 1892.



IRONWOOD DECOMMISSIONED

The Coast Guard Ensign is raised aboard the CGC Ironwood during its commissioning ceremony Oct. 11, 1943. The 180-foot buoy tender was decommissioned in Kodiak, Alaska, Oct. 6, 2000 after 57 years of service.



A note from the Editor

Greetings!!

I would like to introduce myself as HRSIC's new Editor of the Retiree Newsletter. My name is Ron Derrick (YNC Retired) and have the pleasure of being selected to provide all of you with continuing information that I hope you will find interesting, informative, and a little bit of fun.

Background of my 24 year CG career began in July of 1976 where I went through basic in good ol Alameda, California. After graduating and volunteering for a year of LORAN duty at Sitkinak, Alaska (I was told there was a girl behind every tree), I attended YN "A" School in Petaluma in '77. From there I was lucky enough to pull a tour at AIRSTA Barber's Point Hawaii. After many sun-burns in '80 it was off to the 13th District Office in Seattle, Washington where I remained until I was offered Activities Europe to re-enlist the same year. After doing a tour overseas and fracturing the Queens English I then transferred to the 7th District in Miami, Florida in '82. After 5 years it was off to experience the Midwest, where I worked in HRSIC Topeka, Kansas until '91, after which I was assigned to the CGC VIGILANT (WMEC-617) out of Port Canaveral, Florida. After 3 years of honestly the most rewarding tour to date, it was back to Kansas in '94 for a second assignment in HRSIC. In 1999 it was time for one more move for a tour at CG GP Southwest Harbor, Maine where I retired in mid 2000. I brought my family back to Topeka where we have made our home and plan to set some roots.

Please give me any feedback you may have, or just call and say hello. This newsletter is for you and I will do my best to keep it a publication you look forward to receiving. ~Ron

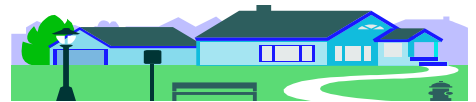
Retraction



In our January 2001 Issue Taps section, we had listed **RM1 William Boykin** as deceased. This was a regretful entry as RM1 is alive and well, living in Ocala, FL. We apologize for any confusion and emotions created.

Bed & Breakfast Club

[Military]: Retreat & Reveille International, a military bed and breakfast club, has a directory offering more than 470 havens in all 50 states and 28 other countries. Membership is open to all veterans and families of military organizations of any nation. It offers economical lodging through low-cost stays with members who open their homes only to fellow members, as well as B&Bs owned by other military personnel. Members are not required to host. It also includes commercial B&Bs and inns, which offer discounts to club members. A initial fee of \$39.95 will provide new



members with a host directory for the next two years, a membership card, and a quarterly newsletter, The Bugle Call. To join send your military affiliation info and a check for dues to Retreat & Reveille International, 3106 Military Rd., Arlington VA 22207-4136. Additional info can be obtained at [703] 525-3372 or retrveille@aol.com [Source: Afterburner JAN 01]

Correction:

In our January 2001 Issue we had shown a photo of "Charlie" company dated in 1956. This was actually Charlie #029. The very first "Charlie" company was formed in 1948. According to my source, RCMC (Ret) Art Riker, when he attended everything was still painted in WWII camouflage and full of wildlife in the form of mosquitos. Thanks for the info Masterchief!!!





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Mark Twain on Editors;

I hate editors, for they make me abandon a lot of perfectly good English words.
- *Abroad with Mark Twain and Eugene Field, Fisher*

How often we recall, with regret, that Napoleon once shot at a magazine editor and missed him and killed a publisher. But we remember with charity, that his intentions were good.
- *Letter to Henry Alden, Nov. 11, 1906*

~A MOMENT IN TIME~



Left to right:

C. T. Thrun, CMAA
 J. F. Powers, Oiler 1st Cl.
 L. C. White, Ship's Writer
 C. Griffin, MAA
 John Wicks, Surfman
 Robert Donohue, 3rd Lt.

C. E. Sugden, 2nd Lt. (Eng)
 E. A. Coffin, 2nd Lt.
 S. V. Parker, 1st Lt.
 P. B. Eaton, 2nd Lt. (Eng)
 E. F. Stone, 3rd Lt.
 Ora Young, Surfman No. 1

W. R. Malew, Cox'n
 J. Myers, Surfman
 J. Medusky, Asst. MAA
 R. F. Gillis, Signal QM
 W. S. Anderson, Surman
 L. M. Melke, Signal Q.M.

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AFTER 50 YEARS, "MAC" GOES RED

When the USCGC Mackinaw completed a maintenance period in mid-June, the "Queen of the Great Lakes" sported a whole new look -- a bright "icebreaker red" hull. Mackinaw's crew started painting at the end of May.

The primary reason for the color change is to address longstanding safety concerns. The white hull easily blended with ice and gray skies found during winter operations, effectively acting as camouflage. "Changing the Mackinaw's hull color to red is long overdue," said Cmdr. Keith Colwell, Commanding Officer of USCGC Mackinaw. "Safety must be paramount in the harsh conditions that Mackinaw faces each winter. A white hull in ice and snow does not meet this need."



PHOTO BY ENISIGN BRAD COOK, USCGC MACKINAW

The desire to change the hull color was not a new idea. "I discussed the change with several former commanding officer and they wholeheartedly agreed," Colwell said. *"Safety must be paramount in the harsh conditions that Mackinaw faces each winter. A white hull in ice and snow does not meet this need."*

Over the years, a number of Great Lakes Shipping Fleet captains noted that Mackinaw's hull is "invisible" in ice and they usually looked for the ship's stack as a point of reference. The red hull color will contrast sharply against the predominately white winter environment Mackinaw operates in. "The Lake Carriers Association supports the Coast Guard's objective to provide the safest icebreaking assistance possible. Every sailor knows that a white hull does not stand out in ice or in fog, a red hull makes safety sense," said George Ryan, president Lake Carriers Association.



The change also brings economic benefits. White hulls require frequent maintenance, resulting in a major effort on the part of the crew to preserve Mackinaw's hull and appearance. Flaws in the paint scheme caused by the rigorous winter season show up quicker and are not easily fixed. The red hull will be easier and cheaper for the ship's crew to repaint and touch up as necessary.

The Coast Guard's two Polar Class icebreakers have been painted since their commissionings. (The USCGCs Polar Star and Polar Sea, both homeported in Seattle, operate in the Arctic and Antarctic annually.) USCGC Healy, the Coast Guard's newest icebreaker, also to be homeported in Seattle later this year, is also painted red.

Source — 9th District Public Affairs

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REUNIONS AND NOTICES

**Renion for GSHIP ALLIANCE, APPALACHIAN AGC-1
BLUE RIDGE AGC-2, LCC-19 AGC-3 ANCON AGC-4
CACTOCTIN AGC-5 DUANE AGC-6, WAGC-33
MOUNT MCKINLEY AGC-7 MT OLYMPUS AGC-8
WASATCH AGC-9 AUBURN AGC-10
ELDORADO AGC-11
ESTES AGC-12 PANAMINT AGC-13
TETON AGC-14 ADIRONDACK AGC-15
POCONO AGC-16 TACONIC AGC-17
BISCAYNE AGC-18
**BIB WAGC-31 CAMPBELL WAGC-32
INGHAM WAGC-35
SPENCER WAGC-36
TANEY WAGC-37 MT WHITNEY LCC-20):****

SEPTEMBER-9 SEPTEMBER 12 '01, CHERRY HILL MD
Contact Bill Kearney, 77 Garden Hills Drive,
Cranston, RI 02920, billteton@juno.com.

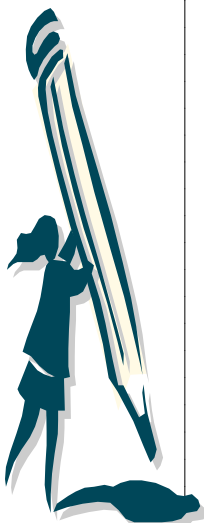
The Coast Guard and Navy crewmen of the USS Cambria (APA-36) will hold their next reunion April 19-22, 2001 in New Orleans, LA. If you were a crewman of the USS Cambria, please contact David Stoll. His address is 508 West Pearl St, Wapakoneta, OH 45895. Telephone number is 419-783-3786. He may also be reached by E-Mail at destoll@bright.net May 4-6 2001

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CGC Jarvis Reunion May 4-6 2001 Mystic Ct.
Contact Charles Greene
PO Box 337
Puryear, Tn. 38251 901-247-5606 days
901-782-3672 nights, cgreene@wk.net

USCG Cutters Chincoteague and Absecon are having their first reunion in Norfolk, VA, in October 2001. If you are interested contact John R. Peters, 1831 Volvo Parkway, Chesapeake, VA 23320, (757) 479-0000 or ODUPeters @AOL.Com or Harry S. Huggins, 5411 Greenfield Drive, Portsmouth, VA, 23703 (757) 484-3700 or MUZZ4POPPI@CS.com for more information.

USCG Air Station Naples, Italy, ALL WHO SERVED, if interested in a reunion September 2002 at Elizabeth City, NC. Please contact: Orval Walker 303 Brite Avenue, Elizabeth City, NC 27909 or e-mail Phil Snodgrass, pdsnodgras@inteliport.com as soon as possible.

The Beaufort, S.C. area Tri-Command Retired Activities Office (RAO), will conduct its annual "**All Service**" **Military Retiree & Spouse Seminar**, on Saturday, 9 June, at the U.S. Naval Hospital's Heritage Club. Our day will begin at 0730, with a "no-cost" Continental Breakfast and end at 1230 with a "low cost" buffet lunch. This "*fast moving*" program of information will include a Legislative Update, Tri-Care For Life, State and Federal Tax information, Social Security Brief, Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), U.S. Naval Hospital and much more. For more information/reservations, please call, MCCS, US Marine Corps Air Station, at (843)228-7353 by 4 P.M. Tuesday, 5 June 2001.

Reserve Unit Owensboro Reunion Sat. April 21, 2001. Meet at 3 PM Central Time, at the Shadyrest Restaurant Rt. 60 East Owensboro, Ky. For additional information contact Lt. Les Allen, USCGR (RET) E-mail lallen@maximcrane.com Phone (502) 495-2457 OR CWO Gene Radin, USCGR(RET) E-mail gpradin@Juno.com Phone (859) 885-1236
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LST 66 May 22 - 24 - 1st. Reunion - Reno Hilton Hotel & Casino, Reno, NV. Contact: Frank Dettner, P.O. Box 672, Applegate, CA. 95703; (530) 878-7035; e-mail: frnknsuz@jps.net

USCGC GLACIER RESTORATION

There is no berthing on board at present. Discounted accommodations are available in Benicia, California, a short distance from MARAD Suisun Bay Reserve Fleet where the thoroughly stripped GLACIER is anchored offshore in a nest of ships, awaiting scrapping.

Here is info on local accommodations in Benicia.

Best Western Heritage Inn
1955 East 2nd Street
Benicia, CA 94510
Phone: (707) 746-0401
Fax: (707) 745-0842

The Glacier Society made arrangements with Claire McFadden,, VP,Marketing & Regional Operations, for reduced room rates.Volunteers should call the above phone number (not the Best Western 800 #, for this is a local agreement) and tell them they are with the GLACIER Society and request the reduced room rate.(\$50.00/night). Make reservations as far in advance as possible. Walk-ins may be ineligible for this discount.

Here is the link to your map or route:

<<http://www.yahoo.com>>

If your e-mail program supports linked text, you should be able to simply click on the URL, select Maps, insert "I-680 and Lake Herman Road, Benicia, CA" to view the map . If that doesn't work, copy and paste the above URL into your Web browser.

Volunteers with military ID cards may be able to arrange accommodations at Travis AFB; however, advance reservations may only be made 1 day in advance and are limited to 3 days. Renewals are not always available. Travis AFB is about 1/2 hour from MARAD. Week long RV spots may also be available. The FAMCAMP reservations office is 1 707 424 3583.The Reservations AF-wide # is 1 888 AF-LODGE.1 888 235 6343

The Westwind Inn is:
1 707 437 0700. Fax: 1 707 424 5489.

Travis AFB has an overflow contract with the Quality Inn in Vacaville. For prices and reservations, call (707) 446-8888 or fax *(707) 449 -0109. BothTravis AFB and Vacaville are about 1/2 hour from MARAD. Novato Temporary Guest Housing officially opens MONDAY, FEB. 5.

Please call the on site Temporary Housing Manager at 415-506-3130 or fax 415-506-3131 for rates and availability. The housing is located on the old Hamilton AFB and is about 1 hour distant from MARAD.

While at the MARAD Suisun Bay Reserve Fleet location, we are restricted to a maximum of 10 people on board Monday through Friday, 0700-1400, one week a month. Until we are alongside a pier, there will be no requests for weekend volunteers; however, if you like, we'll add you for later contact.

We need volunteers to work for dates to be announced..

A willingness to bring hand tools for scrounging, to work hard and get your hands dirty, would help.

Bring a flashlight and work gloves. Hat lights are helpful, too. The work will include cleanup, scrounging and equipment transfer. We meet at the MARAD Facility at the foot of Lake Herman Road (LHR). Going east from Benicia towards Sacramento, turn right on LHR from either East 2nd Street or I-680 . (left if you are going toward Benicia) and go to the parking lot at the end of the road. Tell the gateman you are with the GLACIER Society. It's 5-10 minute walk out to the office. We sign in at the office at 0700, go below for hard hats and lifejackets and embark for transportation by personnel barge to the ship at 0715. We return between 1400 and 1445..

One need not volunteer for the whole week, which should be helpful to those who can commute from SF Bay Area communities. We have had several 1 and 2 day volunteers, already.



Volunteers from any background, civilian or military, are most welcome. Just be prepared to do SA (That's Senior Apprentice, not Seaman Apprentice) work.

If you, or someone you know, are available to help, please contact me at bfaltd@pacbell.net <<mailto:bfaltd@pacbell.net>> or 415 883 7159. After the recorded message, ID self as calling about the GLACIERSOCIETY. I'll answer, if in. If I am not, please leave your name, phone number, especially an e-mail address, if you Have one. Some volunteers do not.

Bob Farmer
Capt. , USCG (Ret)
Recruiter for Volunteers, who work on board & Assisters, who help on shore

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The USS SPENCER CG-W-35 Association and the USCGC SPENCER WMEC-905 will hold their annual reunion in Williamsburgh VA from October 11, 2001 to October 15, 2001. Anyone who has served aboard the "327" or the "270" is welcome. Please contact Jack Shampine, 7398 Route #31, Cicero NY 13039, Ph 315-699-3127 or Hank Rogers Jr., 32 Freedom Ct., Baltimore, MD 21220, Ph 410-335-6826.

WWII Coast Guard and Navy Ship CALLAWAY, APA-35 September 17 – 20, St. Louis, MO. Please contact Wallace Shipp, 5319 Manning Place NW, Washington DC 20016-5311, Ph 202-363-3663.

USCGC EASTWIND WAGB 279

Reunion 25-28 May 2001, Hilton @ Logan Airport, Boston, MA. Contact Lee Grant (508)668-2417, 15 Raymond Ave., Walpole MA 02081 or Al Brier (508) 945-3729, 67 Round Cove Rd., Chatham MA 02633 -Eastwind Association

USCGC COURAGEOUS (WMEC-622) - Any former or present crewmember of the CGC COURAGEOUS that would be interested in attending a reunion please contact CWO4 Peter J. Anderson via email at pandersonsr@earthlink.net. It is hoped that the necessary interest will allow a reunion to be held in the Spring of 2002. I can also be contacted at 504 393 7885 or 809 Terry Parkway, Gretna, La. 70056. Request positive and negative answers.

The third reunion of all thirteen (13) **USCG 255 Ft Cutters** will be held in Las Vegas from May 6th thru the 10th, 2001 at the Union Plaza Hotel and Casino. For more information write; USCG 255 Reunion Committee, PO Box 33523, Juneau, AK 99803 or call 907-789-2579.

USCGC BURTON ISLAND (WAGB-283) Operation Deep Freeze support ship has scheduled a reunion for June 20th through June 23, 2001. It will be held at the Imperial Palace Hotel/Casino in Las Vegas, NV. For more information contact Greg Reel, 4900 NE Park Lane, Kansas City, MO 64118-5928, Ph 816-454-7991, Email gbreel@swbell.net

Time Flies like an Arrow, but Fruit Flies Like a Banana.

~Groucho Marks

Request reader's assistance, I am doing reasearch for a book about the CG when it served as part of the Navy in WWI 1917-1918. Need help in obtaining info, memoirs, and references about the Service's duties and responsibilities in the areas of: Ocean Escorts in the War Zone, Coastal Stations, Port Security, Aviation, Atlantic Patrols, and Augmentation of Navy Ships, in particular stories and accomplishments of individual Coast Guardsman. Please contact CAPT Alex R. Larzelere, USCG(Ret.), 5904 Mount Eagle Dr., #504, Alexandria, VA 22303; Ph 703-960-6692; Email alarzelere@erols.com

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MONTGOMERY GI BILL BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO CERTAIN RECENT RETIRES

Public Law 106-419 authorizes certain military members who had participated in the Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) to enroll in the more generous Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) program. Eligible members are those who:

- Participated in the VEAP educational program on or before 9 October 1996, and made contributions into the VEAP program (even if the contributions were later withdrawn)
- Served continuously on active duty between 9 October 1996 and 1 April 2000.
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The open enrollment opportunity for eligible members expires on 31 October 2001.

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If you retired after 1 April 2000, and at one time had participated in the VEAP educational program, you should have recently received a letter from HRSIC (MAS) notifying you of your eligibility to enroll in MGIB.

The cost to enroll in MGIB under Public Law 106-419 is \$2,700.00. The enrollment fee can be paid in the following ways:

- By check or money order payable to "U.S. Coast Guard".
- Via establishment of an allotment from retired pay.
- A combination of lump sum payment and allotment. For example, a retiree could remit a check for \$1,000.00 and have the remaining \$1,700.00 deducted as an allotment from retired pay.

In deciding what method to pay the enrollment fee, the following factors must be considered:

- The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will not authorize a veteran to utilize any MGIB benefits until all \$2,700.00 of the enrollment fee has been paid.
- The \$2,700.00 enrollment fee must be paid within 18 months of the date of enrollment. Failure to contribute a total of \$2,700.00 within the 18 month period will result in loss of all MGIB contributions as well as ineligibility for MGIB benefits.

If you are eligible for this enrollment opportunity, but have not received enrollment materials from HRSIC (MAS), please contact YN3 Elise Canfield at (785) 339-3495 or Mr. Steve Maupin at (785) 339-3505.

If you have questions on benefits payable under the VEAP and MGIB programs, please contact your local VA office or visit the VA's education web site at:

<http://www.gibill.va.gov/education/benefits.htm>

Coast Guard Donates Computers to Elementary School

The Seventh Coast Guard District in Miami has donated 20 computers, complete with keyboards and monitors, to Sunset Elementary School, a south Miami public school

The Coast Guard donated 65 computers to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Elementary School in December. Overall, the Coast Guard plans to donate about 150 computers, with an original purchase cost of \$180,000, to various schools in Miami-Dade and Broward counties.

About 1,100 students ranging from pre-kindergarten to fifth grade will benefit from the Coast Guard's donation to Sunset Elementary. The Coast Guard recently upgraded its computers, rendering the slower yet perfectly usable machines excess. Under government rules, the agency can donate them to local schools.

"The Coast Guard is a life saving service and is always interested in opportunities to make a difference in people's lives," said Lt. Cmdr. Ron LaBrec, partnership in education manager. "This is a unique opportunity to help the local community by donating these computers and reaching out to children in ways beyond our numerous daily missions."

Source: 7th District Public Affairs

**I THINK I SHALL NEVER BRAG,
A POEM AS LOVELY AS OUR FLAG.
THE FLAG THAT WAVES O'ER OUR SOLDIERS
GRAVES,
AND PROVES TO THE WORLD THAT HE WAS
BRAVE.
THE FLAG THAT UNFURLS IN THE SKY,
AND MAKES YOU CHILL AS IT GOES BY,
THE FLAG THAT STANDS FOR FREE PEOPLE ALL,
AND WAVES FROM STAFFS BOTH SHORT AND
TALL.
UPON THE COLORS RED, WHITE AND BLUE,
THE HEARTS OF OUR PEOPLE SHOULD BE TRUE.
POEMS ARE MADE BY PEOPLE WHO BRAG,
BUT ONLY THE U.S. CAN MAKE THIS FLAG.**



VA and TFL BENEFIT SCAM WARNING

VA is warning veterans about a financial scam that offers lump-sum payments in exchange for monthly VA disability checks or pensions. VA pensions go to war-time veterans incapable of self-support for reasons unrelated to their military service. VA disability compensation is paid to veterans with lingering health problems related to their time in uniform.

These schemes target veterans who are in financial difficulty and tempt them to forfeit a large percentage of their future monetary benefits for temporary debt relief today. Federal law outlaws the direct sale of VA benefits. VA is also prohibited from paying pensions and disability compensation to anyone other than a veteran, a family member or a lawful guardian. The latest schemes, however, attempt to avoid the long-standing federal prohibition by representing these transactions as loans. Companies persuade veterans to give up their disability and pension checks for a specific period -- up to eight years -- in exchange for a lump-sum cash payment typically worth 30 - 40 percent over that same period. In some cases, the veteran must also take out a life insurance policy naming the company as beneficiary.

In the case of a veteran with a disability rated at 50 percent, it could mean receiving a one-time payment of about \$20,000, then forfeiting a \$609 monthly payment that in the course of eight years would bring in nearly \$60,000. VA lawyers are studying the fine print in these schemes to determine whether or not they are legal. Even if they are found to be legal, forfeiture of future benefits is not a good way to get out of debt.

[Source: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs article 01/05/2001

<http://www.prnewswire.com>]

< **The Saginaw River Marine Historical Society** with the support of the Dow Chemical Company (current owner of the site) is restoring the Saginaw River Rear Range Lighthouse near Bay City, Michigan. The lighthouse was a Coast Guard Station from 1938-1980. The Historical Society is looking for photos and information that would help with restoring the lighthouse to the way it looked in the 1950s as well as be used in a museum it plans to have inside the building. If you can offer them assistance with these items please send an e-mail to Rob at: RobMidMI@aol.com or snail mail to: S.R. M.H.S., Photos/Info, P.O. Box 2051, Bay City, MI 48707-2051. >>

Beware of TFL Enrollment Offers

It's not surprising that, with the announcement of the Tricare-For-Life (TFL) health care plan for Medicare-eligible uniformed services retirees and their families, someone would use it to try to make a fast buck. Word has been received that at least one organization is offering to enroll people in TFL for a fee

There's NO FEE involved in signing up for TFL. IT'S FREE!!! All you have to do to be eligible for this new program is (1) be enrolled in Medicare Part B and (2) ensure that your personal information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) is current. Chances are that if nothing has changed since you received your military identification card, you're in good shape.

Anyone who promises to enroll you in TFL for a fee is attempting to take your money in exchange for a worthless service. If you are approached by one of these "TFL enrollment facilitators call 1-800-245-8762 and give the details of any such "offer."

Source: TROA



Locator



Cape Atholl , Greenland

Would like to hear from any Shipmates that were on the Cape from 1962-1963.

ALAN HEBERT DCC PO BOX 21 GRAND MARAIS, MI. 49839 OR E-MAIL AT ajhebert@jamadots.com

CWO (Elc) Bill Hudson Ret. would like to locate CWO Willie Coleman (F & S) Ret. Willie was on the ABSECON 1971-72 and MACKINAW 1976. Contact Bill at 134 Fairway Dr. Pass Christian, Ms. 39571..or.. Ph. 228-452-5118..or.. HUDSONBJ@att.net

BMC Earl Wilson (Buddy) would like to hear from any shipmate that I was stationed with. Can contact me at 311 Agler Lane, Jacksonville, NC 28540, Ph 910-455-6904, Email captbuddyw@aol.com



USCG Retirements



Name	Rank	Date of Retirement	Years of Service
AGEE, MICHAEL	TC1	20001101	20
ALONSO, GUILLERMO	ETC	20010101	25
AMBERSON, DOUGLAS	BMCS	20001101	22
AMERSON, ROBERT	MK1	20001101	20
ANGLIN, CHARLES	SKC	20010101	25
ANKROM, KURT	MK2	20001117	39
ANTHONY, GLENN	AMT1	20001201	20
BARNES, CRAIG	BMCM	20001101	24
BARRERAS, SCOTT	GMC	20001201	20
BARRIE, MARK	EMC	20001201	20
BARROWMAN, JOHN	AVTC	20001201	20
BERG, DUANE	EMC	20001101	20
BERG, RUSSELL	LT	20001101	23
BISESTI, ANTHONY	ET2	20001212	31
BLEWER, JOSEPH	YNC	20001024	27
BOETTNER, JAMES	DC2	20001208	21
BORDEN, DOUGLAS	LT	20010101	22
BROCK, DAVID	ENG4	0001101	25
BRODHAG, STEPHEN	ENG3	20001101	23
BROOKS, RONALD	EMC	20001004	37
BROWN, RAYMOND	CAPT	20001101	26
BROWN, TELFAIR	PA1	20001101	20
BRUGGER, DAVID	BMC	20001101	20
BUNTON, MILINDA	TCC	20001201	22
BURTON, ARELEOUS	ET2	20001101	20
BUSTAMANTE, ROBERT	FSC	20010101	21
CASEY, ROBERT	BMC	20001201	27
CASSIOLI, RICHARD	LCDR	20001006	31
CATHCART, JIM	MK1	20001001	20
CLARK, JERE	DC1	20001007	31
CLAYPOOLE, MICHAEL	SK1	20001201	20
COE, HOWARD	BM1	20001101	23
COLE, CONNIE	YNC	20001103	19
COOKINGHAM, WILLIAM	BM2	20001201	20
CORCORAN, MARK	MST1	20001201	20
CRISP, DONALD	BMC	20001201	21
CRUZ, MANOLITO	ENG4	20001201	29
DALOISIO, ANTHONY	SK1	20001201	23
DAWSON, CAMERON	BM2	20001201	20
DEAN, ALBERT	IV1	20001012	30
DECOURSEY, MARK	AMT1	20001201	20
DISHART, KEITH	AMTCM	20010101	26
DOLVIN, DANA	YN1	20001201	23
DOOTY, CHARLES	BM1	20001101	20
DROZ, DEAN	AE2	20001118	29
DUESING, MATTHEW	LT	20001101	20
DYE, JIMMIE	PSC	20000930	30
ELLIOTT, JAMES	TCC	20000923	24
ENGELHARDT, FREDERICK	TC1	20001211	35
ERICKSON, GREGORY	LT	20001001	20
FAW, JAMES	AVI2	20001201	24
FENTON, DANA	MKC	20001201	20
FERRANTE, ROBERT	YNC	20001120	37
FIDLER, NEVIN	CAPT	20001111	33
FIORILLO, MICHAEL	PSS4	20001108	34
FLEMING, ELIZABETH	QMCS	20001101	24
FORD, ROBERT	IVC	20001219	25
FREDRICKSON, KENNETH	YNC	20000815	23
FREEMAN, DALE	QMC	20001201	20
FRENCH, TODD	ASTC	20001101	20
GANIS, EDWARD	BMCM	20001215	40
GARROTT, ROBERT	LCDR	20001101	18
GARZA, OCTAVIO	MK1	20001201	20
GASKINS, CISROE	MK1	20001125	34

Name	Rank	Date of Retirement	Years of Service
GIGLIOTTI, THOMAS	MKC	20001201	20
GILSON, JEFFREY	GMC	20001201	24
GODIN, DONALD	MKC	20001201	21
GOODYEAR, WILLIAM	PS1	20001216	35
GORNIEWICZ, MARYANN	YNC	20001001	27
GREGORY, PAUL	HSCM	20001122	37
GRIFFIN, ROSS	RDCS	20001201	20
GRIFFITHS, DAVID	YNC	20001101	20
GRUBB, JOSEPH	PSCS	20001006	41
GURNETT, MARK	HS1	20001201	20
GUST, JAMES	TC1	20001101	20
GUTIERREZ, LAURA	ETCS	20010101	20
HACKBARTH, MONTE	DC1	20001024	20
HAGER, FRANKLIN	PSCS	20001123	34
HAIGHT, WILLIAM	CAPT	20001016	21
HALL, MICHAEL	CAPT	20001201	30
HALLORAN, DANIEL	FSCS	20001129	43
HARDING, KENNETH	RDC	20001201	20
HARKER, ALLEN	CDR	20001201	26
HARLE, HENRY	ET2	20001201	20
HARMER, BRIAN	YNC	20010101	20
HATHAWAY, HOWARD	BMCS	20010101	23
HAYES, MYLES	F&S4	20001125	38
HELMINIAK, MARC	DCC	20010101	20
HENNINGSEN, CARSTEN	CDR	20001101	25
HERBERT, THOMAS	CDR	20001104	35
HERITAGE, WILLARD	MK1	20001101	20
HERMAN, JOHN	BM1	20001112	37
HERRING, RONALD	MKC	20010101	20
HILDEBRANT, BRIAN	BM1	20001201	20
HILL, AUBREY	SKCS	20001201	23
HILLBERG, PATRICK	RDCS	20001201	20
HOGGARD, ADA	YN1	20001201	20
HOLMES, KENNETH	BOSN4	20001101	30
HORTON, JOHN	LCDR	20001027	34
HOSKINS, CRAIG	LCDR	20001101	20
HOWARD, WILLIAM	SK1	20001026	39
HUENERBERG, SCOTT	BM1	20001201	22
HUNNICUTT, DONALD	TC1	20001101	23
HUTCHINSON, WILLIAM	LCDR	20001126	36
JACOBS, RANDAL	MKC	20001201	22
JADUL, JAMES	CDR	20001025	40
JAMAIL, DANIEL	YNCS	20001201	28
JOHNSON, PAUL	SKCM	20010101	21
JOHNSTON, BRUCE	TC1	20001201	20
JONES, AARON	MKCM	20001201	30
JONES, WILLIAM	BOSN4	20001201	30
JOYNER, WILLIAM	ENG2	20001101	22
KAPINOS, RONALD	SKCS	20001207	32
KIESSEL, RICHARD	CAPT	20001112	38
KING, PAUL	LT	20001201	22
KING, RICKY	TTCS	20001201	25
KIPOURAS, CHARLES	BOSN3	20001201	22
KLEIN, HOWARD	ENG4	20001230	41
KLINDER, DON	YN1	20001027	39
KNAPP, DONALD	YN1	20001101	20
KOEHLER, MARK	TCC	20001101	20
KOUTSIS, THOMAS	PS1	20001105	25
KUHARCHIK, WALTER	DCC	20001101	21
KUNN, MICHAEL	HS1	20001201	20
LAIR, TERESA	TC1	20001201	20
LANGONE, VINCENT	AMT3	20001013	10

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LARSEN, TIMOTHY	ET1	20001201	20
LEVAY, FRANCIS	YN1	20001116	37
LEWIS, TERESA	FS1	20001101	20
LORENZO, WILLIAM	AST2	20001101	20
LOVETT, DWIGHT	MKC	20010101	20
LUDLOW, JOHNNY	PA1	20000730	26
LUND, ANN	YN1	20001101	20
LUND, RALF	HS1	20001101	21
MAIER, STEVEN	BM1	20001201	20
MAMAJEK, EUGENE	ENG4	20001101	38
MARION, LOUIS	GMC	20001201	20
MASON, CHARLES	ELC4	20001101	30
MAURERDAVIS, JILL	MUC	20010101	20
MAXFIELD, EDWARD	AVT2	20001201	21
MAXWELL, STEPHEN	LCDR	20010101	30
MAYORS, JAMES	LCDR	20001101	20
MCCANN, JOHN	CDR	20001201	21
MCCOY, MICHAEL	TTCS	20001101	21
MCCOY, THOMAS	PSC	20001121	33
MCCRUMMEN, HUGH	YNMCM	20001101	26
MCLAUGHLIN, PATRICK	LCDR	20001201	30
MEIER, DIETER	BMC	20001101	20
MEINECKE, TODD	SA	20001026	00
MELCHIONE, TIMOTHY	MK2	20001101	21
MERY, DAVID	MKC	20001101	20
MILLER, GLENN	CDR	20010101	21
MILLER, JAMES	IV1	20001113	33
MILLER, JOHN	CAPT	20010101	24
MILLER, JOHN	FTCS	20010101	20
MILLER, WILLIAM	HSC	20001101	21
MILLIGAN, PATRICK	MK1	20001101	20
MILLS, RONALD	BM1	20001201	22
MINUGH, ROBERT	ELC4	20001101	30
MIZE, JOSEPH	TCCM	20001201	30
MONTFORD, GABRIEL	ENG4	20001101	25
MOORE, WILLIS	CAPT	20001015	39
MORGAN, JAMES	MKC	20001201	20
MORRISON, DAVID	BMCS	20001101	22
MOSHER, PETER	HSC	20001201	22
MULLER, JON	YN1	20010101	20
MUNDEN, FENTRESS	CAPT	20001117	37
MYERS, DONALD	LCDR	20010101	20
MYERS, PAUL	BMC	20001221	20
MYERS, THOMAS	YN1	20001101	20
NANNERY, PATRICK	PSC	20001121	25
NEALE, EDMUND	BMC	20001112	35
NELSON, RONALD	LCDR	20010101	20
NELSON, WILLIAM	EM1	20001201	20
NESEL, STEPHEN	CDR	20010101	20
NIETERING, ROBERT	EM1	20001101	20
ODOM, DANIEL	DC1	20001201	22
OROL, EDWARD	FS1	20000811	34
OWENS, THOMAS	GMCM	20001101	30
PARHAM, KENNETH	YNCS	20010101	20
PARKER, GARY	RDC	20001201	20
PAYNE, RICHARD	ETC	20001101	20
PEELE, MICHAEL	MK1	20001101	21
PEREZ, DONALD	ENG3	20010101	21
PETTWAY, ROBERT	EM1	20001201	20
PHELPS, JEFFREY	LCDR	20001101	25
PHILP, DAVID	AVT1	20001101	20
PLANTE, BRIAN	WEPS3	20001101	21
PLEASANTS, MATTHEW	ETCS	20001101	20
PLUMMER, MARK	ETC	20001201	20
POSPISIL, GREGORY	ET1	20010101	20
PROCHNOW, ALEXANDER	HSC	20001201	23
PROUDFOOT, DAVID	CAPT	20001128	38

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PROUDFOOT, JEFFREY	SK1	20001201	20
RABER, MICHAEL	CDR	20001201	21
RAWL, HENRY	AMT1	20010101	20
RIDGELY, LEN	AVT1	20010101	20
ROBERTS, RICHARD	BOSN2	20001001	24
ROBINSON, KEITH	YN1	20010101	20
ROCKE, RAYMOND	PSCS	20001012	42
RONDEL, VICTOR	MKC	20001016	42
ROSARIO, JUAN	TC2	20001101	20
ROSENCRANCE, THOMAS	GMC	20001101	22
RUHDE, DOUGLAS	LCDR	20010101	20
RUOFF, ERNEST	BMC	20001201	20
RYAN, RICHARD	SKC	20001101	20
RYAN, WILLIAM	HSCM	20001218	37
RYCHORCEWICZ, MICHAEL	MKCS	20001201	21
SANBORN, BRIAN	LCDR	20010101	20
SANBORN, SCOTT	GM1	20001101	20
SANDERS, JAMES	MKC	20001201	20
SANDOVAL, STEVEN	QM1	20001201	21
SANDVIG, DARRYL	BMC	20001101	21
SAPALICIO, ALAN	FSC	20001201	20
SATTLER, STEPHEN	BOSN3	20001201	24
SCHAEFFER, DANIEL	EMCS	20010101	21
SCHMIDT, WILLIAM	QM2	20001114	13
SCHOEPF, ROY	CDR	20001109	38
SEASTEDT, MICHAEL	ET1	20001101	20
SEIBT, ALBERT	AVT1	20001101	20
SHAPIRO, MARVIN	FS1	20001101	28
SHAW, RICHARD	CAPT	20001028	39
SHERIDAN, STEVEN	LCDR	20010101	20
SHODEEN, ANGELA	FA	20001206	03
SHRUM, SEAN	BM1	20010101	22
SIMPSON, DWANE	YNMCM	20001101	26
SIMS, ROBERT	FS1	20001120	28
SLADE, RAYMOND	BMCM	20001201	31
SMITH, JOHN	PERS3	20001201	22
SMITH, JOHN	YNMCM	20001226	38
SMITH, RALPH	MK2	20000905	33
SOVA, ROBERT	PERS4	20001101	28
SPEIDEL, FRANK	TC1	20001201	20
STACKPOOLE, ROBERT	BOSN4	20001010	40
STANDRIE, KERRI	TC3	20001129	02
STEINER, ROBERT	LCDR	20001101	30
STONE, LLOYD	LT	20010101	22
SULLIVAN, MICHAEL	ETC	20010101	20
SWIDER, ALLAN	COMM4	20001101	28
THOMAS, ROBERT	BMC	20001214	21
THOMPSON, GEOFFRY	BMC	20001201	20
TORRES, LUIS	SKC	20001010	35
TRAPP, WILLIAM	BOSN4	20001101	29
TREBIL, FLOYD	IV2	20001228	37
TRIMBLE, TINA	YN1	20010101	20
TSCHESTER, RUSSELL	AVT1	20001101	22
TUMA, ROBERT	SKC	20001201	20
TUOHY, WILLIAM	AVT1	20001201	20
TURNER, MICHAEL	EMCM	20001201	29
VANOVER, ROBERT	PS3	20001202	29
VEBER, PAUL	ET1	20001101	20
VILLANUEVA, SIMPLICIO	MK1	20001120	27
WALKER, STEPHUN	MK1	20010101	21
WALLIS, GARY	ENG4	20001201	30
WATKINS, KENNETH	MK1	20001201	20
WATKINS, RAYCHEL	HS2	20001110	30
WEAVER, JUSTIN	SN	20001003	02
WERTMAN, STANLEY	HS1	20001201	21
WESTER, BOBBY	YNMCM	20001101	30
WESTERBERG, ERIC	LT	20001201	20

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WHIDDON, JOHN	SKC	20001101	24
WHITE, JERRY	MK1	20001201	20
WHITHAM, WYATT	AMT3	20001207	05
WILKERSON, VINCENT	ET1	20001101	20
WILKINSON, JAMES	ET1	20001101	20
WILLIS, DANIEL	FS1	20001017	32
WILLIS, TRAVIS	CAPT	20001109	33
WILSON, ROBERT	CDR	20001005	34
WINKLER, ERNEST	RDCS	20001127	31
WINTERS, JOHN	ENG4	20001101	29
WOODARD, YVONNE	PERS2	20001015	19
WOOTTEN, DOUGLAS	MSTCS	20010101	20
WORDEN, ALASTAIR	INF2	20001201	20
WRIGHT, RONALD	MKC	20010101	20
YARBROUGH, LAWRENCE	CAPT	20001101	29
YATES, HAROLD	AMT2	20001101	20
YOUNG, JOHN	FSCM	20001228	40
ZIM, LARRY	TC1	20001201	20



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MCKAY, SUSAN	CDR	20010101	20
MATTENS, DAVID	LCDR	20010101	23
O'MARA, TIMOTHY	LCDR	20010201	17
PEGNATO, PAUL	CDR	20010301	21
WILKES, DANA	LCDR	20001201	17
WINTER, DONALD	CAPT	20001201	31

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What are they doing now???

**By Harvey B. Firestone
LCDR USCG (RET)**

In the summer of 1967 the United States Coast Guard sent an E-5 Damage Controlman to Instructor Training School in Yorktown, Virginia. I was still in night college at John Carroll University, majoring in diverse subjects, foundering for a possible career in Broadcasting. I became a broadcaster and spent several years as a disc jockey radio and TV newsmen, and finally graduated. The Coast Guard was kind enough to give me a direct commission and I found myself at Yorktown again, this time teaching courses for a few years. I was bored with broadcasting and decided to be a teacher. In Cleveland Public Schools I was first hired as an elementary librarian (media specialist). Then, I taught in various subjects and would up being a speech pathologist – audiologist in one of the state of Ohio's retardation centers. By this time I was well on my way to completing my doctorate in Education. My career took a shift to Audiology and I was called back to duty as the Coast Guard's first and only active duty audiologist to write the hearing conservation plan and assist noise quelling for the entire service. After my active duty stint, I served out my time in the reserve and retired. Now I have used that experience and the volunteer teaching I've done for the Air Force, to compile a new book with a different approach to teaching. The title is Teaching By Lesson Planning. The publisher is First Publish ISBN 1-929925-27-1-900. In the book you will find the familiar TOM IPASTA approach taught by the Coast Guard, with a few wrinkles of my own gleaned by my experience of 27 years as a teacher, facilitator-enabler, curriculum planner, educator/administrator and supervisor. Now that I am retired from the CG, Ohio Teachers, and sold my practice in audiology, I plan to devote my time to writing and lecturing. My next book will involve Life Planning, teaching people about goals and how to achieve them which seems a good payback for all I was able to do because of the good managers and planners that I encountered in my career.~

Former USCG Commandant Buried at Arlington National Cemetery

WASHINGTON – Admiral John B. (Jack) Hayes, 76, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard from 1978 to 1982, died on January 17 in Tavernier, Fla., and was interred at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia on January 31 at 2 p.m. He is best remembered as a sailor and a champion of the Coast Guard as well as a beloved husband, father and friend.

"Admiral Hayes was one of our most dynamic Commandants, an icon in the legacy of the Coast Guard. He was a personal mentor and role model to literally thousands of Coast Guard Officers and crew, including myself. He is truly loved by this organization and will be greatly missed," said Admiral James M. Loy, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Admiral Hayes was born in Jamestown, N.Y., August 30, 1924. He entered the Coast Guard Academy July 14, 1943, and graduated June 5, 1946, with a commission as Ensign. He spent most of his Coast Guard career in command positions. These included shore commands in Japan, Florida, Vietnam, and Alaska as well as sea commands of three Coast Guard cutters. Admiral Hayes returned to the Coast Guard Academy as Commandant of Cadets before his promotion to Rear Admiral in 1973.

As Commandant, Admiral Hayes ordered a comprehensive Roles and Missions study that helped to shape the present-day Coast Guard. He led Coast Guard responses to several significant events including the *Prinsendam* rescue off the Alaskan coast, the Florida Air Flight 90 crash in Washington D.C., and the Mariel Boatlift which, at the time, was the single largest search and rescue operation in Coast Guard history. He also saw the Coast Guard through difficult budget battles and fended off proposed reorganizations he felt would undermine the flexibility and effectiveness of the Service.

Admiral Hayes received numerous awards over the course of his distinguished career. Among those were the Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medal with one gold star, the Legion of Merit with one gold star, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Coast Guard Commendation Medal.

His profound impact on many individuals' lives was mirrored in his other interests and passions. An Eagle Scout, he continued his affiliation with the Boy Scouts as a troop leader and a member of the National Council. Both Bigelow Laboratory, a marine sciences laboratory in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, and the Armed Services YMCA benefited in many ways from his expertise and skills in long-range planning during his tenure as a member and Chairperson of their Boards of Trustees. His passions for scuba diving, fishing and hiking took him all over the world with family and friends.



Admiral Hayes was an active member of St. Columba's Episcopal Church in Boothbay, Maine. He served as Senior Warden for four years and was a driving force in guiding the mission's efforts in planning for a church building.

Jack Hayes was killed after being accidentally struck by a vehicle during a hike along the Florida Keys. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, of Boothbay Harbor, Maine; four children, Christie Hayes, John Hayes, William Hayes, and Virginia Hayes; and seven grandchildren. The Hayes family requests donations in lieu of flowers be sent to one of the following: St. Columba's Episcopal Church Building Fund (P.O. Box 297, Boothbay, ME, 04537); Boy Scouts of America (BSA, National Office, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079); or Bigelow Laboratory (W. Boothbay Harbor, ME, 04575).





LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	RANK	DATE OF DEATH	CITY	STATE
AIRD	THOMAS	MK1	20001218	SETAUKET	NY
ALLADO	DOMINADOR	SDC	20001114	FREMONT	CA
ANDERSON	ROBERT	CDR	20010101	WOODBURY	GA
ANNIS	ROLAND	BMC	20001217	WACHAPREAGUE	VA
BALDWIN	ROLAND	YNC	20001114	SACRAMENTO	CA
BALLANCE	DAVID	GMC	20000921	CHESAPEAKE	VA
BASHAM	ROBERT	EMC	20001023	PORTSMOUTH	VA
BAUER	DAVID	MK3	20001104	BRADENTON	FL
BESLY	DEMART	BT1	20001213	DARBY	MT
BEYLARD	LAWRENCE	ENC	20010114	PALM BAY	FL
BILLIG	RAYMOND	QM2	20001114	SOUTH WINDSOR	CT
BIRCH	LOUIS	CDR	20001201	CHINCOTEAGUE	VA
BISCH	DAVID	MK1	20001201	BELLEVUE	WA
BLAIZE	LESLIE	EMCS	20001119	BAY ST LOUIS	MS
BOWDEN	DONALD	BM1	20001225	CRISFIELD	MD
BOWMAN	CHARLES	ENC	20001110	RAYMOND	NH
BROWN	MORRIS	AM3	20001119	LILESVILLE	NC
BURKHEIMER	ROBERT	CDR	20001209	LEAD HILL	AR
BYRON	LAWRENCE	DCC	20001125	N STONINGTON	CT
CASTILE	JOHN	ENCS	20001104	TACOMA	WA
CHARLEY	CLAUDE	CWO4	20001026	ARLINGTON	WA
CLARK	CORNELIUS	PSC	20001106	BRONX	NY
COBAUGH	DONALD	CDR	20010122	PORT ANGELES	WA
COFFIN	LEAVITT	RDC	20001017	ROCKLAND	ME
COLE	CONNIE	YNC	20001116	FLORISSANT	MO
CONDON	THOMAS	CDR	20010115	HOUSTON	TX
CORBEIL	SIDNEY	HMCM	20001202	DUNEDIN	FL
DECHENNE	RONALD	BMC	20001029	BANDON	OR
DEY	HARRY	CWO4	20001204	WOODBURGE	VA
DICKERSON	ISADORE	SS2	20001213	WHITESBORO	NJ
DJAKOVICH	MICHAEL	ENCS	20001122	AURORA	CO
DOBROW	JOSEPH	CWO4	20001031	GULFPORT	FL
DUMLAO	TOMAS	CWO4	20001122	MEMPHIS	TN
DUNN	JOHN	PS1	20001211	EAST HAVEN	CT
DUEHRING	MELVIN	BM2	20000416	VICTORVILLE	CA
EASTMAN	JESSE	CAPT	20001112	SEATTLE	WA
ELLIOTT	DELANEY	CWO3	20010107	FRESNO	CA
ENROUGHTY	FLOYD	FICS	20001214	RICHMOND	VA
EVEARTS	JAMES	SS1	20001013	PHILIPPINES	RP
FANNIN	WAYNE	EN1	20001214	LONG ISLAND	NY

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FLANAGAN	JAMES	BMCS	20010114	FALL RIVER	MA
FREDERICK	FREDERICK	SSC	20001121	SAULT S MARIE	MI
FREDRICKSON	KENNETH	YNC	20001020	PT ANGELES	WA
FULCHER	CHARLES	MM1	20001115	REEDVILLE	VA
GARCIA	JOSE	MKC	20001219	COTO LAUREL	PR
GARRISON	ROGER	BMC	20010111	LAKWOOD	WI
GELORMINO	FRANK	RMC	20001112	MONROVIA	CA
GOERL	ROBERT	CWO3	20001023	CENTRAL CITY	NE
GRABER	JACOB	CDR	20001119	EARLVILLE	NY
GREEN	DONAVAN	MK1	20001126	NORTH BEND	WA
GRIFFIN	JOHNNIE	BM1	20001220	FLORAL CITY	FL
HADLEY	LEONARD	TC1	20001013	WALTHAM	MA
HALL	NORMAN	EMC	20001123	TAMPA	FL
HAMILTON	JOSEPH	CDR	20001125	HUNTINGTON BC	CA
HARRIS	WILBUR	CDR	20001026	TIMONIUM	MD
HARTNETT	JOHN	LCDR	20001123	W PALM BEACH	FL
HAYES	JOHN	ADM	20010117	W BOOTHBAY HBR	ME
HOWE	LESTER	CWO2	20001018	SAN FRANCISCO	CA
HULSE	SEWELL	BM1	20001129	BRICK	NJ
ISOM	THEODORE	ENCS	20001021	YELM	WA
JAYCOX	FRANK	BMC	20001230	PORT O CONNOR	TX
JEPSEN	ROBERT	TTC	20001111	STURGEON BAY	WI
JOHNSON	KENNETH	YN1	20010116	CHELTENHAM	MD
JONES	MICHAEL	EN2	20001107	COLORADO SPRNGS	CO
JULATON	ANDRE	SD1	20010112	WEST MELBOURNE	FL
KENNEDY	MICHAEL	YN1	20001102	SEMMES	AL
KING	DAVID	CS1	20000926	CAPE MAY	NJ
KING	OSRUE	SKC	20001119	MARYSVILLE	WA
KING	WILLIAM	WO1	20001110	GREENVILLE	MS
KOHRMAN	ROBERT	BM1	20001215	MINERVA	NY
KONITZ	ROBERT	BMC	20001125	HERTFORD	NC
KWAPISZEWSKI	RICHARD	EN1	20010119	STONINGTON	ME
LATTER	JESSE	TTC	20001010	SYRACUSE	NY
LONG	WILLIAM	QM1	20010104	WILSONVILLE	OR
LOUDERMILK	LEE	EMCM	20001028	GLOUCHESTER	VA
LUSE	JAMES	CAPT	20010108	NEWPORT BEACH	CA
MACIAS	GABRIEL	PSC	20010106	FORNEY	TX
MACK	WILLIAM	CWO2	20001018	THEODORE	AL
MAHER	PATRICK	CWO3	20001129	HOUMA	LA
MANN	FRANCIS	CDR	20001104	KILMARNOCK	VA
MANNING	HENRY	MM1	20001205	ST LOUIS	MO
MCGUFFIE	HELEN	CDR	20001003	BETHANY	WV
MCINTYRE	DEWITT	BMC	20001109	MOUNTLKE TERR	WA
MEYER	CHRISTOPHER	YN1	20001220	PORT ST LUCIE	FL
MITCHELL	EARL	CSC	20001027	PLEASANT HILL	MO
MOORE	ROSS	CAPT	20001128	REDONDO BEACH	CA

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MORTON	JEROME	CWO4	20001116	LARGO	FL
MULLICK	JAMES	AGCS	20001212	LYNDEN	WA
MYERS	RODNEY	SSC	20001119	SEBASTOPOL	CA
NAGY	FRANK	ENC	20001207	LACKAWANNA	NY
NEEDLES	ROY	CWO3	20010111	SALEM	OR
NEWMAN	JAMES	FI1	20010111	LEBANON	TN
OGLETREE	JOHN	BMC	20001215	SEDRO WOOLLEY	WA
OWENS	GEORGE	CS1	20001015	WHITESBORO	NJ
PASLEY	JACK	AD1	20010118	EMMETT	ID
PATTERSON	GLEN	CWO4	20001023	FORT MADISON	IA
PELLETIER	HERMAN	LT	20001229	DELAVAN	WI
PERCHIKOFF	GEORGE	MKC	20001026	SEAFORD	NY
PETERS	FRANK	YN1	20001201	NEW PORT RICHEY	FL
PETROFF	JOSEPH	RMC	20001205	LASALLE	IL
PHILLIPS	JESSE	ET2	20010104	CONWAY	SC
PIRAINO	GIACOMO	BM1	20001219	SAN FRANCISCO	CA
QUANDT	THOMAS	LCDR	20001115	SAN RAFAEL	CA
RAYNOR	WILLIAM	ENC	20010104	MERRITT ISL	FL
RICE	FLOYD	CAPT	20001223	RENO	NV
ROBBINS	JOSEPH	RD1	20001109	MIAMI	FL
ROLLINS	GLENN	CAPT	20001111	CRESCENT LAKE	OR
ROMME	DAVID	LT	20001218	PHILIPPINES	RP
RUMLEY	ROBERT	WO1	20001209	VIRGINIA BEACH	VA
SACCO	ARTHUR	BMC	20001025	S PORTLAND	ME
SAIS	JOE	BM1	20001206	ANAHEIM	CA
SCARBOROUGH	KERMIT	BM1	20001025	NORFOLK	VA
SCHIFFER	GEORGE	QMC	20001218	CAPE CORAL	FL
SHAFFER	DENTON	PSC	20001130	LINCOLNTON	GA
SHARPE	JAMES	WO1	20001219	MILTON	NY
SMITH	WINCHELL	ADC	20001124	BENTONVILLE	AR
STEELE	AMOND	HMCS	20001028	WINTER SPG	FL
STEVENS	WARREN	CDR	20001228	LANSING	IL
STROTTER	LANCE	RDC	20001111	HOUSTON	TX
SULLIVAN	WAYMON	ETCM	20001214	INVERNESS	FL
SWAN	RALPH	BMC	20001126	MARSHALL	TX
SWANSON	WILLIAM	BMC	20001108	ROCKPORT	ME
TABER	CARLTON	RMC	20010113	HONOLULU	HI
TAYLOR	CODY	TT3	20001207	SAN CLEMENTE	CA
TAYLOR	JOHNNY	CWO4	20001209	HULL	MA
THOMPSON	EDWARD	CAPT	20001107	NORTH FALMOUTH	MA
TRIMBLE	ROLAND	SS1	20001027	FREDERICK	MD
TROCHESSET	WILLARD	BMC	20001120	DIBERVILLE	MS
VANKLEEK	CLIFFORD	BMC	20001106	ALOHA	OR
WELCH	COOPER	CAPT	20001231	SAN DIEGO	CA
WHITE	EDMOND	BMC	20001226	LOGANVILLE	GA
WIECHERT	JOHN	LCDR	20010112	NORDLAND	WA

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	RANK	DATE OF DEATH	CITY	STATE
WILD	RAYMOND	CWO4	20010102	PORTSMOUTH	VA
WILLIAMSON	FURMAN	BMC	20001201	WARD	AL
WOOD	CHARLES	ENC	20001215	TUCKERTON	NJ
WRIGHT	DONALD	MK1	20010116	VIRGINIA BEACH	VA
YARMAN	ERNEST	POCM	20000408	ROSSVILLE	GA
YOUNG	ROBERT	CAPT	20001222	KNOXVILLE	TN
YOW	RAYMOND	EMC	20010114	ATLANTIC BEAC	FL
ZINK	VICTOR	CWO4	20001129	BOWIE	MD

THE TIDE RECEDES



*The tide recedes but leaves behind bright seashells on the sand...
The sun goes down but gentle warmth still lingers on the land...
The music stops and yet, echos on a sweet refrain...
For every joy that passes, something beautiful remains....*



Dependent TAPS

Mary J. Lewy, wife of CDR Edward P. Lewy	19 December 2000	Issaquah, WA
Betty R. Lutz, wife of HMC Daniel W. Lutz	18 November 2000	Chico, CA
June Kay Guthrie, wife of MK1 William S. Guthrie	21 November 2000	Harkers Island, NC
Margaret A. Jackman, wife of ETCM Jeffery Jackman	26 October, 2000	Independence, MO
Katherine O'Neal, wife of EN1 Dallas E. O'Neal	30 July 2000	Virginia Beach, VA
Louise Starr (Juntgen)Overmyer wife of RMC(HF) George Overmyer	18 January 2001	San Luis Obispo, CA
Betty J. Agent, wife of YNC William L. Agent	28 December 2000	St. Petersburg, FL
Dolores A. Tavares, wife of SD1 William C. Tavares	23 May, 1999	Ketchikan, AK
Daisy L. Dienert, wife of ASMC Robert F. Dienert	23 February 1999	Adkins, TX
Gail M. Steele, wife of RDCM Robert W. Steele	23 November 2000	
Louise T. Becker, wife of Larry A. Becker	07 October 2000	Sycamore, IL
Jenille K. Bradley, wife of CAPT Walter L. Bradley	01 April 1999	Seattle, WA
Florence A. Shaw, wife of CWO3 Ronald R. Shaw	07 November 2000	Bridgeport, WV
Virginia O. Osborn, wife of ADC Richard C. Osborn	09 June 2000	Miller Place, NY
Dana G. Bolstad, wife of Phillip J. Bolstad, Sr	28 October 2000	Prescott, AZ
Alta L. Spencer, wife of CWO4 Richard R. Spencer	04 January 2000	San Mateo, CA
Virginia L. "Ginny" Valderrama, wife of CDR R Valderrama	17 November 2000	Absecon, NJ
Shirley L. Johnson, wife of PS1 Andrew M. Johnson	14 November 2000	Marshall, VA

Correction: In our last issue we listed a loved one with incorrect spelling of last name. Below reflects correct listing with apologies to all concerned.

Hazel R. Ricard, wife of LCDR Robert V. Ricard	18 September 2000	Evans, GA
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If you have lost a loved one and would like their name printed in Dependent TAPs, please contact the Editor with their name, date of death, your name and retired rank, and city/state of residence. 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)-339-3791.

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- Social Security
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http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tricare/beneficiary/bcac_dir.doc
- Or Debt Collection Assistance Officers (DCAO) at your local MTF
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- Contact your Managed Care Support Contractor (MCSC)
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<http://www.anthemalliance.com/>
 - + Region 3 (Southeast) - Humana Military Healthcare or call 1-800-444-5445
<http://www.humana-military.com/home.htm>
 - + Region 4 (Gulf South) - Humana Military Healthcare or call 1-800-444-5445
<http://www.humana-military.com/home.htm>
 - + Region 5 (Heartland) - Anthem Alliance or call 1-800-941-4501
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<http://www.healthnetfederalservices.com>
 - + Region 15 (Latin America and Canada) - Assistance
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 - + TRICARE Europe - 1-888-777-8343
<http://webserver.europe.tricare.osd.mil/>



o Additional Resources:

- + Basic TRICARE Information
<http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tricare/>
- + Frequently Asked Questions
<http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tricare/news/faqs.htm>
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<http://www.tricare.osd.mil/ndaa>
- + Toll-free Numbers and Regional Web Sites
<http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tricare/trimap2.html>
- + TRICARE Service Centers
<http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tricare/servicecenters/default.cfm>
- + Beneficiary Discussion Forum
<http://www.tricare.osd.mil/forums/index.cfm?cfapp=7>
- + TRICARE Standard Handbook
<http://www.tricare.osd.mil/TricareHandbook/>
- + E-Mail Help:
TRICARE_Help@amedd.army.mil
questions@tma.osd.mil
- + Claims Information
<http://www.tricare.osd.mil/ClaimForms/>
- + Beneficiary Services Branch
<http://www.tricare.osd.mil/main/helptxt.html#3>



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TRICARE Claims Forms: <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/ClaimForms/>

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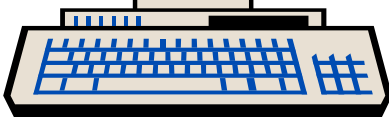
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