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## Homeland security. . . in the ports, in the waterways, and on the ocean



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**SAN DIEGO, Calif. (Jan. 30)--Coast Guard Cutter Tybee participates in vertical insertion training with HH-60J helicopter pilots and tactical law enforcement team members on January 30 in San Diego harbor. USCG photo by PA2 CC Clayton**

The United States Coast Guard's homeland security mission is not new to us. It is more visible today than it was prior to the tragic events of September 11, 2001, but it is just as important as it was when we first began protecting our national sovereignty 211 years ago. The Coast Guard maintains a clear vision and a keen sense of vigilance while keeping watch for threats to our security and those who would do us harm.

In the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks, the Coast Guard immediately mobilized more than 2,000 Reservists in the largest homeland defense and port security operation since World War II. The Coast Guard has increased its vigilance, readiness, and patrols to protect the country's 95,000 miles of coastline, including the Great Lakes and inland waterways.



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### The Coast Guard's homeland security role includes:

- Protect ports, the flow of commerce, and the marine transportation system from terrorism.
- Maintain maritime border security against illegal drugs, illegal aliens, firearms, and weapons of mass destruction.
- Ensure that we can rapidly deploy and resupply our military assets, both by keeping Coast Guard units at a high state of readiness, and by keeping marine transportation open for the transit assets and personnel from other branches of the armed forces.
- Protect against illegal fishing and indiscriminate destruction of living marine resources, prevention and response to oil and hazardous material spills--both accidental and intentional.
- Coordinate efforts and intelligence with federal, state, and local agencies

### Facts: as of 23 January 2002

#### • Since Sept. 11, 2001, Coast Guard units have

- Conducted over 30,000 port security patrols.
- Conducted over 3,000 air patrols.
- Conducted 1,792 boardings of high interest vessels
- Escorted 5,112 vessels in/out of port.
- Conducted 6,295 Search and Rescue Cases
- Assisted 9,747 mariners
- Saved 689 lives.
- Interdicted 587 illegal migrants
- Responded to 95 pollution cases
- Coast Guard Sea Marshals have escorted over 1,000 vessels
- Maintained over 124 Security Zones
- Seized 33,560 lbs of cocaine
- Seized 13,618 lbs of marijuana · Largest port security operation since World War II



**America, our hearts ring true  
For you are our hope and inspiration,  
Your colors red, white and blue,  
They speak to us of our Nation**

### According to swabs, what is the Coast Guard?

"Sir, the Coast Guard is that hard nucleus about which the Navy forms in time of war!"

[As quoted in Howard V.L. Bloomfield, *The Compact History of the United States Coast Guard*, New York: Hawthorn Books, Inc., 1966, revised, 1968), p. 286.]

**ALCOAST 086/02**  
COMDTNOTE 5360

**SUBJ: DEATH OF COAST GUARDS FIRST MCPOCG**

1. THE COMMANDANT ANNOUNCES WITH REGRET THE DEATH ON 24FEB02 IN SANTA ROSA, CA, OF MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE COAST GUARD CHARLES L. CALHOUN (RETIRED JULY 1973).

2. MCPOCG CALHOUN BECAME THE FIRST MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE COAST GUARD IN AUGUST 1969. HE WAS SELECTED AS MCPOCG BY ADM WILLARD J. SMITH, SERVING AS HIS SENIOR ENLISTED ADVISOR AND LATER, ADM CHESTER P. BENDERS ADVISOR. HE ENLISTED IN THE COAST GUARD IN SEPTEMBER 1946. DURING HIS ALMOST 30 YEAR CAREER, HE SERVED ONBOARD SIX DIFFERENT CUTTERS, ACCUMULATING OVER 14 YRS SEA TIME. HE SERVED IN POSITIONS AS XPO AND OINC ON FOUR OF THESE CUTTERS. MCPOCG CALHOUN HAD ALSO SERVED IN VIETNAM. IN ADDITION, OTHER ASSIGNMENTS INCLUDED TWO TOURS OF RECRUITING DUTY AND OINC OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT SMALL BOAT SAFETY TEAM, PORTSMOUTH, VA. MCPOCG HAD ALSO PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN THE USN DURING WWII AS A TORPEDOMAN.

3. AS MCPOCG, HE WORKED CLOSELY WITH HIS DOD COUNTERPARTS, ESPECIALLY THE FIRST MCPON DELBERT BLACK WHOSE FRIENDSHIP HE VALUED. BOTH SERVED IN THEIR RESPECTIVE TOP SENIOR ENLISTED POSITIONS DURING THE CHALLENGING TIMES OF THE VIETNAM WAR. WHILE SERVING AS OUR FIRST MCPOCG, HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING THE COMMAND MASTER CHIEF PROGRAM AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL. OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING HIS TOUR INCLUDED EXPANDING A CAREER COUNSELING PROGRAM, REALISTIC GROOMING STANDARDS, ALLOWING CIVILIAN CLOTHING ONBOARD CUTTERS FOR LIBERTY WEAR, AND A MORE EQUITABLE RATIONS POLICY FOR SINGLE MBRs AT SHORE UNITS. IN ADDITION, HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR SERVICE DRESS UNIFORM AS WE KNOW IT TODAY. HE ALSO PROVIDED INPUT TO DEVELOP OUR CENTRAL ASSIGNMENT CONTROL SYSTEM. ALSO DURING HIS TENURE, HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPROVING AND DEVELOPING A LOT OF THE COAST GUARDS "PEOPLE" PROGRAMS, WHICH RESULTED IN BETTER COMMUNICATIONS AND RETENTION EFFORTS WITHIN THE ENLISTED COMMUNITY. WHILE SERVING AS MCPOCG, HE MADE VISITS TO COAST GUARD PERSONNEL IN VIETNAM, AS WELL AS MEMBERS SERVING IN THE EUROPEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN SECTIONS.

4. HE LIVED BY THE MOTTO, "NEVER GIVE UP" MCPOCG CALHOUNS PHILOSOPHY WAS, "YOU SHOULD HAVE IMPORTANT GOALS IN YOUR LIFE AND MAKE EVERY EFFORT POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN THOSE GOALS. SET YOUR GOALS HIGH. HE BELIEVED AN INDIVIDUAL WAS CAPABLE OF BEING THE BEST IN EVERYTHING THAT HE OR SHE WANTED TO ACCOMPLISH." NEEDLESS TO SAY, MCPOCG CALHOUN WAS ALSO A GREAT MENTOR, FRIEND, AND INFLUENCE ON MCPOCG PATTON.

ADM J. M. LOY, COMMANDANT, SENDS.





## Nomination

### President Bush Nominates Collins to be the 22nd Commandant of the United States Coast Guard



**Vice Admiral Thomas H. Collins**  
Vice Commandant  
United States Coast Guard

Admiral Collins has served as Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard since June 2000. Before being named Vice Commandant, he served for two years as the Commander of the Pacific Area and Commander of the Eleventh Coast Guard District in Alameda, California. From 1996 to 1998, Collins was Commander of the Fourteenth Coast Guard District in Honolulu, Hawaii, and from 1994 to 1996, he served as Chief of the Office of Acquisition at Coast Guard Headquarters.

Admiral Collins has completed a variety of other operations and staff assignments since he began his Coast Guard career in 1968. During his first assignment, he was a deck watch officer and first lieutenant aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Vigilant. He went on to complete a two-year tour as Commanding Officer of the patrol boat, Cape Morgan, in Charleston, South Carolina. From 1980 to 1983, he served as Deputy Group Commander in St. Petersburg, Florida, and he was Captain of the Port, Long Island Sound from 1987 to 1990. During his service, Admiral Collins has received the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Coast Guard Commendation Medal.

A native of Stoughton, Massachusetts, Admiral Collins graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut and served as a faculty member within the Humanities Department from 1972 to 1976. He earned a Master of Arts degree from Wesleyan University and a M. B. A. from the University of New Haven.

Source: CG Web



## Heroes

**Capt. Richard Etheridge** became the first African-American to command a life-saving station when the U.S. Life-Saving Service appointed him keeper of the Pea Island station in North Carolina in 1880. The Revenue Cutter Service officer who recommended his appointment, 1st Lt. Charles F. Shoemaker, noted Etheridge was "one of the best surfmen on this part of the coast of North Carolina."

Soon after Etheridge's appointment, the station burned down. Determined to execute his duties with expert commitment, Etheridge supervised the construction of a new station on the original site. He also developed rigorous lifesaving drills that enabled his crew to tackle all lifesaving tasks. Oct. 11, 1896, Etheridge's rigorous training drills paid off.

The three-masted schooner E.S. Newman had been caught in a violent storm while en route from Stonningham, Conn., to Norfolk, Va. The vessel was blown 100 miles south off course and came ashore on the beach near Cape Fear, N.C., two miles south of the Pea Island station. Though the storm was so severe that Etheridge had suspended normal beach patrols that day, Surfman Theodore Meekins saw the first distress flare and notified Etheridge, who immediately gathered his crew and launched the surfboat.

Battling the strong tide and sweeping currents, the lifesavers struggled to make their way to a point opposite the schooner, only to find there was no dry land. Etheridge tied two of his strongest surfmen together and connected them to shore by a long line. They fought their way through the breakers and finally reached the schooner. The surfmen traversed the rough waters 10 times and rescued the entire crew of the E.S. Newman.

The crew, including Etheridge, recently was posthumously awarded the Gold Lifesaving Medal by the Coast Guard.

Source: CG Web



## Special Compensation for Severely Disabled Uniformed Services Retirees

### \*\*\*UPDATE INFORMATION\*\*\*

#### \*\*\*Special Compensation for Severely Disabled Uniformed Services Retirees\*\*\*

Following is updated information on the Special Compensation since our last Newsletter article.

**Eligible Members:** Those retirees eligible for special compensation must meet the following criteria:

1. Be in a retired status.
2. **Have 20 or more years of active duty service.** (Reserve retirees must have earned at least 7,200 retirement points.)
3. Have a service-connected disability determined to be both **ORIGINAL** and **CURRENT** as explained below.
  - a. **ORIGINAL.** Rated as not less than 60% disabling by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs **within four (4) years** of date of your retirement or by the Secretary of the Service concerned upon retirement.
  - b. **CURRENT.** A member's current qualification rating is the percentage disability rating used by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for compensation in the month of entitlement. A retiree must be entitled to, **and in receipt of**, DVA disability compensation for that month based on a rating at a qualifying level of disability.
    - (1) For benefits payable for months before February 2002 at least 70%.
    - (2) \* For benefits payable for months after January 2002, at least 60%.

#### **Monthly Amount of Compensation:**

- \$50.00 for each month the retiree has a qualified rating of 60 percent.
- \$100.00 for each month the retiree has a qualified rating of 70 or 80 percent.
- \$200.00 for each month the retiree has a qualified rating of 90 percent.
- \$300.00 for each month the retiree has a qualified rating of total disability.

\*At press time the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) has not identified those members entitled to special compensation at the 60% disability qualifying level. When validation is received from the DVA those members identified as eligible will receive special compensation retroactive to February 2002. We must receive the DVA validation prior to reviewing any requests from retirees for special consideration.



## Department of Defense praises Delta's administration of the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program

*San Francisco, CA* – Delta Dental's administration of the U.S. military's dental benefit program for uniformed service retirees and their dependents is "exceptional," according to a U.S. Department of Defense contractor performance report.

The report by the TRICARE Management Activity says Delta's administration of the federal government's TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) consistently exceeded contractual requirements covering claims processing, payment accuracy, claims coding and timely customer service.

The TRDP provides dental benefits to more than 600,000 uniformed services retirees and their families, as well as Congressional Medal of Honor recipients. The program, a 100 percent voluntary program that is the largest such program in the nation, offers affordable dental benefits throughout the U.S., Canada and the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, America Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Subscribers obtain covered services from any licensed dentist within the service area, and can limit their out-of-pocket costs when using any one of about 25,000 DeltaSelect USA Network dentists.

The TMA report specifically notes Delta's initiative to quickly develop an enhanced dental benefits package to conform to federal legislation expanding benefits for retirees.

"Due to Delta's expertise and sensitivity to retirees' needs, the package evolved into an acceptable offer with premiums within a competitive range," according to the report. "In a short period of time, Delta was able to execute an intensive marketing program and to make the operational changes necessary to implement the new program with no disruption of administration of the existing program."

Delta was rated "exceptional" in every applicable category, including quality of product or service, schedule, business relations, management of key personnel and customer relations.

"Delta is proud to administer dental benefits for our uniformed service retirees and their families," says Gary D. Radine, Delta's president and CEO. "Our staff is dedicated to providing the highest quality service, and we look forward to a continued successful partnership."

Delta Dental Plan of California belongs to a holding company system that includes several affiliate companies including Delta Dental of Pennsylvania, and covers 17.5 million enrollees in 16 states plus the District of Columbia. It is also a member of the nationwide Delta Dental Plans Association, whose members together cover 39 million Americans and represent the nation's largest dental benefit system.

To find out more about the newly enhanced TRDP, call Delta at 1 (888) 838-8737, or visit the TRDP web site at [www.dddelta.org](http://www.dddelta.org).

the DeltaSelect USA  
TRICARE  
RETIREE  
DENTAL program

The U.S. government and Delta Dental unite to bring great dental care to more than four million Uniformed Services retirees and their families.

## **TRICARE Prime Beneficiaries Referred for Specialty Care May be Eligible for Travel Reimbursement**

TRICARE Prime beneficiaries referred more than 100 miles from their primary care manager for specialty care may be eligible to have their actual travel expenses reimbursed by TRICARE.

Under provisions of the 2001 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), travel reimbursement is retroactive to Oct. 30, 2000, for Prime enrollees who are referred more than 100 miles from their primary care manager's office for medically necessary specialty care.

To qualify for reimbursement, beneficiaries must have travel orders for past referred specialty care prepared by a TRICARE representative at the military treatment facility (MTF) where enrolled, or from a regional lead agent representative, if their primary care manager (PCM) is a civilian provider.

The MTF or regional lead agent representative is responsible for ensuring that a valid referral exists before issuing travel orders. To file a travel reimbursement claim, beneficiaries should submit the appropriate original receipt(s) (keeping copies for themselves), a completed reimbursement form, and the original copy of their orders issued by the MTF or lead agent. Beneficiaries may receive reimbursement after completing and submitting these items.

The new Prime enrollee travel entitlement does not apply to travel expenses incurred by active duty uniformed services members, active duty family members residing with their sponsors overseas, or to travel costs of beneficiaries referred under DoD specialized treatment programs, which are reimbursed by other travel entitlements; nor does it apply to transportation expenses resulting from emergency care covered under the basic TRICARE Standard benefit.

TRICARE Prime beneficiaries seeking reimbursement for travel expenses incurred for obtaining referred specialty care may contact their local MTF or lead agent beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinator (BCAC) for assistance. Telephone numbers and addresses for BCACs are available on the TRICARE Web site at [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil).

The 2002 NDAA, signed into law by President Bush on Dec. 28, 2001, authorizes travel orders and reimbursement for one non-medical attendant, under certain conditions. TRICARE Prime enrollees who travel with a non-medical attendant should save travel and lodging receipts for themselves and the non-medical attendant. The new non-medical attendant travel benefit will be implemented in the next several weeks and will be retroactive to Dec. 28, 2001. Specific details of the non-medical attendant travel benefit will be available soon at [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil).

### **Q and A.....**

#### **What is the basic difference between TRICARE Extra and TRICARE Standard?**

For TRICARE Extra and TRICARE Standard, you don't have to enroll or pay an annual fee but you do have to satisfy an annual deductible for outpatient care before government cost sharing starts. On a visit by visit basis, you can seek care from a provider who is part of the TRICARE Extra network, get a discount on services, and have reduced cost-shares-five percent less than under TRICARE Standard. Under TRICARE Extra you generally won't have to file any claim forms. TRICARE Standard is the former CHAMPUS program with a new name. It pays a share of the cost of covered health care services that you obtain from an authorized non-network civilian provider.

#### **Is preventive care covered under Standard or Extra?**

Preventive care is an added benefit of Prime. If the particular preventive service is a benefit included under the TRICARE Standard benefits, you will be responsible for the deductible and copayment under Extra and Standard. See your Health Benefits Advisor or Beneficiary Counseling and Assistance Coordinator about specific preventive care under TRICARE Standard.

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### How do I switch from TRICARE Standard to Extra and vice-versa? Can I do this at any time?

Anyone in Standard may utilize the Extra option by making the choice between any authorized TRICARE civilian provider and a provider within the Extra network. The advantage of utilizing Extra is lower co-payments.

### If I am participating in TRICARE Standard, do I have to pay for health care at an MTF?

There aren't any out-of-pocket costs for outpatient care received at an MTF. However, it is important to remember that TRICARE Prime enrollees will receive priority for care at that MTF before non-enrolled beneficiaries. You will be seen on a space-available-basis only.

### I use TRICARE Standard. Do I need to pay for my healthcare expenses up front, or will the provider bill TRICARE directly?

Under TRICARE Standard, depending upon your provider, you may be required to pay for your share of the medical treatment up front and file the claim. If you use a provider who participates in the Extra network, your out-of-pocket costs will be less than with Standard and you will not have to file claims.

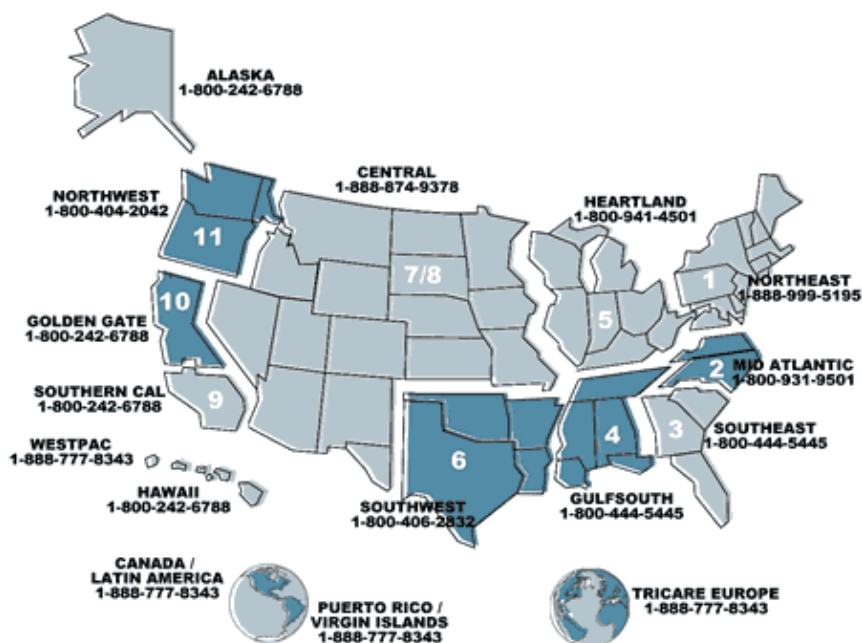
### As a retiree enrolled in TRICARE Prime, does my enrollment transfer to the new region if I move?

As a retiree, you are allowed to transfer your enrollment twice during the same enrollment year. The caveat is that you must re-enroll to the original region. For example, you can transfer enrollment from region 1 to region 3, then transfer enrollment again back to region 1 (but you cannot transfer to a third region in one year). You will be covered for emergency care under Prime from your original region while en route to the next region.

### How long do I have before I should visit a TRICARE Service Center to transfer my enrollment from one region to another?

Currently, if Prime enrollees move to a different region, you will have up to 30 days at the new site to enroll. Your timely enrollment in the new region will provide you and your family continuous health care and prevent Point of Service charges. Your old region will cover you for care until you enroll at the new region.

## *TRICARE Regions at a Glance*





## HEALTH CARE PHONE NUMBERS FOR RETIREES:

CG Hotline for health care questions: 1-800-942-2422  
TRICARE For Life questions: 1-888-363-5433



### National Toll Free Numbers

Senior Pharmacy Program 1.877.DOD.MEDS  
(1.877.363.6337)

TRICARE For Life 1.888.DOD.LIFE (1.888.363.5433)

TRICARE Prime Remote (TPR) (active duty and family members) 1.888.DOD.CARE (1.888.363.2273)

TRICARE Retiree Dental Plan - Deltal Dental  
1.888.838.8737

TRICARE Dental Program (TDP) - United Concordia  
1.800.866.8499

National Mail Order Pharmacy - Merck Medco  
1.800.903.4680

Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting Systems  
(DEERS) 1.800.538.9552

Active Duty Claims (MMSO) 1.800.876.1131

### Regional Toll Free Numbers Northeast (1)

1.888.999.5195 Mid-Atlantic (2)

1.800.931.9501 Southeast (3)

1.800.444.5445 Gulfsouth (4)

1.800.444.5445 Heartland (5)

1.800.941.4501 Southwest (6)

1.800.406.2832 Central (7/8)

1.888.874.9378 Southern California (9)

1.800.242.6788 Golden Gate (10)

1.800.242.6788 Northwest (11)

1.800.404.2042 TRICARE Pacific

Hawaii

WESTPAC

1.800.242.6788

1.888.777.8343 Latin America & Canada 1.888.777.8343

Puerto Rico & Virgin Islands 1.888.777.8343 Europe

1.888.777.8343

## Medical Humor

The following quotes were taken from actual medical records dictated by physicians. They appeared in a column written by Richard Lederer, Ph.D. for the Journal of Court Reporting.

- By the time he was admitted, his rapid heart had stopped, and he was feeling better.
- Patient has chest pain if she lies on her left side for over a year.
- On the second day the knee was better and on the third day it had completely disappeared.
- The patient has been depressed ever since she began seeing me in 1983
- Patient was released to outpatient department without dressing.
- Discharge status: Alive but without permission.
- The patient will need disposition, and therefore we will get Dr. Blank to dispose of him.
- Healthy appearing decrepit 69 year-old male,
- mentally alert but forgetful.
- The patient refused an autopsy.
- Patient has left his white blood cells at another
- hospital.
- The patient's past medical history has been remarkably insignificant with only a 40 pound weight gain in the past three days.
- She slipped on the ice and apparently her legs went in separate directions in early December.
- She is numb from her toes down.
- The skin was moist and dry.
- Occasional, constant, infrequent headaches.
- Coming from Detroit, this man has no children.
- Patient was alert and unresponsive.

## Newspaper Headlines:

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(Entrepreneur Magazine ad)

Lawyer Says Client Is Not That Guilty.

Georgia Peaches California Grown 89 Cents lb

Legislator Wants Tougher Death Penalty

Man Jumps off 2nd Street Bridge

Neither Jumper Nor Body Found

# NOAA NEWS

## NOAA SATELLITES HELP SAVE FOUR SAILORS FROM ATLANTIC OCEAN

February 26, 2002 — Four sailors were rescued from a life raft floating in the Atlantic Ocean 125 miles off the coast of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, thanks to environmental satellites in the international Search and Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking Program, Cospas-Sarsat.



Satellites operated by NOAA and the Russian government detected a distress signal from the 53-foot sailing vessel *Kyliptus* around 10:00 a.m. on Feb. 24. The vessel had sunk, and the four people onboard were adrift in a life raft when a Navy helicopter from Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, came to their aid. The four people were hoisted aboard the helicopter and taken to the Naval base.

As the vessel sank, its 406 MHz emergency position-indicating radio beacon (EPIRB) was activated. The signal was detected by the Cospas-Sarsat system, and NOAA notified the Coast Guard.

The U.S. Coast Guard's Rescue Sub-Center in San Juan, Puerto Rico, contacted all agencies in the area requesting air support for a long-range offshore flight, but no aircraft were immediately available. San Juan RSC then

contacted Coast Guard District 7 in Miami for additional air support. A Coast Guard C-130 Hercules (CG1712) was airborne in the Windward Pass and was diverted to the scene with about eight hours left of flight time. The aircraft received a strong signal from the 121.5 MHz homer in the EPIRB, and was able to home in on the life raft with the four persons on board. The C-130 deployed a small survival pack to the stranded sailors until they could be rescued.

San Juan RSC again contacted Navy Helicopter Squadron VC-8 in Roosevelt Roads and was told that an H-3 Search and Rescue helicopter was now available. After a two-hour flight from Puerto Rico, the H-3 arrived on scene and hoisted the four sailors from the life raft. None of the rescued was reported to have any serious injuries. The cause of the sinking is yet unknown, but weather conditions were reported to be less than favorable with winds around 25 knots and four-to-five-foot seas.

The crew of the sailing vessel said they are thankful their emergency beacon saved the day. In an emergency, the equipment can mean the difference between life and death.

"The Search and Rescue program is truly an international humanitarian program," said Ajay Mehta, manager of NOAA's Sarsat program. "This particular rescue illustrates the international aspect of the program. The vessel was registered with the United Kingdom and three of the people rescued were from Great Britain, the fourth was from Spain. Yet, U.S. search and rescue teams joined together to come to the aid of these individuals."

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The Cospas-Sarsat system uses a constellation of satellites in geostationary and polar orbits to detect and locate emergency beacons on vessels and aircraft in distress. NOAA's National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NOAA Satellite and Data Service) represents the United States in this program, providing satellite platforms and ground equipment, and operating the U.S. Mission Control Center.

NOAA's Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellites (GOES) can instantly detect emergency signals. The polar-orbiting satellites in the system detect emergency signals as they circle the Earth from pole to pole. Emergency signals are sent to the U.S. Mission Control Center at NOAA's Satellite and Data Service in Suitland, Md., then automatically sent to rescue forces around the world. Today there are 35 countries participating in the system. More than 13,000 lives have been saved worldwide since the system became operational in 1982 and more than 4,500 in the United States alone. September of this year marks the 20th anniversary of the first Sarsat rescue.

NOAA's Satellite and Data Service is the nation's primary source of space-based meteorological and climate data. The service also operates the nation's environmental satellites, which are used for weather forecasting, climate monitoring, and other environmental applications such as fire detection, ozone monitoring, and sea surface temperature measurements. NOAA's Satellite and Data Service also operates three data centers, which house global data bases in climatology, oceanography, solid earth geophysics, marine geology and geophysics, solar-terrestrial physics, and paleoclimatology.

### **NOAA Question..... ????**

#### **Q: What is the Aurora Borealis or Northern Lights?**

**A:** An Aurora is a beautiful natural phenomenon that often occurs in the polar regions of Earth. It appears as colorful clouds and rays of green and red (and sometimes blue) light that dance across the sky. The aurora borealis and aurora australis (Latin for "northern" and "southern" dawn, respectively) occur in symmetric ovals centered on the northern and southern magnetic poles of Earth. The aurora is formed when charged particles (electrons and protons) are guided by the Earth's magnetic field into the atmosphere near the poles. When these particles collide with atoms and molecules of the upper atmosphere, primarily oxygen and nitrogen, some of the energy in these collisions is transformed into the visible light that characterizes the aurora.

#### **What Causes the Aurora?**

The energy source for the aurora is 149 million km (93 million miles) from Earth at the sun. The sun continuously emits charged particles (mostly protons and electrons), which are the byproducts of thermonuclear reactions occurring inside the sun. These charged particles make up the solar wind, which travels away from the sun through space at speeds ranging from 300 to 1,000 km/sec.—about a million miles per hour. Traveling at this high speed, the solar particles can reach the Earth in two to three days.

*Editor Note....* Thank you to the NOAA Web site and Newsletter for information



## MEMORIES and WHERE ARE THEY NOW??

**Editors Note:** In our October 2001 issue *BMCM (Ret.)* Charles A. Cheverie was asking if anyone remembered a tour on the USCGC YAMACRAW (WARC-333). Below is a few of responses I received. Also a lot of interest in the Loran duties in the South Pacific:

"I noted with interest *BMCM* Cheverie's comments about duty on the CGC YAMACRAW. I too have found fond memories of the old ship. I reported aboard in the spring of 1951 as an Ensign, only two years out of the Academy and departing in the spring of 1953 for Loran Duty. During those two years I served in every position except CO, XO, AND EO – even had to be my own radioman on one trip. I gained far more experience in basic seamanship and small boat handling than in two years of weather patrol. Underway OOD watches were busy and sometimes exciting. I remember Cheverie and Perkins as being two of our best boat handlers. It was a great tour of duty and one I wouldn't swap for anything. Maybe a reunion is in order??"

**LCDR R. A. Lewis, USCG (Ret.):**

"I served aboard the YAMACRAW from March 1955 till she was returned to the Navy in December 1958 at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. During this period we not only worked cable but worked on oceanographic research with the Navy and several civilian research organizations. During research we traveled to Havana Cuba (before Castro), Newfoundland, Iceland, Gibraltar, the Balearic Islands, Spain, Italy, and Portugal.

I boarded the YAMACRAW as an EM1 and left as an EMC. In my years of service, Army 1943-1949 and Coast Guard from 1949-1966. I have never served with a more able crew, no matter how large or small a job was, it got done. What also amazed me was being at sea for long periods of time with over a crew of 30, on a 189 foot vessel, and everyone got along very well."

**EMC Frank C. Pagliuca, USCG (Ret.)**

"These historic photos were loaned to me by a **Mr. Jack Avalear**, a friend in my Sunday School Class, upon learning that I served in the Coast Guard. He notes that they were taken on Pegun Island in the Mapia Islands on New Year's Day 1945. According to my atlas and geographical dictionary, Pegun must be one of the Mapia group of islands, "Kepulaun Mapia (St. David Islands)."



Jack was one of five Army Air Corps men serving on the Loran Station with 25 Coastguardsmen and he is seen releasing the weather balloon. The print from the jungle-rotted (?) negative shows a corpsman Second Class drinking "medical alcohol" on Christmas, 1944, and Jack told me that "Doc" (he did not recall his name) treated the Army troops and natives as well as his own. The bare-chested man to the right was the Coast Guard cook, and served some of the finest meals Jack ever had in the service, including local delicacies such as sea turtle cooked in coconut oil. Jack also related that the medicinal



alcohol was distilled on site. The island's drinking water was foul with sulfur taste, so the kindly CG provided the crew with a still for making palatable drinking water!



In one photo the CG Officer presiding at burial services for infantry men killed in the invasion of the island was a Chief Warrant Officer Bromely. The Mapia group of islands were occupied by the U. S. forces on November 15, 1944

Should you wish to contact Jack for further details, his phone number is (501) 925-1700. Unlike me, he has an excellent memory and has much more to say about his tour of duty with the Coast Guard, and has much more information on the islands, their occupation from the Japanese, and the tenure of the Coast Guard.

**CDR John R. Butler, USCG (Ret.)**



## THE LAST HOLDOUT

As written by **CDR Lew Hayes, USCGR, (Ret.)**

Dear Editor,

The following true account from the time of my command of CG LORSTA Palau.

Among the last of the Co's of the old 83 foot boats, I turned over command in early 1955 of the Nantucket based CGC 83503. I departed for Loran duty, eventually reporting to LORSTA Palau on Angaur Island to take command. During my years tenure on the island my crew and I had experiences that would be hard to come by in the other branches of the Coast Guard, as with possibly other Loran Stations. Among them was the surrender to us of the last Japanese holdout on the neighboring island of Peleliu – the scene of one of the bloodiest battles of the Pacific in World War II, during its invasion in September of 1944. Angaur was invaded at the same time, but it was not so strongly defended.

The holdout turned out to be not Japanese, but Korean, but hid for eleven years on that coral island all alone – not from devotion to the Emperor, but out of pure fear! He had hidden in Peleliu's coral caves, eating the plentiful seafood from the reefs and swamps, as well as raiding the native's gardens to supplement his seafood diet. His story continues – let's call him "Kim."

Before the invasion, the Japanese officers had told their men that if they were captured by the Americans, they would tear their arms and legs to four wild horses and tear them apart. Many of the enlisted believed it – which may explain why so few prisoners were taken. Kim survived the invasion but the vision of those wild horses kept him from surrendering – for eleven years!!

Kim was pretty certain that the war was over for years, but he wasn't sure who had won. He figured that it was probably the Americans, since the Japanese never came back for him. Also he could see American ships and planes going to Angaur; Japanese ships visiting Angaur (to pick up phosphate); ships passing at night with their lights on – and no one shooting at each other. Still, there WERE those wild horses to consider.

The natives knew that he was there. They had caught glimpses of him as he dashed naked into the jungle after raiding their gardens for food and chickens. He ran naked for the very simple reason that his uniform had long since rotted away.

Finally, after his eleven years of self imposed confinement in his coral prison, he thought (in effect), "To heck with their wild horses – let them tear me apart, enough is enough! So he turned himself over to the natives. They put some old clothes on the thoroughly frightened man, and sent him over to me on a native boat.

Fortunately for Kim, we were fresh out of wild horses and we didn't have four jeeps to take their place, so we had to leave him in one piece – much to his undisguised pleasure. We assured him that naval vessels don't carry wild horses in peacetime, and can imagine his surprise when we informed him (through a native interpreter) that the war was not only over, but that now the U. S. was a great friend and ally of Japan, and that Russia was not the "Bad Guy." To make the confusion worse, he learned that his own homeland of Korea had been torn apart and partitioned in a bloody civil way in which the U. S. had played a major role. It was nearly too much for him, and I think the poor guy was beginning to regret having left his cave!

After a few days as our guest, he was picked up by a Coast Guard UF-1G (a Grumman amphibian that was the workhorse of the CG in those days) and flown to Guam. On to Honolulu, and eventually flown home to Korea. We don't know what kind of reception awaited him but I hope it was a good one. As far as I know, he was the last of the opposing force left on Palau – at least he was the last one to surrender. Sure hope he collected all of his back pay!!

I would appreciate hearing from my former shipmates, as well as from other Loran veterans of their out of the ordinary and interesting happenings on their stations. There could very well be a book in these stories. Please write me at:

CDR Lew Hayes, USCGR-Ret  
Apartado 124  
Puntarenas,  
Costa Rica

# Reunions and Notices

**USS CALLAWAY (APA-35)** will have a reunion on 7 – 11 October 2002 in Charleston, SC. Please contact Wallace Shipp, 5319 Manning Place NW, Washington DC 20016-5311, Tel: (202) 363-3663.

The first reunion of the **USCGC Rockaway WAVP-377**, will be in Orlando, Florida on the weekend of 26-28 April 2002. All former Coast Guard crew members (and Navy crew members of the USS Rockaway AVP-29) are eligible to attend. For details, log onto the Rockaway web site on the Internet at: <http://www.cccnews.net/rockaway> To register, email Chuck Harris at [tio@inficad.com](mailto:tio@inficad.com) or phone 602-274-8980.

**C G C Cape Fairweather**  
First Reunion of WPB 95214 - Cape Fairweather crewmembers is contemplated for October 2002, in Orlando Florida, depending on response. Any ex-crewmembers interested, please contact CDR Harry Oldford,  
E-mail [HARBARONE@aol.com](mailto:HARBARONE@aol.com) or 407-834-8245.

**Reunion for Reserve Unit Traverse City MI**  
Planning is underway for August 25, 2002. Need names and addresses for all members. Please contact asap pat Scharf HSC (Ret) at 4252 North 5 Mile Rd., Williamsburg, MI 49690. Or Email at [bingoleta@hotmail.com](mailto:bingoleta@hotmail.com)

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**USCGC ANDROSCOGGIN (WHEC-68)**  
Officers and Crew from Viet Nam era 1967-68.  
Date: September 2002 – Specific dates to be announced later. Location: Jacksonville Beach, Florida. Please contact RMCM J. L. Thomas, Sr., (Ret), 6605 Morocco Drive, Louisville, KY 40214. Email [NBNP374@aol.com](mailto:NBNP374@aol.com), Tel: 502 364 9861 or RMCM Jack Cunniff (Ret), 1130 Oceanwood Drive, Neptune Beach, FL 32266, Email [RMCM JACK@aol.com](mailto:RMCM JACK@aol.com).

**USCGC WESTWIND (WAGB-281) Reunion**  
Date: August 9, 10, and 11 2002. Location: Philadelphia, PA, please contact Alex Mavica, 13 Knightsbridge Court, Nanuet, NY 10954 Tel: 845 352 7040, Fax 845 352 7440 Email: [amavica@aol.com](mailto:amavica@aol.com)

**The 1951 Class of Nevis High School, Nevis Minnesota** are looking for Carl Selstead who they reported as joining the USCG in the 1950 era. They want to invite him to an all class reunion and the high schools centennial recognition. Information can be reported directly to the High School at 218 652 9200 or to me., CWO2 Retired Orville O. Sullivan at 360 892 6664 or write at address 9107 NE 9th Street, Vancouver, WA 98664-3237

**Reunion Posting uss/USCGC LANSING (DE/DER-388, WDE-488)** October 16-20, 2002. Best Western Landmark Hotel, Metairie LA (New Orleans). Please contact: Terry A. Moberg, 902 Cindy St., Brainerd MN 56401-3959 and Tel 218 829 3288. Email [tmoberg@brainerd.net](mailto:tmoberg@brainerd.net), Web contact [www.uslansing.org](http://www.uslansing.org)

**USS Tripoli Association** will hold it Twelfth annual reunion Sept 18-22nd 2002 in Hot Springs AR. The organization is trying to contact former crew members, flight crews and Marine Squadrons. Your help will not only be appreciated by those already located but also by those former crew members in your area who are unaware of our present existence. FFI contact Jim Metts, 3360 Lake Arthur Dr., Pt. Arthur, TX, Tel: (409)722-1468, Email [jrmetts@ih2000.net](mailto:jrmetts@ih2000.net).

**USS LST 829 (CG Manned)** will be holding it's 20th ship's reunion 26-29 Sept. 2002 at the Lafayette Plaza Hotel in Mobile, AL.  
Reunion coordinators are CDR Robert Pinkertonk, USNR (Ret.), 616 Sawara Ct., Pensacold, FL 32506-6208 Tel: (850) 453-3553 or CWO Albert J. Ryzner, USCG (Ret.) 4 Autumn Court, N. Dartmouth, MA 02747-5315, Tel: (508) 995-0734

**Notice of Reunion USCG Lightship Sailors.** Date: 1-2-3 August 2002. Location New Bedford, MA, Please contact Marty Krzywicki, 940 Albermarle St., St. Paul, MN 55117, Tel: 651 488-0504. Email [Lightshipsailor@msn.com](mailto:Lightshipsailor@msn.com)

**Reserve Unit Owensboro.** Saturday, April 27, 2002 meet at 1:00 (1300) PM Central time at the Shadyrest Restaurant, Route 60, East Owensboro, KY. Please contact LT Les Allen USCGR (RET), Email [leswallen@hotmail.com](mailto:leswallen@hotmail.com), Tel: 502 495 2457 or CWO Gene Radin at [gpradin@Juno.com](mailto:gpradin@Juno.com), Tel: 859 885 1236.

**Reunion of the USCGC CAMPBELL W-32 – W-909 Association** will be in May 15-18, 2002 at the Radisson Hotel, Charleston, SC. All hands who served on the Campbell during the 46 years she served her country, as well as all current active duty and former crew members of the Campbell W909 are welcomed and urged to attend. For more contact James Kelly, Vice President USCGC Association, W-32 – W-909, 40 Lisa Lane, Uncasville, CT 06382. Tel: 860 848 1160, Email: [Jkelly@uconnect.net](mailto:Jkelly@uconnect.net)

**The USCGC Courier (WAGR-410, WTR-410) Association** will have its next reunion in RHODES, GREECE, Celebrating the 50th anniversary of going to Rhodes and begin broadcasting for the Voice of America, and continued for 12 years. Reunion date: 11 through 18th of October 2002 at the Hotel Mediterranean. Banquet (Gala Dinner) Approx. 80 in attendance at this time. Tours/sightseeing planned. The Courier was probably the only U. S. Ship that was stationed out of the USA FOR THAT LONG OF PERIOD. It was known as the Strangest Ship in the World. Contact Gil Riggs, P.O. Box 28, San Rafael, NM 87051, Tel: 505 287 3338 or Dave Newell, Email: [dnewell3@charter.net](mailto:dnewell3@charter.net)

**WWII STORIES SOUGHT.** The Catalina Island Museum Society is planning to publish a book in 2002 regarding WWII activities on the island. As the Coast Guard maintained a Training Station, on the Island, from 1942 to 1945, they desire stories/information/data from World War II Coast Guard Veterans who trained or served on Catalina Island. Please send material to:

Curator of Collections  
Catalina Island Museum Society, Inc.  
P. O. Box 366  
Avalon, CA 90704-0366

**U.. S. Coast Guard Combat Veterans Assn.** Reunion to be held in Reno Nevada, Oct 28-Nov 01 2002. Please contact for info or application for membership: Patrick E. Ramsey, 552 Stanley Spencer Mt. Rd., Gastonia, NC 28056, Tel Toll Free: 1-866-242-8277

**Volunteers needed for USCGC GLACIER restoration.** Please contact Ben Koether, Chairman GLACIER SOCIETY for an info packet at P.O. Box 1419, Bridgeport, CT 06601-1419, Fax 203-386-0416 or Email [benkoether@mindspring.com](mailto:benkoether@mindspring.com) or [www.glaciersociety.org](http://www.glaciersociety.org)

**The U. S. Coast Guard National Association of Former Stewards and Stewardmate Inc.** will be celebrating their 13th Reunion August 9-11th 2002 at the Holiday Inn, located at 150 Park Ave., Orange Park, FL 32073. Please contact CPO (Ret.) John Nixon, P.O. Box 352447, Palm Coast, FL 32135, Tel: (386) 446-8575

**USCG Portland Maine Cutterman's Association** will be holding their 5th Reunion held August 2-4, 2002 in Portland, ME. All the membership is invited to attend as well as Cuttermen having served or currently serving on Coast Guard vessels in Portland. This includes Government Weathermen. For more info contact: Portland Maine Cutterman's Association, P.O. Box 15172, Portland ME 04112. Registration: Wes Spletstoeser, Tel (207) 854-4016, Email: [wesspletss@msn.com](mailto:wesspletss@msn.com)

**USS CAVALIER (APA-37)** Joint Reunion USCG/USN crews (1947-1968) on 29 September – 3 October 2002 at the San Remo Hotel, Las Vegas, NV. Please contact CWO4 John E. Giles, USCG (Ret.), P.O. Box 325, Pacific City, OR 97135, Tel: (503)965-6732 or Email: [jegiles@oregoncoast.com](mailto:jegiles@oregoncoast.com)



## Locator



**SKCS Henry E. O'Briant (Ret)** would like to locate a couple of old shipmates; **John Cutright CWO (F&S)**. He was stationed with Henry in the early to mid 60's at TRACEN Groton, CT and believes he was originally from West Virginia. Second is **John Gates, CWO (Ship's clerk??)**. Jack believes he went from YN1 to SKC then CWO. He was stationed with him on the USCGC WINNEBAGO out of Hono in the late 50's. Originally from CA. Any info please contact Henry at [johank@ricconnect.com](mailto:johank@ricconnect.com), or snail mail; 15 Stenton Ave., Westerly, RI.

**Chuck Olsen, GM1, USCG (Ret.)** would like to get in contact with Mark Cornejo, CWO, USCG (Ret.). Please contact at (360) 452-3715 or Email at [ciman\\_1@msn.com](mailto:ciman_1@msn.com)

**BMC Earl (Buddy) Wilson** would like to hear from any shipmates that he was stationed with. He can be contacted at 311 Agler Lane, Jacksonville, NC 28540, tel: (910) 455-6904 or Email [captbuddyw@aol.com](mailto:captbuddyw@aol.com)

**NANCY L. HAWKINS, CHIEF, RETIREE ANNUITANT SERVICES WILL RETIRE ON 1 JULY 2002.**

NANCY STARTED HER CAREER WITH THE COAST GUARD AT PPC, RETIRED PAY IN APRIL 1983  
(NOW HRSIC-RAS)

A MESSAGE FROM NANCY -----

**Time to Say Goodbye** ----- And I feel like I'm leaving a part of my family! I've spent most of the past 19 years in Retiree Annuitant Services and have come to know many of you either personally, by telephone and even by e-mail. So this really will be a life-changing event for me. Over these past years I've seen Retiree and Annuitant Services evolve with many positive changes. Your feedback has been important - it has helped us stay on target. I know RAS staff will continue to evaluate the service we provide as you prepare for retirement and in the support services provided after retirement. It will only get better.



What's next for me? Some travel, to visit places I've read or heard about over the years (some of you have even given me some great ideas). Also, enjoying my large family (husband, 4 sons and daughter-in-laws, 12 grandchildren, and 1 great grand daughter).

I read once that the secret of life is enjoying the ride. And I have certainly enjoyed my years with the U. S. Coast Guard - it's been a great ride! I thank you all for being a part of that time. My very best regards to each of you. Fair winds and following seas.

Nancy

*Editor's Notes:*

I hope this issue finds you all doing well in this new year. Spring will be very welcome for a lot of us.

Time flies, as I have been Editor for one year, and have continued to enjoy my tenure. I again want to thank you for your input and contributions to the Newsletter. I am trying to use all the material I receive, however sometimes am not able to fit it in. I always have your best interest in mind, and will continue to give you the most rounded publication I can.

To all of you, enjoy your spring and summer, and will see you again in July.

~Ron



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The Retiree Newsletter is a publication containing news of general interest, suggestions, and information to keep Coast Guard retirees and their dependents informed of recent developments. This publication shall not be considered authority and is non-record material.



# USCG Retirements

Name	Rank	Date of Retirement	Years of Service
ADGATE, GENE	LCDR	20020201	21
AGOSTO, GARRY	YN1	20020101	20
ALDERMAN, ALAN	BMC	20020201	24
ALEXANDER, DAVID	MKCS	20011212	30
ANDERSON, DAVID	BM1	20020128	36
ANDERSON, DAVID	LT	20020201	22
ASHDOWN, SAMUEL	CAPT	20011124	41
ASSAD, GARY	SK1	20011201	20
BATEMAN, VIRGIL	CDR	20011116	35
BAUTISTA, EDGARDO	MKC	20011201	22
BENEDETTI, ROBERT	FSCS	20020114	34
BENNING, WILLIAM	COMM3	20020201	21
BERKENBILE, MICHAEL	AMTC	20011201	20
BIVONA, CHARLES	ETCS	20000623	41
BLEARNEY, WARREN	QM1	20020101	20
BONCHER, SCOTT	AVI4	20011201	30
BOOTH, LARRY	MK1	20020127	28
BOSMA, LEONARD	CAPT	20020101	30
BOWN, ROGER	YNC	20010801	24
BRATCHER, ROBERT	BM1	20020101	20
BRESLIN, STEVEN	FS1	20020201	20
BREWER, STEVEN	MK1	20011219	18
BROWN, KAREN	LT	20011201	20
BRUM, HERBERT	AMT1	20011201	20
BUNKERS, LUCY	TC2	20011119	12
CAMPBELL, SHANE	DC1	20020101	20
CANCELLARE, STEPHEN	BMC	20011201	29
CANTATORE, MICHAEL	MED4	20011201	30
CASANOVA, AL	SKC	20020201	22
CASEY, WALLACE	MK1	20011112	26
CASSELS, WILLIAM	CAPT	20020101	30
CHAMPAGNE, DOUGLAS	ET1	20020201	20
CHANDLER, MICHAEL	MKC	20010913	17
CHUBA, THOMAS	CDR	20011201	23
CHURCHILL, PETER	ETCM	20020201	21
CLAPP, CHARLES	BOSN3	20020201	24
CLAUSEN, PATRICIA	YNC	20011110	28
COBB, ROBERT	RD1	20011201	20
COLLIN, GILBERT	ENG2	20011201	21
CONNOR, JERRY	F&S4	20020101	22
COOPER, PETER	TC1	20011114	30
COPELAND, STEVEN	YN1	20011029	22
DAEUMER, MICHAEL	EM1	20011231	35
DALLAVALLE, FRANKLIN	FSC	20011201	24
DAVIS, ROBERT	YN1	20011201	20
DAVIS, RODERICK	LCDR	20020101	21
DEAN, KEVIN	QMC	20020201	20
DELONG, GREGORY	LT	20020101	24
DESBIENS, ROGER	FS2	20020201	20
DIBERNARDO, JOSEPH	CDR	20011228	34
DIETRICK, STEWART	LCDR	20020201	20
DOBSON, DOROTHY	YNC	20011201	25
DODSON, LARRY	CDR	20011206	42
DONOVAN, TIMOTHY	BOSN4	20011201	27
DOOLIN, RALPH	PSS4	20020115	38
DRAXLER, JOHN	HSC	20020101	20
DRUGMAND, JOHN	MSTC	20011213	28
DUFFEE, JACK	MKC	20011201	23
DUNN, ARTHUR	COMM2	20020201	22
EBERT, DAVID	AVT1	20020201	20
EBRIGHT, THOMAS	AMT1	20020101	21
ELLIOTT, GARY	TCC	20020101	20
ESTRADA, ARNALDO	TTC	20020101	20
EVANS, MICHAEL	PERS2	20011201	20
FAHEY, JOHN	RDC	20011201	21
FARMER, ALLAN	BOSN4	20011201	42
FIOCCA, JAMES	PS2	20010831	26
FOSKEY, MICHAEL	ET1	20020201	20
FOULDS, THOMAS	BMC	20011201	20

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FOX, MARK	FS1	20020201	20
FRASER, KAREN	YN1	20011223	28
FREEMAN, GLEN	LCDR	20020101	22
FREEZE, BENNIE	LCDR	20020120	30
GACANICH, ANDREW	CDR	20020108	35
GASPAR, ROBERT	BMC	20011207	24
GATES, JAMES	AVT1	20020201	20
GAYZAGIAN, LORNE	BM2	20020201	20
GILLESPIE, DAVID	AMT1	20011201	20
GILLIS, MICHAEL	BMC	20020201	20
GLUNT, RUSSELL	MK1	20011201	20
GRIFFIN, ROBERT	LCDR	20020101	20
GRIFFIN, SEBASTIAN	EM2	20011101	20
GRIFFITH, MARSHA	YN1	20020201	20
GROSSNICKLE, WAYNE	PS1	20011127	30
HARRISON, KENNETH	CDR	20011215	31
HARTJEN, CHARLES	F&S4	20020111	34
HARTLEY, CHRISTOPHER	RDC	20011201	20
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HEUSCHNEIDER, ROBERT	MKC	20011201	23
HEZEAU, CURTIS	CDR	20020107	38
HONEYCUTT, JERRY	TC1	20020101	20
HOOPER, LARRY	HSCS	20011201	24
HOWARD, RICKY	QM1	20020101	20
HUGHES, RNEST	BMCM	20020101	30
HUMMER, THOMAS	ENG4	20020201	24
HUNT, RAYMOND	LCDR	20020101	27
HYDE, MARK	MAT4	20020201	30
HYMON, JAMES	MK1	20011201	21
IARIA, JUAN	SN	20011201	22
KASSIN, MICHAEL	DC1	20011201	20
KESSEL, DONALD	MK1	20011112	27
KIMPSTON, JOHN	DCC	20020201	21
KIPER, LLOYD	F&S2	20020201	20
KITCHENS, MICHAEL	BMCS	20020201	26
KOENIG, EDMUND	SK2	20011201	20
KOLB, CHRISTOPHER	AVT1	20020101	20
KOURY, PHILLIP	BOSN3	20010701	27
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KUMINOFF, VLADIMIR	ELC4	20020116	41
LADOLCETTA, MARK	MKCS	20011201	20
LANGLAIS, THOMAS	CAPT	20011229	42
LANGSDORF, JON	EM1	20011113	41
LEMON, ROBERT	BM1	20020101	20
LICKERS, MARK	LCDR	20020201	20
LORTZ, DALE	AMTC	20011201	22
LOUD, JOHN	PS2	20010716	33
LOVE, JEANINE	YNCS	20011203	28
LOWERY, JOHN	BM1	20020101	20
LUBASKY, ROD	LCDR	20020101	23
LUTMAN, WILLIAM	LT	20020201	21
MALOUIN, PHILIP	DC2	20011228	28
MARCUS, CHARLES	CAPT	20011118	37
MARSHALL, PAUL	LT	20011201	20
MCCLAUGHRY, KEVIN	ET1	20020101	20
MCDOWELL, GARLAND	PS1	20011115	22
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MILLIS, ZEMMIE	AMT3	20020129	28
MITCHELL, JAMES	SK1	20011217	35
MOUNTCASTLE, PATRICIA	CDR	20020102	17
MYCOCK, JAMES	TC1	20011201	20
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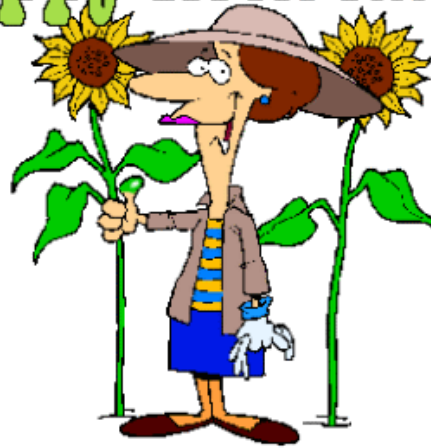
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RAMSEY, OTTO	LCDR	20011210	37
RAPSTINE, BENJAMIN	MST2	20011201	20
REILY, MARK	GMC	20020101	20
RINELLI, ROBERT	LT	20011201	20
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RUTHERFORD, WILLIAM	SK1	20020101	20
SALAMANCA, ANTONIO	ET1	20011201	21
SANFORD, STEVEN	COMM4	20020201	30
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SCHMIDT, DAVID	AVI2	20020201	21
SCHWARTZ, PAUL	MK2	20011208	30
SHEAROUSE, WILLIAM	ET1	20011201	21
SHELEY, DAVID	MK2	20020201	21
SIEMENS, JOHN	CAPT	20020101	26
SMITH, HARRY	CDR	20011210	21
SMOCK, TERRY	BOSN3	20011201	24
SOUTHARD, DAVID	ENG3	20020105	41
SPAULDING, ROBERT	LCDR	20020201	24
STELENE, JAMES	BM2	20011127	32
STERN, ROBERT	GMC	20020201	20
STICKROTH, MATTHEW	EMC	20011101	20
STRICKLAND, TIMOTHY	LT	20020201	24
STURGES, RAY	FSCS	20011201	20
SUTHERBURG, TERRANCE	PS2	20020127	28
TALLEY, RANDY	LCDR	20020201	22
TORRES, LUIS	YN2	20020201	20
TRAPP, GLENN	ENG4	20011201	24
TURNER, JOHN	BM1	20020101	21
TWIFORD, WINBON	LCDR	20020115	34
TYSON, RICHARD	AMTC	20011201	20
VAUTERS, WILLIAM	YN1	20020201	20
VEENTJER, JOHN	CAPT	20020101	28
WADE, ROBERT	SK1	20020125	30
WAECHTER, RICHARD	F&S4	20020201	30
WALTHERS, PATRICIA	LT	20020201	20
WARNER, KELLY	LCDR	20020101	20
WASSERMANN, JOHN	BMC	20020201	20
WATSON, CHARLES	MK1	20020101	32
WEBB, DAVID	FSC	20011201	21
WEDDA, MICHAEL	BOSN2	20020201	22
WELSH, PATRICK	BM2	20020127	33
WEST, JOE	CDR	20011115	32
WEST, ROBERT	CAPT	20020130	35
WEYANT, DAVID	LT	20020201	24
WHITEHOUSE, JOHN	CAPT	20020101	29
WILLIAMS, GERALDINE	YN2	20020201	20
WINTON, FRANK	PS2	20011105	21
WRIGHT, MARSHALL	LT	20020201	20
ZUKAS, WILLIAM	DCC	20011201	22

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**CONGRATULATIONS!!!!**

# Happy Retirement!



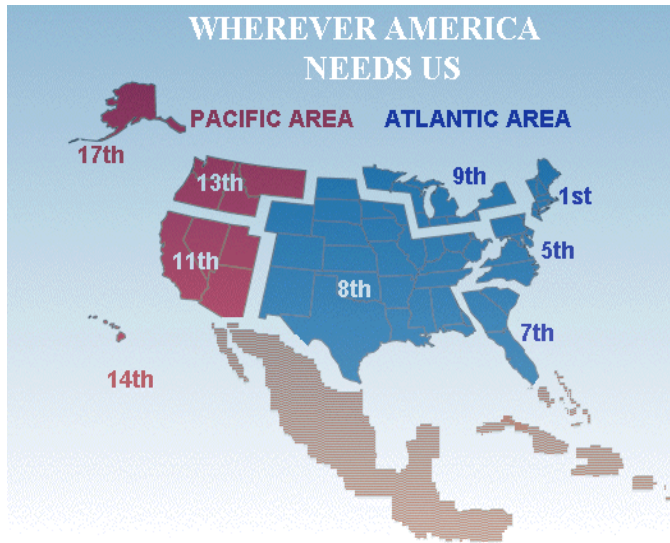
Upon request, the President and the First Lady will send special greeting cards recognizing citizens' 80th and subsequent birthdays, 50th and subsequent wedding anniversaries, and congratulatory wedding announcements. Requests should be forwarded to:

THE WHITE HOUSE  
GREETING OFFICE ROOM 39  
WASHINGTON, DC 20500

The requests should be submitted at least six weeks in advance of the significant date and should include:

- ◇ Full name of honoree(s)
- ◇ Desired form of address
- ◇ Complete date of birth or marriage
- ◇ Mailing address and Zip Code

If applicable please include name and address of person to receive the card in lieu of honoree(s), if presentation will be at a dinner, party, or celebration



### Vets Warned to Avoid Benefit/Pension Buyouts

Federal officials are warning veterans across the country to be wary of a growing number of companies that are offering to buy their disability benefits or military pensions for a lump-sum payment. Knight Ridder News Service reports that companies who buy veterans' benefits are not doing anything illegal because they are taking advantage of loopholes and a gray area of the law. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) says the companies are taking advantage of desperate veterans who may be down on their luck and need quick cash. Some companies pay as low as thirty cents on the dollar. Veterans interested in signing up with lump-sum payment companies should ask themselves whether they can live without their monthly benefits after the cash advances are gone

Source: Military.Com

## Voluntary Recall of Retirees sought

The following messages from Commandant outline requirements for voluntary recall. These are two messages, first for Officers, and the next for Enlisted:

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 FM COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC//G-WP//  
 TO ALCOAST  
 BT  
 UNCLAS //N01040//  
 ALCOAST 123/02  
 COMDTNOTE 1040

**SUBJ: VOLUNTARY RECALL OF RETIRED OFFICERS**

- A. CG PERSONNEL MANUAL, COMDTINST M1000.6A, ARTICLE 4.B.7
- B. COMCOGARD PERSCOM WASHINGTON DC 202103Z SEP 01/ALCGPERSCOM 095/01
- C. TITLE 10, U.S. CODE, SECTION 1402
- D. TITLE 10, U.S. CODE, SECTION 1402A

1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS ALCOAST IS TO ANNOUNCE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR RETIRED OFFICERS TO RETURN TO ACTIVE DUTY VIA THE EXISTING RETIRED RECALL PROGRAM OUTLINED IN REF A. THIS ACTION IS ONE OF MANY WORKFORCE INITIATIVES BEING IMPLEMENTED TO MEET THE COAST GUARDS FORECASTED BILLET GROWTH.

2. HUNDREDS OF RETIRED OFFICERS CONTACTED THE COAST GUARD TO OFFER THEIR SERVICES IRT REF B IN THE WAKE OF THE TERRORIST ATTACKS. THESE OFFICERS WERE NOT RECALLED AT THAT TIME AS WE MET OUR PRIMARY SERVICE NEEDS BY MOBILIZING RESERVE FORCES. THE COAST GUARD IS BEING FUNDED FOR AND IS CREATING NEW BILLETS THAT WE DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT PEOPLE TO FILL. THEREFORE, WE ARE READY TO REVIEW APPLICATIONS FROM THOSE OFFICERS WHO INITIALLY SHOWED INTEREST IN SERVING. IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER RETIRED OFFICERS TO WHOM THIS ALCOAST APPLIES, OFFICERS WHO SUBMITTED THEIR NAMES AFTER THE TERRORIST ATTACKS WHO MEET THE BELOW CRITERIA AND DESIRE RECALL INTO AN ACTIVE DUTY BILLET SHOULD SUBMIT A FORMAL REQUEST PER THIS ALCOAST.

3. THE NUMBER OF OFFICERS WHO WILL BE OFFERED AN OPPORTUNITY TO RETURN TO ACTIVE DUTY IS LIMITED. ALTHOUGH O5S AND O6S MAY APPLY, THE MAJORITY OF RECALLS WILL BE TARGETED AT THE O4, O3 AND CWO LEVELS. RETIRED RESERVE OFFICERS ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE TO APPLY. 4. RETIRED OFFICERS DESIRING TO BE RECALLED MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

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A. VOLUNTARILY RETIRED ON OR AFTER 01 JAN 1999.

B. POSSESS UNIQUE SKILLS AND ABILITIES, OR PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS IN AREAS IN WHICH THERE IS A DEFINITE SERVICE NEED. CURRENTLY, OUR GREATEST NEED IS FOR MARINE INSPECTORS, AVIATORS AND OFFICERS WITH C4ISR EXPERTISE.

C. MUST MEET RETENTION MEDICAL STANDARDS (A MILITARY PHYSICAL EXAM IS REQUIRED).

5. OFFICERS WHO HAVE AN APPROVED VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT DATE AND DESIRE TO RETIRE AND BE IMMEDIATELY RECALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.

6. APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE IN LETTER FORMAT AND MUST INCLUDE A RESUME SHOWING A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF EXPERIENCES AND QUALIFICATIONS ACHIEVED WHILE ON ACTIVE DUTY IN ADDITION TO RELEVANT EXPERIENCES OBTAINED SINCE RETIREMENT. ALSO INCLUDE A MAILING ADDRESS, EMAIL ADDRESS (IF AVAILABLE), AND DAY-TIME PHONE NUMBER. OFFICERS WHO MEET THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 5 OF THIS ALCOAST ARE NOT REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A RESUME SINCE THEIR RECORDS ARE LOCATED AT HQ; HOWEVER, THEY ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A LETTER VIA THEIR COMMANDING OFFICER REQUESTING RECALL. APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE FAXED TO CGPC-OPM-1 AT (202) 267-4370, WITH THE ORIGINAL MAILED TO THE BELOW ADDRESS:

COMMANDER (CGPC-OPM-1)

U.S. COAST GUARD

PERSONNEL COMMAND

2100 SECOND ST. S.W.

WASHINGTON, DC 20593-0001

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE FAXED IN TIME TO ARRIVE AT THE CGPC-OPM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NOT LATER THAN 1 MAY 2002. THIS SOLICITATION WILL BE CANCELLED PRIOR TO THAT DATE IF OUR WORKFORCE REQUIREMENTS ARE SATISFIED IN THE INTERIM. APPLICANTS NOT SELECTED FOR RECALL WILL BE NOTIFIED BY LETTER.

7. THIS SOLICITATION IS PRIMARILY TO FILL ACTIVE DUTY BILLET VACANCIES DURING THE 2002 ASSIGNMENT SEASON. HOWEVER, WHERE A REQUEST CANNOT BE APPROVED, IT WILL BE HELD ON FILE FOR ONE YEAR.

8. ACTIVE DUTY TERMS AND THEIR ASSOCIATED ASSIGNMENTS ARE PROJECTED TO BE OFFERED NLT 31 MAY 2002. APPLICANTS ACCEPTING THE TERMS WILL BE DIRECTED TO THE APPROPRIATE MEDICAL FACILITY TO COMPLETE A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION. UPON COMPLETION OF A SUCCESSFUL PHYSICAL EXAMINATION, CGPC-OPM-1 WILL ISSUE ORDERS TO RECALL THE OFFICER TO ACTIVE DUTY. THE ORIGINAL ORDERS WILL BE MAILED TO THE OFFICER, AND A COPY SENT TO CG HRSIC (RAS) AND CG HRSIC (MAS). UPON CHECKING IN TO THEIR UNIT, THE OFFICER MUST DELIVER HIS/HER ORDERS TO THE PERSRU THAT WILL BE PROCESSING THEIR PAPERWORK.

9. WHILE IN AN ACTIVE DUTY STATUS, RECALLED OFFICERS WILL WAIVE RETIRED PAY AND RECEIVE FULL PAY AND ALLOWANCES COMMENSURATE TO THEIR PAY GRADE AND DEPENDENCY STATUS. UPON RETURN TO RETIRED STATUS, THE OFFICER WILL HAVE THEIR RETIRED PAY RECOMPUTED AS FOLLOWS:

A. PURSUANT TO REF C, OFFICERS WHO INITIALLY ENTERED THE SERVICE BEFORE 8 SEP 1980:

(1) IF THE RECALL PERIOD IS FOR LESS THAN TWO YEARS,

RETIRED PAY IS RECOMPUTED BASED ON THE OFFICERS NEW PERCENTAGE MULTIPLIER (NOT TO EXCEED 75 PERCENT) AND THE BASIC PAY RATES THAT WERE IN EFFECT AT THE TIME THE OFFICER INITIALLY RETIRED. FOR EXAMPLE, ASSUME AN OFFICER RETIRED ON 1 JUN 1999 WITH 20 YEARS SERVICE (50 PERCENT). THE OFFICER IS RECALLED FROM 1 MAY 2002 TO 30 APR 2003. UPON RELEASE FROM ACTIVE DUTY ON 30 APR 2003, THE OFFICERS RETIRED PAY WILL BE 52.5 PERCENT TIMES BASIC PAY RATES FOR 1999 PLUS ANY APPLICABLE RETIRED PAY COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS.

(2) IF THE RECALL PERIOD IS FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS, RETIRED PAY IS RECOMPUTED BASED ON THE OFFICERS NEW PERCENTAGE MULTIPLIER (NOT TO EXCEED 75 PERCENT) AND THE BASIC PAY RATES THAT WERE IN EFFECT EITHER THE CALENDAR YEAR PRIOR TO THE OFFICERS RETURN TO RETIRED PAY STATUS OR IN EFFECT AT THE TIME THE OFFICER INITIALLY RETIRED (WHICHEVER IS MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE OFFICER). FOR EXAMPLE, AN OFFICER RETIRED ON 1 JUN 1999 WITH 20 YEARS SERVICE (50 PERCENT). THE OFFICER IS RECALLED FROM 1 MAY 2002 TO 30 APR 2004. UPON RELEASE FROM ACTIVE DUTY ON 30 APR 2004, THE OFFICERS RETIRED PAY WILL BE 55.0 PERCENT TIMES EITHER THE BASIC PAY RATE FOR 2003 OR THE BASIC PAY RATE FOR 1999 PLUS APPLICABLE RETIRED COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS SINCE THAT DATE.

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B. PURSUANT TO REF D, AND BARRING ANY CHANGE IN LAW, OFFICERS WHO INITIALLY ENTERED THE SERVICE AFTER 7 SEP 1980: RETIRED PAY IS RECOMPUTED BASED ON THE OFFICERS NEW PERCENTAGE MULTIPLIER (NOT TO EXCEED 75 PERCENT) AND THE NEW AVERAGE HIGHEST 36 MONTHS OF BASIC PAY. FOR EXAMPLE, AN OFFICER RETIRED ON 1 JUN 2001 WITH 20 YEARS SERVICE (50 PERCENT). AT THAT TIME, THE OFFICERS AVERAGE BASIC PAY FOR HIS OR HER HIGHEST 36 MONTHS WAS 2,000 DOLLARS. THE OFFICER IS RECALLED FROM 1 MAY 2002 TO 30 APR 2003. UPON RELEASE FROM ACTIVE DUTY ON 30 APR 2003, THE OFFICERS AVERAGE HIGHEST 36 MONTHS OF BASIC PAY WILL BE RECALCULATED TO INCLUDE THE 12 MONTHS THE OFFICER WAS IN A RECALL STATUS, AND THE OFFICER WILL BE ENTITLED TO 52.5 PERCENT OF THIS RECALCULATED AVERAGE.

10. MGIB ENTITLEMENTS WILL BE EXTENDED FOR RECALLED OFFICERS SINCE ACTIVE DUTY BEYOND 90 DAYS RESTARTS THE 10-YEAR CLOCK FOR DETERMINING MGIB BENEFITS. 11. RECALLED OFFICERS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE FOR PROMOTION TO THE NEXT HIGHER GRADE WHILE SERVING ON THEIR ACTIVE DUTY AGREEMENTS.

12. TO ENSURE WIDEST DISSEMINATION, WE WILL FORWARD THE CONTENTS OF THIS MESSAGE TO THE RETIREE COUNCIL (NATIONAL AND LOCAL CHAPTERS), THE HRSIC RETIREE NEWSLETTER, AND VIA UNOFFICIAL NETWORKS TO PROMOTE WORD-OF-MOUTH DISTRIBUTION. COMMANDS ARE FURTHER ENCOURAGED TO BRING THIS ALCOAST TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL RETIREEES WHO MEET THE LISTED CRITERIA.

13. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT LT DAVE PROHASKA , CGPC-OPM-1, AT (202) 267-2339.

14. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.

15. RADM SALLY BRICE-OHARA, DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT,  
SENDS.

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COMDTNOTE 1040

SUBJ: VOLUNTARY RECALL OF RETIRED ENLISTED MEMBERS

A. COMCOGARD PERSCOM WASHINGTON DC 202103Z SEP 01/ALCGPERSCOM095/01

1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS ALCOAST IS TO ANNOUNCE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR RETIRED ENLISTED PERSONNEL TO RETURN TO ACTIVE DUTY. THIS ACTION IS ONE OF THE MANY WORKFORCE INITIATIVES BEING IMPLEMENTED TO MEET THE COAST GUARDS FORECASTED GROWTH.

2. HUNDREDS OF RETIRED ENLISTED PERSONNEL CONTACTED THE COAST GUARD TO OFFER THEIR SERVICES IRT REF A IN THE WAKE OF THE TERRORIST ATTACKS. THESE PERSONNEL WERE NOT RECALLED AT THAT TIME AS WE MET OUR PRIMARY SERVICE NEEDS BY MOBILIZING RESERVE FORCES. THE COAST GUARD IS BEING FUNDED FOR AND IS CREATING NEW BILLETS THAT WE DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT PEOPLE TO FILL. THEREFORE, WE ARE READY TO REVIEW APPLICATIONS FROM THOSE ENLISTED PERSONNEL WHO ARE INTERESTED IN BEING RECALLED FROM RETIRED STATUS. ENLISTED PERSONNEL WHO MEET THE BELOW CRITERIA AND DESIRE RECALL INTO AN ACTIVE DUTY BILLET SHOULD SUBMIT A FORMAL REQUEST PER THIS ALCOAST.

3. THE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL THAT WILL BE OFFERED AN OPPORTUNITY TO RETURN TO ACTIVE DUTY IS LIMITED. ALTHOUGH E-8S AND E-9S MAY APPLY, THE MAJORITY OF RECALLS WILL BE TARGETED AT THE E-6 AND E-7 LEVELS DUE TO THE STATUTORY CAPS THAT LIMIT THE NUMBER OF E-8S AND E-9S THAT CAN BE SERVING ON ACTIVE DUTY, IN OTHER THAN TRAINING BILLETS.

4. RETIRED MEMBERS DESIRING TO BE RECALLED MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

A. VOLUNTARILY RETIRED ON OR AFTER 1 JAN 1997.

B. RETIRED IN PAY GRADE E-6 TO E-9 IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING RATINGS: BM, EM, GM, AND QM (NOTE: ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM OTHER RATINGS AND THOSE WITH SPECIALTY SKILLS OUTSIDE THEIR RATING (E.G., A YN QUALIFIED AS A STANDARD BOAT COXSWAIN) AND FROM THOSE WHO MEET SPECIFIC SERVICE NEEDS).

C. MUST MEET RETENTION MEDICAL STANDARDS.

D. AVAILABLE TO SERVE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO YEARS IN DURATION.

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**5. MEMBERS WHO HAVE AN APPROVED RETIREMENT DATE AND DESIRE TO RETIRE AND BE IMMEDIATELY RECALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY. THOSE WHO INITIATED AN OFFER TO RETURN TO ACTIVE DUTY PRIOR TO THIS SOLICITATION ARE ASKED TO RE-INITIATE A REQUEST TO ENSURE CONTINUED INTEREST AND TO ENSURE ALL PACKAGES CONTAIN COMPLETE AND SIMILAR INFORMATION FOR THE SELECTION PROCESS.**

**6. APPLICATIONS MUST BE IN LETTER FORMAT AND INCLUDE MEMBERS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, DATE OF RETIREMENT, ADDRESS, DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER, AS WELL AS A RESUME SHOWING A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF EXPERIENCES AND QUALIFICATIONS ACHIEVED WHILE ON ACTIVE DUTY. ANY RELEVANT CIVILIAN EXPERIENCES OBTAINED SINCE RETIREMENT SHOULD ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE RESUME. APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE FAXED TO CGPC-EPM-1 AT (202) 267-4380, WITH THE ORIGINAL MAILED TO THE BELOW ADDRESS:**

**COMMANDER (CGPC-EPM-1)**

**U.S. COAST GUARD**

**PERSONNEL COMMAND**

**2100 SECOND ST. S.W.**

**WASHINGTON, DC 20593-0001**

**APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE FAXED TO ARRIVE AT CGPC-EPM-1 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NOT LATER THAN 1 MAY 2002. THIS SOLICITATION WILL BE CANCELLED PRIOR TO THAT DATE IF OUR WORKFORCE REQUIREMENTS ARE SATISFIED IN THE INTERIM.**

**7. FOR THOSE SELECTED, ACTIVE DUTY CONTRACT TERMS AND THEIR ASSOCIATED ASSIGNMENTS ARE PROJECTED TO BE OFFERED NLT 31 MAY 2002. DUE TO WORKLOAD DEMANDS, NO NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE ABLE TO BE MADE TO THOSE NOT SELECTED. APPLICANTS ACCEPTING AN OFFER TO**

**RETURN TO ACTIVE DUTY WILL BE DIRECTED TO THE APPROPRIATE MEDICAL FACILITY TO COMPLETE A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION. UPON COMPLETION OF A SUCCESSFUL PHYSICAL EXAMINATION, CGPC-EPM-1 WILL ISSUE ORDERS TO RECALL THE MEMBER TO ACTIVE DUTY. THE ORIGINAL ORDERS WILL BE MAILED TO THE MEMBER, AND A COPY SENT TO CG HRSIC(RAS), CG HRSIC (MAS), AND THE PERSRU THAT WILL BE PROCESSING THE MEMBERS RECALL FROM RETIREMENT.8. WHILE IN AN ACTIVE DUTY STATUS, RECALLED MEMBERS WILL FORGO RETIRED PAY AND RECEIVE FULL PAY AND ALLOWANCES COMMENSURATE TO THEIR PAY GRADE AND DEPENDENCY STATUS. UPON RETURN TO RETIRED STATUS, THE MEMBER WILL HAVE THEIR RETIRED PAY RECOMPUTED ASFOLLOWS:**

**A. MEMBERS WHO INITIALLY ENTERED THE SERVICE BEFORE 8 SEP 1980:**

**(1) IF THE RECALL PERIOD IS FOR LESS THAN TWO YEARS, RETIRED PAY IS RECOMPUTED BASED ON THE MEMBERS NEW PERCENTAGE MULTIPLIER (NOT TO EXCEED 75 PERCENT) AND THE BASIC PAY RATES THAT WERE IN EFFECT AT THE TIME THE MEMBER INITIALLY RETIRED. FOR EXAMPLE, ASSUME A MEMBER RETIRED ON 1 JUN 1999 WITH 20 YEARS SERVICE (50 PERCENT). THE MEMBER IS RECALLED FROM 1 MAY 2002 TO 30 APR 2003. UPON RELEASE FROM ACTIVE DUTY ON 30 APR 2003, THE MEMBERS RETIRED PAY WILL BE 52.5 PERCENT TIMES THE BASIC PAY RATE FOR 1999 PLUS ANY APPLICABLE RETIRED PAY COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS.**

**(2) IF THE RECALL PERIOD IS FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS, RETIRED PAY IS RECOMPUTED BASED ON THE MEMBERS NEW PERCENTAGE MULTIPLIER (NOT TO EXCEED 75 PERCENT) AND THE BASIC PAY RATES THAT WERE IN EFFECT EITHER THE CALENDAR YEAR PRIOR TO THE MEMBERS RETURN TO RETIRED PAY STATUS OR IN EFFECT AT THE TIME THE MEMBER INITIALLY RETIRED (WHICHEVER IS MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE MEMBER). FOR EXAMPLE, A MEMBER RETIRED ON 1 JUN 1999 WITH 20 YEARS SERVICE (50 PERCENT). THE MEMBER IS RECALLED FROM 1 MAY 2002 TO 30 APR 2004. UPON RELEASE FROM ACTIVE DUTY ON 30 APR 2004, THE MEMBERS RETIRED PAY WILL BE 55 PERCENT TIMES EITHER THE BASIC PAY RATE FOR 2003 OR THE BASIC PAY RATE FOR 1999 PLUS APPLICABLE RETIRED COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS SINCE THAT DATE.**

**B. BARRING A CHANGE IN LAW, MEMBERS WHO INITIALLY ENTERED THE SERVICE AFTER 7 SEP 1980: RETIRED PAY IS RECOMPUTED BASED ON THE MEMBERS NEW PERCENTAGE MULTIPLIER (NOT TO EXCEED 75 PERCENT) AND THE NEW AVERAGE HIGHEST 36 MONTHS OF BASIC PAY. FOR EXAMPLE, A MEMBER RETIRED ON 1 JUN 2001 WITH 20 YEARS SERVICE (50 PERCENT). AT THAT TIME, THE MEMBERS AVERAGE BASIC PAY FOR HIS HIGHEST 36 MONTHS WAS 2,000 DOLLARS. THE MEMBER IS RECALLED FROM 1 MAY 2002 TO 30 APR 2003. UPON RELEASE FROM ACTIVE DUTY ON 30 APR 2003,**

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**THE MEMBERS AVERAGE HIGHEST 36 MONTHS OF BASIC PAY WILL BE RECALCULATED TO INCLUDE THE 12 MONTHS THE MEMBER WAS IN A RECALL STATUS, AND THE MEMBER WILL BE ENTITLED TO 52.5 PERCENT OF THIS RECALCULATED AVERAGE.**

**9. MGIB ENTITLEMENTS WILL BE EXTENDED FOR RECALLED MEMBERS SINCE ACTIVE DUTY BEYOND 90 DAYS RESTARTS THE 10-YEAR CLOCK FOR DETERMINING MGIB BENEFITS. 10. RECALLED MEMBERS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE FOR ADVANCEMENT WHILE SERVING ON THEIR ACTIVE DUTY CONTRACTS.**

**11. TO ENSURE WIDEST DISSEMINATION, WE WILL FORWARD THE CONTENTS OF THIS MESSAGE TO THE RETIREE COUNCIL (NATIONAL AND LOCAL CHAPTERS), THE HRSIC RETIREE NEWSLETTER, AND VIA UNOFFICIAL NETWORKS TO PROMOTE WORD-OF-MOUTH DISTRIBUTION. COMMANDS ARE FURTHER ENCOURAGED TO BRING THIS ALCOAST TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL RETIREES WHO MEET THE LISTED CRITERIA.**

**12. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CDR KEVIN PRATT, CGPC-EPM-1, AT (202) 267-2733.**

**13. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.**

**14. RADM SALLY BRICE-OHARA, DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT, SENDS.**

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## **Retiree Affairs**

The retired community is an integral part of the Coast Guard family. Retirees have special needs, are affected by Congressional legislation, and comprise a valuable resource in representing Coast Guard interests. The Coast Guard continues to support retired members individually, and the community as a whole. This is being done and will continue through various programs administered by the Assistant Commandant for Human Resources. Coast Guard Retiree Councils serve as a direct link between the Coast Guard and it's retired community. The National Coast Guard Retiree council program ensures that members of our retired community are kept informed on legislative issues that can impact their lives.

### **National Retiree Council**

RADM Gordon G. Piché, USCG, Retired  
MCPO William C. Phillips, USCGR, Retired

### **Active Local Councils and chairpersons:**

#### **Washington DC Area Retiree Council**

CAPT Chuck Glass USCG, Retired

#### **Tidewater Retiree Council**

CAPT Ed Ard, USCG, Retired

#### **Yorktown Retiree Council**

CAPT Al Buechler and MCPO Ryhmer, USCG, Retired

It was on the 10th day of May--1884--that I confessed to age by mounting spectacles for the first time, and in the same hour I renewed my youth, to outward appearance, by mounting a bicycle for the first time. The spectacles stayed on.  
- *Mark Twain's Speeches*

#### **Northern California Retiree Council**

CAPT Richard Consigli, USCG. Retired  
CAPT Richard J. Gaedtke, USCGR, Retired

#### **Pacific Northwest Retiree Council -**

RADM Alfred P. Manning, USCG, Retired  
CAPT Dana Starkweather, USCG, Retired



LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	RANK	DATE	CITY OF DEATH	STATE
ALFORD	ARTHUR	ENCP	20011126	METAIRIE	LA
ALTON	COSTA	CDR	20020210	JUNEAU	AK
AMOROSO	SALVATORE	LCDR	20020109	MELROSE	MA
AYRES	MILTON	MCMC	20011130	SEMINOLE	FL
BACON	BENNY	CWO3	20020104	FT WORTH	TX
BALDWIN	JIMMIE	BM1	20011126	SIKESTON	MO
BENWAY	EDWARD	BMC	20020206	MIDDLETOWN	RI
BITTNER	RAYDON	PSCS	20011126	TOLEDO	OH
BLINKINSOP	TIM	DC1	20020118	SAN RAFAEL	CA
BOBILIN	ADAH	CAPT	20011105	SCHENECTADY	NY
BOGGS	GEORGE	ALCS	20011117	GULFPORT	MS
BONENBERGER	ROBERT	BMC	20020202	BALTIMORE	MD
BORROWES	ANTHONY	LT	20020114	ST PETERSBURG	FL
BOTHWELL	JAMES	BMC	20020110	BRUNSWICK	GA
BOYLE	CHARLES	CWO4	20011202	TUCSON	AZ
BRETZ	JOHN	BMCS	20011211	STERLING HTS	MI
BROOKS	DONALD	FA	20011216	DURANT	MS
BROPHY	EDDIE	CWO4	20020121	OLYMPIA	WA
BROWN	RICHARD	CDR	20011229	SAN DIEGO	CA
BROWNING	JAMES	RMCM	20011119	RENTZ	GA
BURNS	THEODORE	GMC	20011222	MERRILL	OR
CARPENTER	CHARLES	CWO4	20020114	DAVIDSON	NC
CASSADAY	WILLIAM	CDR	20011209	APPLETON	ME
CHAMPEN	GEORGE	CS1	20020121	SAVANNAH	GA
CHOR	JOHN	RM1	20011218	SCITUATE	MA
COEL	HAROLD	CWO4	20011215	ORANGE PARK	FL
COLE	WILLARD	TT1	20011104	FORSYTH	GA
COMBS	CHARLES	AM1	20011212	HIALEAH	FL
COPELAND	STEVEN	YN1	20011029	ROHNERT PARK	CA
CRAMER	LOUIS	BMC	20020204	LAKE CITY	FL
DAVIS	ARTHUR	MKC	20020107	YONGES ISLAND	SC
DAVIS	CALDWELL	LT	20011106	CAPE MAY	NJ
DEABENDERFER	DAVID	CWO4	20011230	GREENSBURG	PA
DENT	CAL	FIC	20011230	S CHARLESTON	WV
DOLLOSA	RODOLFO	SS1	20020122	PHILIPPINES	RP
DOWNING	WILLIAM	ENC	20020118	LOVELADY	TX
DUNCAN	MARVIN	LCDR	20011210	JACKSONVILLE	FL
FALKENBERG	ALLAN	CDR	20020211	LUXEMBOURG	LV
FITZGERALD	JOSEPH	SSC	20011129	GROTON	CT
FORD	JAMES	AD1	20011118	ELIZABETH CIT	NC
GEERDS	BENJAMIN	CDR	20011130	SAN MATEO	CA
GERMINO	ALBERTO	BM1	20011202	RIVERBANK	CA
GLOMBOWSKI	LEO	ENC	20011130	GRAND HAVEN	MI
GLOVICKO	THOMAS	AE2	20011212	SAN BRUNO	CA
GOODWIN	LOWELL	MKC	20020129	DETROIT	MI
GRATTON	RAY	DC1	20020212	SACRAMENTO	CA
GREEN	JOHN	CWO2	20011229	SHELTON	WA
HALL	ALFRED	LCDR	20020109	WADDELL	AZ
HARRIS	HAROLD	CWO4	20020202	ST JOSEPH	MO
HAUSER	ALBERT	LT	20011225	MATTAPOISETT	MA

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	RANK	DATE OF DEATH	CITY	STATE
HELVESTINE	ALBERT	CAPT	20011126	ANNAPOLIS	MD
HENDERSON	DOUGLAS	RADM	20011129	HANOVER	MA
HENDRICKS	LYNALD	LCDR	20020127	SUNNYSIDE	WA
HILLER	DAVID	CDR	20020124	LONDONDERRY	NH
HOLLOWAY	PRICE	ENC	20020117	BOKEELIA	FL
ILLOBRE	MICHAEL	GMCM	20011223	LEBANON	TN
ING	EDWIN	CAPT	20020120	PALM CITY	FL
JOHNSON	ROBERT	LT	20011225	PORTLAND	OR
JONES	CLARENCE	WO1	20011206	ALPENA	MI
JONES	DONALD	CWO3	20011217	PORT ARTHUR	TX
KEARNEY	JAMES	CDR	20011122	CHESAPEAKE	VA
KELLER	RALPH	BM1	20020205	WILMINGTON	VT
KELLEY	MERRILL	ENC	20020103	JONESPORT	ME
KENNY	THOMAS	CDR	20011231	NEW YORK	NY
KING	ROBERT	DCCS	20011212	ST PETERSBURG	FL
LANE	CARL	LT	20020121	STIGLER	OK
LANE	SHELBY	BM1	20011124	CAROLINA BCH	NC
LAWHORN	DOHY	MMCM	20020203	ELGIN	TN
LEHMAN	MARVIN	DCC	20020209	HEMET	CA
LEISS	ERNEST	LCDR	20020127	BEACH HAVEN	NJ
LEWIS	JAMES	ENC	20011018	MANAHAWKIN	NJ
LEWIS	RICHARD	CWO3	20011228	TWO RIVERS	WI
LINDSAY	THOMAS	ETCS	20011122	LEXINGTON	KY
LOPEZ	JOSE	ENC	20011019	MANATI	PR
LYLE	ROBERT	CAPT	20020118	LEESBURG	VA
MAGUIRE	FRANCIS	CSC	20010516	ROCKLAND	MA
MALMQUIST	ARVID	YNCS	20011202	SUN CITY CTR	FL
MARSHALL	JOBE	BMC	20020118	WEST BLOCTON	AL
MASCIO	CHARLES	CWO4	20011127	UWCHLAND	PA
MCALOON	DOUGLAS	BMC	20011122	YULEE	FL
MCCULLOUGH	ALBERT	CDR	20011011	LEWES	DE
MIDGETT	EARL	ENCP	20020114	CHESAPEAKE	VA
MIDGETT	LORAN	BML1	20011216	JACKSONVILLE	FL
MIDGETT	WILLIAM	BMC	20020127	HARBINGER	NC
MITCHUSON	NORMAN	AT1	20011223	WHITESBORO	TX
MIXSON	GILBERT	ENCS	20011203	RINCON	GA
MOLLENKOPF	CARL	ENC	20020118	BRADENTON	FL
MOORE	HAMILTON	CAPT	20020115	NEW YORK	NY
MOORE	WILLIS	CAPT	20020205	BEVERLY	NJ
MORLEY	DONALD	ETCM	20020119	SEATTLE	WA
MUNSON	CLYDE	CWO4	20011116	PORT HENRY	NY
MURPHY	DARRELL	CWO2	20020109	WESTMINSTER	CO
NEISNER	CLYDE	AD1	20020129	OCEANSIDE	CA
NYSTROM	DONALD	LT	20020210	NEW BERN	NC
OBARSKI	JOHN	CDR	20020108	MELBOURNE	FL
OBRIEN	EDWARD	PSC	20020122	DUNEDIN	FL
OPENSHAW	GARY	PAC	20011128	CLEARFIELD	UT
OVERMYER	GEORGE	RMC	20011211	ALBUQUERQUE	NM
PATRICK	HAROLD	DCCS	20020118	CHARLESTON	SC
PAYNE	LEROY	RDC	20020207	CUDAHY	WI



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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	RANK	DATE OF DEATH	CITY	STATE
PERRY	RUPERT	BMC	20020205	COINJOCK	NC
PETERSON	ROBERT	GM2	20020204	TALLAHASSEE	FL
PIETROWSKI	CHESTER	PS1	20020101	N MASSAPEQUA	NY
PISCZEK	STEPHEN	LT	20011222	NEW LONDON	CT
POPLE	KENNETH	ADC	20011222	OLDSMAR	FL
POWELL	LEDELL	CS2	20011204	UNION CITY	TN
POWELL	ROBERT	CAPT	20020209	SHORELINE	WA
PRYOR	ROBERT	LCDR	20020205	AURORA	CO
REED	OLA	CSC	20020122	SHERMAN	TX
REINHART	WILLIAM	CWO2	20011203	PT ST LUCIE	FL
RHODES	TROY	CWO4	20011017	WALLACE	NC
RYAN	ROBERT	FTC	20011211	CAPISTRANO	CA
SCARBOROUGH	CLARENCE	CWO2	20011201	QUAKER HL	CT
SEILER	ALOYSIUS	CWO4	20020124	HINSDALE	IL
SHANKLIN	PAUL	YNMCM	20020103	PHILLIPSBURG	NJ
SHARPLESS	MORRIS	AD2	20011029	KITZMILLER	MD
SHEPARD	FRANK	YNMCM	20011201	W CHESTER	PA
SILAGY	LOUIS	MMCS	20020206	STROUDSBURG	PA
SINGLETON	GENE	AM3	20000215	SAVANNAH	GA
SNYDER	GERALD	CAPT	20011209	ALBANY	NY
SONNTAG	WENDELIN	CDR	20020111	TALLAHASSEE	FL
SOPKO	CHARLES	LTJG	20011106	LOGANVILLE	GA
STALEY	VIRGIL	AEC	20011228	ELIZABETH CITY	NC
STEMARIE	REAL	EN1	20010929	SARASOTA	FL
THOROGOOD	LIONEL	ADC	20011211	ESCONDIDO	CA
TINNELL	EMBRY	DCC	20020113	NORWOOD	MA
TWIFORD	WINBON	LCDR	19980302	NEW BERN	NC
VERNON	RALPH	ADC	20011012	MIAMI	FL
VOZAR	STEPHEN	MMC	20011029	GRAND HAVEN	MI
WATSON	LAWRENCE	CSCS	20011123	YOUNTVILLE	CA
WEBB	HALMAR	CAPT	20011213	LA CANADA	CA
WEBSTER	EDWARD	CAPT	20020130	PORT HUENEME	CA
WILLIAMS	RALPH	CWO3	20011209	PETALUMA	CA
WOOD	JOHNNY	FN	20020202	OTTSVILLE	PA
WRIGHT	JACK	HSC	20011217	LYNNWOOD	WA
WYATT	WENDELL	RD1	20011202	MIAMI	FL
ZABIT	NICHOLAS	CAPT	20011114	NAPLES	FL
ZACHARY	MARK	STC	20011220	SANTEE	CA



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 May you find it in all weathers;  
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