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Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty



What Was the Coast Guard Doing in Iraq?



In spite of increasing responsibilities in homeland security, Coast Guard forces remain committed to and equipped to support expeditionary operations. Here, the Coast Guard cutter Boutwell leads the Tarawa (LHA-1) Battle Group through the Persian Gulf leading up to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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On 29 January 2003, General Richard Myers, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, was asked, "The Coast Guard announced today [it is] sending eight cutters, 600 people, to the Persian Gulf, which I understand is the first time they have been dispatched to a combat zone since the Vietnam War. What's the thinking behind that, and what's their mission going to be?" General Myers answered, "For the Coast Guard, primarily for port and harbor and waterway security. That's what they do best."

Immediately, questions followed about why the lead federal agency for maritime homeland security should remain a military expeditionary force, as part of a power projection strategy overseas. After all, the Coast Guard suffers from its own readiness issues and is embarked on a multiyear, multimillion

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dollar strategy to address deficiencies and modernize much of its fleet. Why, in the face of our current homeland security threats, should the nation's primary maritime security force deploy overseas?

Defending the Peace: Military Power

Defending the peace includes defeating global terrorism, preventing future attacks, and transforming our national security institutions to meet new challenges and opportunities. A 1995 memorandum of agreement between the Secretaries of Defense and Transportation identifies Coast Guard core capabilities applicable to the national defense role and provides the operational framework for interoperability. The components of the agreement include: port security and defense, maritime interception operations, coastal sea control operations, peacetime military engagement, and military environment response operations. The agreement, still valid today, states that the Coast Guard is "a branch of the Armed Forces at all times . . . required to maintain a state of readiness to function as a specialized service in the Navy in times of war."

The Coast Guard is the recognized leader in port security, at home and overseas. Overseas missions are performed primarily by port security units (PSUs), self-contained units staffed mostly by reserve members that operate in conjunction with harbor defense commands, mobile inshore undersea warfare units, and inshore boat units as part of the Naval Coastal Warfare Plan. PSUs have contributed significantly to operations in Umm Qasr and Bahrain, providing command and control for port and shoreside security and escort operations. In addition, the Coast Guard patrol boat Wrangell (WPB-1332) was assigned to protect British minesweepers clearing the entrance to Umm Qasr. In this 40-mile swath of water, comprised of a 200-yard channel, the Wrangell's 110-foot size was ideal. Trained at the Coast Guard's Special Mission Training Center at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, the PSU fits well within the combatant commander's requirement for a proficient, expeditionary, self-contained port security contingent.

In recent years the Navy has been involved overseas in the visit, board, search, and seizure mission, particularly in the Persian Gulf since the end of Desert Storm. This effort recently was expanded to support detection and interception of al Qaeda and Taliban leaders attempting to flee Afghanistan and Pakistan. Coast Guard personnel provide the Navy with boarding expertise taken from extensive experience in combating drug and alien smugglers.

Law Enforcement Detachment 205, embarked in the USS Chinook (PC-9), located and secured a large Iraqi military equipment and weapons cache hidden in caves in southern Iraq. It is likely that members of the Republican Guard had prepositioned this equipment for future urban combat. Also in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, the high-endurance cutter Boutwell's (WHEC-719) boarding teams worked with HMS

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Chatham and the Danish frigate Olsen Fischer to intercept and board suspected smugglers close to the Iraq-Iran border.

The cutter Dallas (WHEC-716), positioned off the west coast of Syria, intercepted fugitives from Saddam Hussein's regime who were attempting to flee by sea. She also provided force protection to Navy battle groups in the eastern Mediterranean. In a 13 April 2003 article in the Philadelphia Inquirer, Rear Admiral John Stufflebeen said, "Whether they [Hussein regime] stay or whether they decide to go, we're going to work this part of the water hard to make sure that if they do go, we catch them." He referred to the Dallas as "the lead dog," sniffing around any ships moving through the eastern Mediterranean.

Military missions for the Coast Guard are an important part of the national strategy and an instrumental part of those forces that defend the peace. The National Fleet concept, signed in 1998 and revalidated in 2001, speaks directly to Coast Guard-Navy integration. It is a cornerstone document that reaffirms the service's expeditionary capability and the immediate need for a modernized fleet to replace ships such as the Dallas, commissioned in 1967.

Preserving the Peace: Diplomatic Power

The Coast Guard has capabilities to preserve the peace. We work with our hemispheric neighbors in counterdrug operations and with international partners to provide safe vessel standards across the globe. With our eyes squarely on the homeland security ball, the Coast Guard also sends expeditionary forces to help preserve the peace overseas.

At the request of the regional combat commanders, eight Coast Guard 110-foot patrol boats are deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Operating in various locations within the Central and European Command areas of responsibility, these vessels provide a layered harbor defense as well as serving as quick response maritime interceptors. Coast Guard patrol boats also escorted the British vessel Sir Galahad with the first shipment of humanitarian aid to Iraq. On 11 April 2003, the Wrangell, Adak (WPB-1333), Aquidneck (WPB-1309), and Firebolt (PC-10)—with a Coast Guard law enforcement detachment embarked—escorted the M/V Manar, with more than 700 tons of vital humanitarian supplies, into port.

During Operation Desert Storm, the Iraqi-generated oil spill in the Persian Gulf was an ecological disaster, but quick Coast Guard response saved precious natural resources and contained the damage to the environment. The service's capability in this area is unmatched. Through its extensive international interests, the Coast Guard has instant access to the largest worldwide database of oil spill response capabilities, which can be brought to bear as circumstances dictate.

The Walnut (WLB-205), a seagoing buoy tender with oil spill containment system capability, was sent to support Iraqi Freedom operations. In conjunction with the Coast Guard National Strike Force teams and the Vessel of Opportunity Skimming System, the Coast Guard provides formidable pollution response and an element of national security.

Worldwide, the Coast Guard receives more requests for engagement operations from combatant commanders than it could ever support. Like many navies of the world, we perform border security missions and fisheries and law enforcement duties, and there is a natural humanitarian link. Central Command, European Command, and Pacific Command all use a variety of Coast Guard platforms for

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worldwide engagement missions. Through these and other engagement opportunities, the Coast Guard builds on common interests to promote global security, all in the name of preserving peace.

Extending the Peace: Economic Power

Ensuring the unfettered flow of commerce, both import and export, is critical to most national economies. In Iraq, preserving oil resources for that nation's economic future was an important objective in extending the peace. Just 13 miles off the Iraqi coast, 39 Coast Guard reservists secured the Mina-al-Bakr offshore oil terminals in the opening phases of Operation Iraqi Freedom. More than a million barrels of oil a day flowed through this terminal before the war. The Coast Guard's action will help ensure continuation of the flow, a major source of income that will aid in the reconstitution of Iraq.

Placing navigation aids in approaches and harbors is important for the safe navigation of the ships that import and export goods. In a post conflict environment, the aids-to-navigation program is an essential military mission, which currently only the Coast Guard is able to perform. The Walnut demonstrated this expeditionary capability in support of Iraqi Freedom, maintaining the 41-mile navigable channel heading from Iraq's primary southern port, Umm Qasr, to the sea. Because of years of neglect, the buoys along this route were in a terrible state of repair or had been removed. The Walnut provided a well-marked channel for humanitarian aid arrivals, vital to coalition objectives. In all cases, establishing a well-maintained seaway provided greater safety and security for mariners transiting to these ports.

An Expeditionary Force Multiplier

The Coast Guard adds measurable value to the larger National Security Strategy goals, and its capabilities are an extraordinary force multiplier. From Operation Iraqi Freedom lessons learned, to historical data from ongoing maritime interdiction operations, to recent responses to large environmental defense operations, the Coast Guard's unique skill sets must be continually capitalized on and maintained.

We carefully assessed our expected demands when contemplating deploying 11 cutters and 4 port security units to the Gulf, and the Department of Homeland Security steadfastly supported the combatant commanders' request for Coast Guard expeditionary forces. The Coast Guard's participation had, and will continue to have, a significant impact on our nation's future.

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That man or woman is successful who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much, who has gained the respect of the intelligent people and the love of children; who has filled their niche and accomplished their task; who leaves the world better than they found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul; who never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it; who looked for the best in others and gave the best they had. **~Robert Louis Stevenson**

Concurrent Receipt for Disabled Veterans Combat Related Special Compensation

Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) was authorized by the FY 2003 National Defense Authorization Act (P.L. 107-314, sec. 636) for certain retirees with combat or operations-related disabilities. The details about how the program will be administered have only recently become available.

Eligible Retirees: Must have 20 or more years of active duty service in the Uniformed Services (retired reservists are not eligible unless they have accumulated 7,200 points, equivalent of 20 years for pay, or more). Retirees with less than 20 years active service are not eligible for CRSC. Retirees are not eligible if they have waived military retired pay to credit military service toward their civil service retirement, or for any other reason, other than to receive Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) disability compensation. DoD expects approximately 35,000 retirees to qualify for the new compensation. (The Coast Guard expects only a minute fraction of this number – perhaps greater than 100 – to qualify under either Purple Heart or Combat-Related criteria.)

Qualifying Disabilities: A combat-related disability associated with the award of a Purple Heart decoration, regardless of the DVA disability rating (10-100 percent). Or, any disability (or combination of disabilities*) with an assigned medical diagnosis code from the DVA Schedule for Rating Disabilities (VASRD) that results in a DVA rating of 60-100% that was incurred either:

- As a direct result of armed conflict (e.g., in a combat setting but not qualifying for a Purple Heart – like breaking a leg by jumping for cover when hearing the warning “Incoming!”)
- While engaged in exceptionally hazardous service (e.g., in the performance of flight, diving, or parachute duties; or other extraordinary operational settings);
- In the performance of duty under conditions simulating war (exercises, field training, combat training);
- Through an instrumentality of war (combat vehicles, weapons, Agent Orange, etc.)

(*Note – only disabilities from the preceding four classifications can be used to meet the 60% or higher combat-related threshold. Disabilities that are not combat-related cannot be combined with combat-related disabilities to meet the 60% criteria.)

For Coast Guard CRSC applicants, the Coast Guard Personnel Command (CGPC-adm-1) will determine which disabilities qualify under the above criteria and notify applicants of their decision. CRSC will not be paid for disabilities that are not combat or hazardous duty operations related. Applicants who qualify for CRSC will have their applications forwarded to the Retiree & Annuitant Services Division of the Personnel Service Center (PSC (RAS)) for computation of the actual CRSC payment, which will be included in their monthly Retired Pay, along with any back payments that may be applicable.

Certain disabilities will be presumed to be combat-related when the DVA disability rating form indicates that the DVA rating for the disability is based on one of these presumptions: disabilities rated by the DVA on the basis of exposure to radiation, mustard gas or lewisite, Agent Orange, and those associated with Persian Gulf service. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) must be evaluated by the member’s Service to determine if it is combat-related. Other chronic disabilities that are incurred over time (arthritis; heart, respiratory, or circulatory disabilities; and the like) will typically not be eligible for CRSC.

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Application Processing: Eligible retirees must apply for CRSC using the approved application form DD-2860 in accordance with the instructions published on the form. Processing times have not been established, but it is anticipated that there will be a large number of initial applications submitted and the process may take months due to the backlog of records requests at DVA and other records archives. However, payments will be retroactive to June 1, 2003, for those determined to have qualifying disabilities that existed as of that date. Disabled retirees who have qualified for and are in receipt of Special Compensation for Severely Disabled Retirees (SCFSDR) may not receive CRSC unless they waive SCFSDR. (If an applicant is qualified for both SCFSDR and CRSC, PSC (RAS) will pay them the higher of the two entitlements once the retiree has executed a waiver of the lesser.)

The CRSC application form is available from PSC (RAS) upon request (toll-free at 1-800-772-8724; commercial: 785-339-3415; or fax: 785-339-3770) or on the web at: <http://www.dior.whs.mil/forms/DD2860.pdf>



DEERS Verification Changes for Unremarried Former Spouses

August 19, 2003

The Social Security number (SSN) used to verify TRICARE eligibility in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) for unremarried former spouses is changing. Starting Oct. 1, 2003, DEERS will reflect TRICARE eligibility for these beneficiaries using the unremarried former spouse's own SSN and not the former sponsor's. Health care information will be filed under the unremarried former spouse's own SSN and name. These beneficiaries will now use their own name and SSN to schedule medical appointments and to file TRICARE claims.

The current Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card, DD Form 1173, held by the unremarried former spouse is still valid until it expires. Upon renewal, the unremarried former spouse will be issued a replacement Department of Defense/Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card, DD Form 2765.

The Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office is sending a letter to all beneficiaries affected by this change. The letter explains the new DEERS eligibility verification procedures and serves as official notification from DoD regarding this change. The letter does not, however, provide proof of continued eligibility for TRICARE health care benefits.

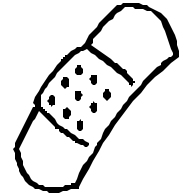
After Oct. 1, 2003, unremarried former spouses may contact or visit the nearest identification card issuing facility (locations may be found online at <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl>) for questions or assistance.

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Unremarried former spouses should always keep their DEERS information current and up-to-date. For questions regarding their medical records, they should contact the Military Treatment Facility and medical records department where their DoD medical records are stored.

TRICARE Awards Dual Eligible Claims Contract



July 25, 2003

Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, announced today the TRICARE Dual-Eligible Fiscal Intermediary Contract (TDEFIC) award. The contract is a single, separate vehicle for claims processing, customer service and administrative services for individuals who are eligible for both TRICARE and Medicare. The contract was awarded to Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corporation (WPS), of Madison, Wisconsin. The TRICARE Dual Eligible Fiscal Intermediary Contract (TDEFIC) will replace the current practice of the managed care support contractors providing these services. The TDEFIC claims processing, customer service and administrative services will be phased in by region with the managed care support contracts beginning on April 1, 2004.

"The DoD is committed to providing the best health care possible for our beneficiaries," said Dr. William Winkenwerder, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs. "From lessons we have learned during previous contracts, we chose to simplify contract administration, increase accountability and improve customer service by centering these responsibilities in one contract. We are confident this will enhance the services we provide to beneficiaries while ensuring fiscal responsibility."

The contract is for a base period, four 12-month option periods and one 3-month option period for a total of 5 years. The base period for transition is July 25, 2003, through March 31, 2004. The total value of the award is estimated to be \$487 million for the base period and all option periods combined. The TDEFIC services will be phased in by region with the managed care support contracts beginning on April 1, 2004.

TDEFIC will affect the approximately 1.7 million beneficiaries who are eligible for both TRICARE and Medicare. Beneficiaries should not be affected by this change unless they need to submit a paper claim. WPS will notify beneficiaries of the change in mailing address for paper claims submission. WPS will provide this information when services begin for the contract.

Additional information about the next generation of contracts is available on the TRICARE Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil/pmo/t-nex/

Tricare Standard Over Age 65

Tricare standard eligibility expires upon reaching the social security Medicare eligibility age which is at 12:01 a.m. on the first day of the month in which the beneficiary becomes entitled to hospital insurance benefits (Part A) under Medicare. There are no plans to raise this age even though social security full retirement age is rising to 67. Anyone who is a military dependent and is not eligible for Medicare benefits can retain Tricare Standard benefits provided they can provide to the ID card issuing activity or DEERS a

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notice of disallowance of Medicare Part A benefits. This applies to many alien dependent widows because they do not meet the U.S. five-year residency requirement to draw on their sponsor's social security account and have elected to continue to reside overseas.

DEERS requires all dependents upon turning age 65 to obtain a new ID card which allows them to update their records on each individual's Tricare eligibility. Eligibility is removed for those who are eligible for Medicare and do not elect to pay for Medicare Part B. Unless otherwise advised all widows are assumed eligible. To obtain a notice of disallowance they must write to Social Security Administration, Office of Central Operations, PO Box 17769, Baltimore MD 21235 Attn: W. Burnell Hurt, Associate Commissioner for Central Operations. The letter should include:

- From. A current mailing address.
- Reference. Sponsor's SSN & Widows SSN (if any).
- Enclosure. DFAS-DE Form 2203
- Purpose. To have your records at Department of Defense, DEERS indicate you are not eligible to receive social security benefits.
- Authorization for SSA to release directly to DEERS Support Office, Attn: Research & Analysis , 400 Gigling Rd., Seaside CA 93955-6771 and DFAS, PO Box 7130, London KY 40742-7130 any information relating to eligibility to receive Medicare benefits.
- Country of citizenship, country of residence, and that you do not meet the five-year U.S. residency test or any exceptions to that test.
- Request for SSA to notify DEERS & DFAS that you are not receiving Medicare benefits from your deceased spouse's social security account and the reason why you are not. Also, that you have not earned any Social Security credits.
- Reason for Request. Required to continue your eligibility for Tricare benefits which were lost at age 65 because DEERS was not aware of your ineligibility for Medicare.
- Comment on Enclosure purpose. For forwarding to DEERS & DFAS Retired Pay



Complete and sign the annuitant section of the Social Security Administration Statement (Annual Rectification) DFAS-DE Form 2203 and include it as an enclosure to your letter. A blank form can be obtained from your RAO Office or from DFAS. A sample letter is available upon request to raoemo@mozcom.com . When action has been taken you should receive a notice from DEERS stating that based on the document sent they have been able to confirm that you are not entitled to social security benefits. Therefore, your DEERS record will reflect your continued Tricare eligibility. You can present this notice to the ID card issuing activity with your application for a new ID card. The card's expiration date and Medical Civilian (yes) EXP DATE should be the same, four years after issue date. If you do not have a SSN or ITIN number they should assign a FIN number [i.e a number that has an "F" in front and starts with a "9"] in the SS box on the card.

[Source: RAO Bangkok, THEMIS & Tricare Pacific Lead Agent msg's AUG 03 and 32 CFR, Part 199.3 www.tricare.osd.mil/tricaremanuals/]

SOURCE: TRICARE News Release at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil>

Nautical Terms, Phrases & Trivia

The term "Nautical" is rooted in the Greek word "NAUT", meaning sailor.

Breech

Middle English - from 'broc' or leg-covering. The plural form was 'breeches' or pants, usually referring to the critical area of the body where the pants covered. It was soon used when referring to the bottom half of any object, such as a cask, beam, gun, or man.

Broach

Middle English - 'brocus', or 'projecting'. Originally used to describe the piercing of a cask to open it. The term was eventually used to describe the opening of a new subject in conversation. It was also used to describe when a ship is turned sideways to a wave, allowing it to break over for the length of the hull. This usually means the ship is in extremis and is probably sinking or about to break up. The possible origins of this particular term is from the action of the masts thrusting through the on-coming waves while the ship is full over on its side.

Dead Horse

When a Sailor pays off a debt to the command (advance pay, overpayments, etc...) they say they've paid off a Dead Horse. The saying comes from a tradition of British sailors. British seamen, apt to be ashore and unemployed for considerable periods of time between voyages, generally preferred to live in boarding houses near the piers while waiting for sailing ships to take on crews.

During these periods of unrestricted liberty, many ran out of money, so innkeepers carried them on credit until hired out for another voyage. When a seaman was booked on a ship, he was customarily advanced a month's wages, if needed, to pay off his boarding house debt. Then, while paying back the ship's master, he worked for nothing but "salt horse" the first several weeks aboard.

Salt horse was the staple diet of early sailors and it wasn't exactly tasty cuisine. Consisting of a low quality beef that had been heavily salted, the salt horse was tough to chew and even harder to digest. When the debt had been repaid, the salt horse was said to be dead and it was a time for great celebration among the crew. Usually, an effigy of a horse was constructed from odds and ends, set afire and then cast afloat to the cheers and hilarity of the ex-debtors. *Source: Net Research*

Editor's Note: We have recently changed our name from HRSIC to **Personnel Service Center (PSC)**.

Please note that our mailing address remains the same with the exception of the Command Title, email addresses and phone numbers will remain the same at this time, with update / changes on items as I receive word.

Fall is here, time to get out the long johns and check your furnace, you all take care!

~Ron





Tax Time is Coming!

Avoid the Estimated Tax Penalty in Retirement

Have you or someone you know been charged the estimated tax penalty?

Approximately ten percent of all retirees reporting taxable pension and/or Social Security income in a recent year were assessed this penalty by the Internal Revenue Service.

Being retired or 65 plus does not end our obligation to file and pay taxes. If you do not pay enough tax either through withholding or by making estimated tax payments, you may be assessed an estimated tax penalty when you file your federal income tax return.

Many individuals end up owing at tax time because they are not aware that taxes can be withheld from Social Security payments and pensions. New retirees may not be aware that a part, or most, of their income can be taxable. Contributing to the problem are sources of income from which no tax is withheld. These can include interest, dividends and capital gain income. Many retirees or their spouses continue to work and their withholding from those jobs may not be sufficient to cover the tax on their income from all sources.

When is the estimated tax penalty assessed?

Generally, it is when you owe at least \$1,000 when you file your return and you did not have at least 90 percent of your current year's tax, or 100 percent of your prior year's tax, paid throughout the year through withholding and/or estimated tax payments.

The best way to estimate how much tax you may owe is to complete IRS Form 1040 ES, *Estimated Tax for Individuals*. This form has a worksheet similar to a mini tax return that will help you estimate your tax for the year.

To avoid the Underpayment Penalty you can:

- Have sufficient income tax withheld from your wages, pension and Social Security payments. Ask for withholding on your pension by filing a Form W-4P (W-4 for military retirees) with your servicing pay center. You can request withholding on your Social Security by filing Form W-4V with your Social Security Office.
- Pay your estimated tax in quarterly installments, which are due the 15th of April, June, September and January. You can do this through Form 1040 ES, *Estimated Tax for Individuals*.

You can pay your tax using either one or both of these options. Remember the target is to pay in advance an amount that equals or exceeds 90 percent of the tax for the year or an amount that is at least equal to last year's tax.

For more information, see Publication 505, *Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax*. This publication, Form 1040ES, and other IRS publications and forms are available at www.irs.gov. For a free paper copy, please call 1-800-829-3676 (1-800-TAX-Form). For additional questions, call IRS at 1-800-829-1040.

Don't come up short at tax time. Do the math to determine your tax liability versus your tax payments. Complete the appropriate forms and avoid the penalty.

Source: *Therese M. Bailey, IRS Tax Specialist*

NOAA POSTS IMAGES ONLINE OF NORTHEAST BLACKOUT

Aug. 15, 2003 — NOAA today posted online satellite images taken before and after of the historic blackout of the Northeastern United States, which plunged millions of people into darkness. NOAA processed the night lights data taken by the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program (DMSP). NOAA archives the data from the satellite.



BEFORE



AFTER

Below, USA night lights cloud-free composite image taken by the DMSP. NOAA processed the data from the Defense Meteorological Satellite taken during normal grid conditions.



National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration



MONUMENT TO A CENTURY OF FLIGHT

The Foundation for Coast Guard History (FCGH) Project to Commemorate a Century of Flight was officially launched in a brief ceremony June 9, 2003, close to the site where Orville Wright piloted the Wright Flyer on its historic First Flight, December 17, 1903. With a Rescue Helicopter (HH-60J) from Coast Guard Air Station Elizabeth City providing the backdrop, VADM (Ret.) Howie Thorsen and RADM (Ret.) Bob Johanson accepted from the Icarus International Foundation a replica of the 16 foot stainless steel pylon, one of fourteen wing-shaped pylons comprising the Icarus Monument to a Century of Flight that is being sponsored by the FCGH to honor the Coast Guard's rich aviation history, as well as the tremendous contributions to numerous U. S. coastal communities by the crews of the U.S. Life-Saving Service Stations and Coast Guard Boat Stations. Joining in the ceremony were CAPT (Ret.) Terry Beacham, CWO (Ret.) Hope Beacham, and Jesse Ward...all descendants of the U.S. Life-Saving Service surfmen who ably assisted the Wright brothers before, during, and after their historic flight. Also in attendance, representing the Coast Guard lifesavers of today, were CAPT Bruce Drahos, Commanding Officer AR&SC;, CAPT Rod Ansley, Commanding Officer CGAS Elizabeth City, and LCDR John Homan, Commander CG Group Cape Hatteras. The Monument to a Century of Flight, described in detail at www.icarusinternational.com, will be located adjacent to the Aycock Brown Welcome Center in Kitty Hawk, NC. Dedication of the monument took place September 27, 2003. All work associated with this fund-raising effort is being done by volunteers, and nearly all administrative costs are being borne by FCGH and The Ancient Order of the Pterodactyls (AOP), a non-profit organization whose members are former or present pilots and crewmembers of Coast Guard aircraft, plus other

individuals interested in and supportive of CG aviation. Donations to defray the cost of the \$60,000 pylon are fully tax deductible and may be made by check (mark "for MCOF project") to FCGH, c/o Coast Guard Museum Northwest, 1519 Alaska Way South, Seattle, WA 98134, or on-line (VISA or Mastercard) via www.fcgh.org web site. A One-year membership in either the FCGH or in The AOP Ancient Order of the Pterodactyl will be offered to donors contributing \$20 or more (E-4 and below, \$10.). Donors above that level may be acknowledged by complimentary mementos; see www.fcgh.org for current information.

PTERODACTYLS PRESERVE AVIATION HISTORY

A pterodactyl is a dinosaur that once was able to fly. The Coast Guard has many still in existence. An organization of Coast Guard aviators and aircrewmembers with some 1200 members, based at the Air Training Center in Mobile, Alabama, the Ancient Order of the Pterodactyl preserves the history of Coast Guard aviation. They also cooperate fully with our efforts on a Servicewide basis. Their current project, among many, is to preserve and display CG aviation history materials, including documents, photographs and other scannable items which can be saved and/or displayed in a digital format. CDR Gib Brown, USCG (Ret) designed a website linked to the Pterodactyl site, an impressive work in progress. Many photos and writings obtained from various sources have been screened, scanned and posted, but only the first few steps have been taken in what will be a long journey. The initiators recognize that the Coast Guard does not have and never has had adequate resources to collect, store, organize and make accessible much of its history, notwithstanding the diligence and expertise of the people in the CG Historian's

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Office at CG Headquarters. Much of the history of CG aviation is in files at air stations, museums and with the personal memorabilia of aviators and aircrews, and much is scattered and disorganized. Not much is accessible. As a result, current and past participants in Coast Guard aviation, as well as the public, are denied the rich history of this vibrant organization. The Pterodactyls are supporting new efforts with encouragement, member participation and initial funding for equipment and website maintenance.



Computing and scanning equipment has been purchased for the use of volunteers in the Washington, D.C. area who will be working with the Office of CG Historian to digitize aviation history records now at Headquarters. Volunteers in the D.C. area are urgently needed to help with this project and are asked to contact Ptero Bob Johanson at robtjohanson@aol.com or 616 Lakeland Rd. South, Severna Park, MD 21146 or 410.647.5272. Later plans include volunteers to screen and digitize materials at air stations. The pertinent websites are:

www.AOPtero.org and <http://uscgaviationhistory.aoptero.org>. The second site includes advice on how to contribute materials to the project. You may also write directly to the AOP, P.O.Box 9917, Mobile, AL 36691-9917. If in doubt about the historical significance of any item, please send it to the above address.

IDENTITY THEFT PRECAUTIONS

WHAT TO DO NOW:

PHOTOCOPY every item in your wallet, front & back, (make sure emergency phone numbers are readable).

UPDATE your wallet & copies every six months:

REMOVE everything you haven't used in last 3 months, and don't carry your Social Security card or unused checks.

IF YOU LOSE YOUR WALLET:

FILE a police report immediately, in jurisdiction lost or stolen area.

CANCEL the lost cards, with each credit card company.

REQUEST a "Fraud Alert" from all 3 credit agencies, below.

IF IDENTITY STOLEN, request they add a "Fraud Victim Alert," so no one else can get new cards in your name.

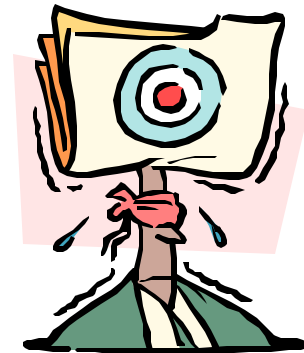
CREDIT AGENCIES:

Equifax = 800-525-6285.

Experian (TRW) = 888-397-3742.

TransUnion = 800-680-7289.

Social Security = 800-269-0271.





Reunions and Notices



Reminder from the Editor: If you are searching for one individual vice a group of people please send us a self addressed and stamped envelope, and we will be glad to forward to the person you are trying to locate. Mail to:

Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG Personnel Service Center
444 SE Quincy Street
Topeka, Kansas 66683

Thanks!!!

All "8x6" Retirees are requested to please contact Cdr. Bill Lordge at walordge@earthlink.net to discuss your TRICARE benefits if you are using the VA as your primary care provider.

COAST GUARD CW OPERATORS ASSOCIATION. Fifth Annual Reunion at Honeysuckle Inn & Conference Center (800-942-3553) Branson, MO, October 29-November 2, 2003. Mention Coast Guard CW Operators Association when making reservations. Recreation Vehicles contact Chastain's RV Park (800-467-7611), mention same. For information on reunion contact RMCS Jim Huffman USCG (Ret.) bird63@ak.net, ETCM Lee Morris USCG (Ret.) leemar@charter.net or LT David Johnson USCG (Ret) zut213@earthlink.net

Come be a part of Maritime history. **Join the Indian River Life Saving Station Foundation.** For more information contact:

Indian River Lifesaving Station
130 Coastal highway
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971
(302) 227-0478, Email dspf@splus.net We also have a web site which is, www.irlss.org

REUNION OF THE USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS ASSN
On 2-3-4 October 2003, Lewes, DE. Contact Lou Toobert, 111 Sonant Dr., Newark, DE 19713, Tel: 302-738-9020, Email: jtruffles@aol.com

USCGC Rockaway (W-377) 2 - 5 October 2003

Cape May, New Jersey

All who ever sailed on the USCGC Rockaway (W-377), or on the USS Rockaway (AVP-29) in WWII, are welcome to join over 100 shipmates for the second reunion of her crews from 2 to 5 October 2003 where many of their memories began: Cape May, New Jersey. Events include the graduation ceremony of our newest Coast Guardsmen, a dinner dance at the officers club, war-story sessions in the hospitality suite as well as rooms on the beach with seaside balconies.

Details, registration forms and photos are available on the Internet at <http://www.cccnews.net/rockaway> and shipmates may add their names to the reunion information list by phoning Chief Harris at 623 933-2226, or by emailing Lou Woods at rockaway311@earthlink.com or Tom Woloski at tomwoloski@aol.com .

RES GRU MO/SK REUNION for past and current members of GRU MO/SK on 11 OCT 2003 @ ANG NCO Club, Westhampton Beach Airport. Details via QM1 S Wade USCGR (ret) @ bravepenguin2@aol.com. or BMC E Neale USCGR (ret) @ 42 Indian Head Drive, Sayville NY 11782-1703 Phone: 631/589-3940.

Recruit Company Commander Reunion

There is a good possibility of a CC reunion sometime around the first week in November 2003. More details to come as far as logistics for those still active duty and those who have since retired. I am looking for as many previous Company Commanders to assist in passing the word. Please send contact information, questions, comments inquiries to: **ccreunion2003@yahoo.com**. I will reply as soon as possible. This could be a lot of fun...CC's from both training centers, all years, all converged together for a tribute and some walks down memory lane

Regional Retiree Council for Savannah GA Area.

My name is Jason West. I am an intern at the Marine Safety Office in Savannah, Georgia. The MSO is wanting to encourage retirees and annuitants to establish a Regional Coast Guard Retiree Council in the Savannah area. My phone number is (912) 652-4353 ext. 218, and my email address is jrwest@msosavannah.uscg.mil. We are in the initial stages of establishing the council and would love to hear from you.

Good friends, good books and a sleepy conscience: this is the ideal life.

Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens)

USCG AIR STATION SALEM

In conjunction with an oral history project, a Salem researcher wishes to contact all personnel assigned to USCG Air Station Salem from 1935 to 1970.

This project, supported in part by Historic Salem, Inc., hopes to interview and record on tape the experiences of many veterans of Air Station Salem in war and peace. Copies of these tapes will be sent to the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. One other copy will be donated to the archives of the Peabody/Essex Museum in Salem, Massachusetts. Please contact:

Douglas P. Sabin, 34 Northey St., Salem, MA 01970

Tel: 978-745-2508 Email: dpsabin@aol.com

Coast Guard Air Reunion. On May 17 and 18, 2004. At the Peppermill Hotel and Casino in Reno, NV. For The "round engine" people, this is the 45th anniversary for "Cosmic". ALL aviation and other associated parties are invited to attend, including you jet engine people. For information, contact Cdr Hugh Dayton (Ret), at (916) 486-1319 or hugh237@cwnet.com.

U. S. COAST GUARD VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL

The Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association is sponsoring the construction and installation of two identical memorials to the more than 8000 Coast Guard personnel who actively participated in our country's war in Vietnam.

One memorial will be placed at the USCG Training Center at Cape May, NJ. The second memorial will be placed at the USCG Academy, New London, CT.

The design includes the names of all CG vessels, units, detachments, and support activities involved in the war. Also it will include an abstract of CG theater missions, activities and operations.

Contributions in support of this project should be made payable to: CGCOMVETS Vietnam Memorial Fund and is tax deductible. Please mail your contribution or direct questions to:

William G. Hicks
586 Fairwood Drive
Talmadge, OH 44278-2026



2003 COAST GUARD BALL 4 October 2003

2003 CG Ball web page is now posted under the CWOA web site and can be viewed at www.cwoauscg.org.

Ticket Prices: (TICKETS ARE ON SALE!)

Active Duty / Reservists / Retirees / Government Employees:

E6 or GS-6 and below: **\$10**

E7 to O-2 / GS-7 to GS-10 : **\$30**

O3 to O4 / GS-11 to GS-13: **\$40**

O-5 and above, GS -14 and above: **\$60**

Auxiliarists/Retirees:

\$40 per ticket

Friends of the Coast Guard:

\$40 per ticket



NOTE: Ticket sales end **01 October**. Purchase your ticket at the MWR office or CG Exchange.

Please make checks payable to: **CWOA-CG BALL**

Uniform:

Military: Dinner Dress Blue Jacket (required for O-4 and above)

Note: Includes Dinner Dress Blue Uniform

Option for O-3 and below (SDB Jacket);

Civilian: Formal Attire, black tie/evening gowns.

Location: The CG-Ball will be held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202

Parking: Flat-rate parking charge of \$8.

Hotel Rooms: A limited number of discount rooms is being blocked for us. Contact the hotel at 703-418-1234 and indicate you are attending the Coast Guard Ball. Rate will be \$99.00 plus tax.

Seating: There will be a seating chart at the entrance to the ballroom listing table assignments alphabetically by the ticket purchaser's last name.

Agenda - SUBJECT TO CHANGE:

1730 Cocktails/Reception

1840 Guests are seated

1900 Entrance of official party

1910 Presentation of Colors / National Anthem

1920 Invocation/Acknowledgment of Dignitaries/

Opening remarks

1925 Secretary's remarks

1930 Battle Streamer remarks

1936 Remembrance Table

1945 Dinner, Silent Drill Team Performs

2030 Toasts

2040 G-CV remarks

2050 Guest speaker

2105 Closing Remarks

2110 Semper Paratus

2120 Dancing

2330 Ball concludes

Times after 1800 are approximate



USCG Retirements



Name	Rank	Date of Retirement	Years of Service
ABORN, CURTIS	BMC	20030601	21
ADAMES, TOMAS	AVT1	20030701	23
ADAMUK, MARY	YNC	20030801	25
AKITA, BURTON	MST1	20030701	31
ALBERO, FRANKLIN	CDR	20030701	23
ALCANTARA, DAVID	BOSN3	20030801	27
ALLEN, VICTOR	AMTCM	20030601	27
ANDERSON, GARY	CDR	20030603	35
ANSELL, ANDREA	YNCS	20030801	20
AUSTIN, JAY	ENG4	20030701	25
BACA, MICHAEL	LCDR	20030601	20
BAILEY, SCOTT	MKC	20030601	22
BALL, THOMAS	YN2	20030801	21
BARKER, JEFFERY	CDR	20030701	23
BARKER, WILLIAM	PS1	20030602	32
BATES, ROSLYN	FSC	20030801	21
BATEY, ERIC	DC1	20030602	15
BEADLE, CHRISTOPHER	LT	20030701	23
BEATY, RONALD	MK1	20030601	20
BECHTEL, THERESE	HSC	20030601	20
BECKET, DONALD	DC1	20030801	22
BECKWITH, DANIEL	HS1	20030601	20
BEHRENDT, RICKY	BM1	20030701	20
BENNETT, DARVIN	SKC	20030701	22
BENVENUTO, JONATHON	CDR	20030701	23
BERGER, ROBERT	LT	20030601	29
BERGERON, GREGG	ENG3	20030801	27
BLACKMAN, ROBERT	DC2	20030501	20
BLUE, SHELDON	LCDR	20030601	20
BODENSTEDT, JOSEPH	CDR	20030701	25
BOEHM, CHRISTOPHER	LCDR	20030701	22
BOSTIC, GRAHAM	BMC	20030601	20
BRALEY, WAYNE	COMM4	20030617	35
BRIGHTMAN, BRUCE	MKC	20030601	20
BROOKS, LAWRENCE	CAPT	20030801	28
BROWN, BARRY	AMTC	20030601	20
BROWN, JEFF	CDR	20030701	23
BROWN, MELTON	MK1	20030701	20
BROWN, MICHAEL	CAPT	20030701	30
BRUCE, ROBERT	CAPT	20030701	30
BUCK, CHARLES	AMTC	20030801	23
BUCKLEY, FRANCIS	CAPT	20030601	30
BULL, THEODORE	CDR	20030801	22
BURKHARDT, ANNE	LCDR	20030701	20
BYRD, ANNIE	YNC	20030801	24
CALLWOOD, AUSTIN	CDR	20030701	23
CAMPBELL, RUSSELL	YN1	20030601	20
CAPPETO, ROCCO	CDR	20030712	35
CAREY, JAY	ELC4	20030701	24
CARR, THOMAS	BM1	20030801	20
CARROLL, BUFORD	LT	20030701	29
CASTILLO, RIZAL	LCDR	20030701	30
CASTO, ROY	RADM	20030701	33
CHANEY, CHRISTOPHER	FSCS	20030701	20
CHARLES, MERWIN	SK1	20030601	20
CHEEVER, WILLIAM	CAPT	20030701	39
CHILES, GENE	QMC	20030601	20
CHORONZY, JOSEPH	MK2	20030801	20
CLARK, RAY	CAPT	20030701	30
COKER, WILLIAM	ENG2	20030601	20
COLEMAN, GREGORY	CDR	20020506	37
COLLIN, JAMES	CAPT	20030701	27
COLLINS, JAMES	LT	20030701	22
CONAWAY, BRIAN	CAPT	20030701	25
CONROY, WILLIAM	MKC	20030801	20

Name	Rank	Date of Retirement	Years of Service
COOLEY, ALVIN	BMC	20030429	28
COOMBS, STEPHEN	BM2	20030701	20
COOPER, TRACEY	LT	20030801	22
COSTER, ROBERT	BOSN4	20030701	29
COTCHAY, TIMOTHY	LT	20030701	22
COUTURE, JAMES	MSTC	20030701	21
COWLEY, TIMOTHY	SKC	20030701	22
COX, MICHAEL	EMC	20030520	37
CUMMO, JOSEPH	PS1	20030617	25
CUNNINGHAM, DARREN	AVT1	20030801	20
DAMES, ROGER	MSTCM	20030704	31
DAMON, LAWRENCE	MK2	20030701	20
DAVAULT, KEVIN	F&S3	20030601	22
DAWSON, JAMES	PSCS	20030612	24
DEACON, MARC	CDR	20030701	21
DEAN, DALE	LT	20030701	20
DEAN, PRISCILLIA	PSS4	20030628	26
DECKER, JAMES	CAPT	20030801	27
DECUNTO, PASQUALE	FSC	20030801	20
DEW, TERRY	OS1	20030801	20
DICKSON, JOHN	SK1	20030601	24
DIMUEL, ANGELA	YN1	20030801	20
DOLEZAL, ARTHUR	ET1	20030701	20
DORMADY, ROBERT	BMCM	20030701	28
DORNAUS, ROGER	PSC	20030503	36
DOUGLAS, LEWIS	MK1	20030601	20
DOUGLAS, LEWIS	MK1	20030502	20
DRABIK, DAVID	OSC	20030801	20
DUDASH, JEFFREY	DC1	20030701	20
DUMARS, MARK	YNC	20030801	20
DUNBAR, JONATHON	MAT4	20030801	30
DUTTLINGER, JON	MKC	20030601	20
DUTTON, THOMAS	BMCS	20030801	29
DYKE, ROBERT	LCDR	20030715	42
ELIAN, MONSOUR	SK1	20030801	20
ERWIN, WILLIAM	ELC2	20030801	21
EVANS, JAMES	CAPT	20030701	27
EVANS, PLATO	MSTC	20030429	37
EZELL, ROGER	PS1	20030724	30
FAGERHOLM, ERIC	CAPT	20030801	27
FALLER, MARK	CDR	20030801	20
FANGER, DANIEL	ET1	20030701	20
FIELDS, CHARLES	SK1	20030601	21
FINLEY, ROBERT	LCDR	20030601	20
FITZPATRICK, TIMOTHY	LCDR	20030701	22
FLANAGAN, MICHAEL	CDR	20030701	21
FLANNELLY, TRACY	YN1	20030801	20
FLETCHER, DEREK	MK1	20030601	20
FLOOD, DANIEL	CAPT	20030503	33
FORD, LAWRENCE	CDR	20030723	37
FORD, MICHAEL	F&S2	20030701	20
FRANCISCO, JOSEPH	ITC	20030801	22
FRAZIER, MIKE	DCC	20030730	34
FRIDDLE, TIMOTHY	SK1	20030801	20
FROST, JOHN	CDR	20030701	24
FUGETT, RICKY	YN1	20030601	20
FULCHER, RODNEY	BOSN2	20030601	21
GALINDO, LEO	BM2	20030601	20
GALLAGHER, JAMES	PSC	20030718	33
GAMBLE, RON	ET1	20030627	36
GARANZUAY, ANTONIO	BMC	20030701	26
GARCIA, ROBERT	LT	20030601	20
GARDNER, SENDI	OSC	20030701	21

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GARZA, ARTURO	ETC	20030801	20
GATES, DUANE	LCDR	20030801	27
GAUSE, HARRY	ET1	20030701	20
GAUTHIER, DONALD	SKCM	20030601	26
GAYMAN, ROGER	CDR	20030701	23
GENTRY, R	YN1	20030512	34
GEORGE, RICKEY	CDR	20030701	29
GETSY, THOMAS	LCDR	20030801	20
GILTNER, MATHEW	QM1	20030601	20
GINN, RICHARD	SK1	20030801	20
GLOSS, JOSEPH	LCDR	20030520	38
GLOVER, SCOTT	CAPT	20030701	27
GNAZZO, EDWARD	ET1	20030625	38
GOBERT, BOB	BOSN2	20030701	21
GODBEHERE, LONZO	MK2	20030701	20
GODFREY, THOMAS	BOSN2	20030601	20
GOLDMAN, TERRY	AMT1	20030601	20
GORMAN, PHILLIP	FS1	20030801	20
GOSSETT, ROBERT	MKC	20030801	20
GRAHAM, ANTHONY	OSC	20030701	20
GRAHAM, JEFFREY	ETC	20030601	20
GRANT, STEPHEN	AVT1	20030801	20
GRAY, ROBERT	MK1	20030701	20
GREEN, STEPHEN	AMT1	20030801	20
GROSSMAN, KENNETH	LCDR	20030727	30
GUETHLEIN, JAMES	LT	20030801	21
GUICH, JOHN	LCDR	20030606	35
GUSMAN, WAYNE	CAPT	20030701	28
HAGEN, STEVEN	DCCS	20030801	28
HALSCH, JOSEPH	CAPT	20030701	27
HAMILTON, JAMES	AMTC	20030801	21
HAMMOND, FREDRICK	CAPT	20030528	36
HANCOCK, CARL	AMTCM	20030601	30
HANNIGAN, JOHN	CAPT	20030711	34
HANNON, ROBERT	SKCM	20030601	30
HARMS, DAVID	PS3	20030521	24
HARPER, CHARLES	PERS3	20030701	27
HARRISON, MARVIN	MK1	20030801	20
HAUGHIE, DARIN	ASTC	20030801	20
HEATHCOCK, STEVEN	MKC	20030701	25
HENDERSON, CHARLES	MKCS	20030801	20
HENDERSON, STEPHEN	BMC	20030801	21
HENDRICKSON, GLEN	MSTCS	20030801	24
HERSTER, WILLIAM	CDR	20030603	36
HICKMAN, THOMAS	LCDR	20030601	20
HIGGS, EDGAR	ELC4	20030619	42
HILES, KIRK	CDR	20030601	20
HOCKING, PETER	QMCS	20030601	26
HOFBAUER, PAUL	OS1	20030801	25
HOFF, JAMES	BM2	20030513	35
HOLCK, KRIS	COMM3	20030701	24
HOLLAND, EDWARD	AMT2	20030601	24
HOMAN, MARY	YN1	20030701	20
HOMANN, KEITH	F&S4	20030601	29
HOOKS, MICHAEL	HSCS	20030801	26
HOOVER, NORMAN	PS1	20030406	34
HOVER, GEORGE	BOSN4	20030601	30
HULL, MELVIN	ET2	20030731	26
HUMPHREYS, PAUL	LCDR	20030601	20
HYATT, STANLEY	YN1	20030801	21
INBODY, WILLIAM	BOSN4	20030601	28
JACKSON, CRAIG	OSC	20030801	22
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JACKSON, THOMAS	EMC	20030701	20
JAEGER, LARRY	CAPT	20030801	26
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JELLEY, CLARK	SK1	20030601	20
JENKINS, MICHAEL	MK1	20030601	23
JONES, EDWARD	YN1	20030601	20
JUAN, HECTOR	ET1	20030801	20
JULICH, TERRENCE	CAPT	20030701	27
KALNBACH, CHARLES	PAC	20030801	20

KARKOFF, DONALD	MKC	20030520	17
KARR, JAMES	BMCS	20030801	26
KAYSER, PAUL	BMC	20030601	20
KEANE, PATRICK	CDR	20030701	25
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KEARNS, DAVID	LCDR	20030601	20
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KELLY, ROBERT	LCDR	20030601	20
KENNEDY, JOHN	AMT1	20030601	20
KIMPLE, DONALD	LCDR	20030506	29
KIMURA, THOMAS	AVTC	20030701	20
KINGHORN, JAMES	RADM	20030701	32
KIRCHER, JOHN	CDR	20030601	37
KLANKWAMDEE, JEELASAK	PERS2	20030601	23
KNOWLES, PATRICK	LCDR	20030601	20
KOCH, DANIEL	TCC	20030503	30
KOENIGDENT, CRAIG	YN1	20030601	20
KOONTZ, THOMAS	CDR	20020701	23
KORBUSIESKI, THOMAS	AVT2	20030601	20
KOSKA, STEVEN	LCDR	20030601	20
KREIMER, JOHN	LCDR	20030616	29
KRIVDO, STEPHEN	MSTC	20030701	23
KROUSE, ROBERT	ETC	20030601	20
KURINEC, FRANK	LCDR	20030612	37
LACROIX, CHRISTOPHER	BM2	20030801	20
LAMARINE, ERIC	AVTC	20030801	20
LANUM, SCOTT	PERS2	20030801	23
LAWRENCE, JAMES	LT	20030701	28
LE, CHINH	LT	20030601	20
LEATHE, MICHAEL	LCDR	20030801	27
LEBER, GRANT	CAPT	20030701	30
LEBLANC, EDWARD	CDR	20030701	28
LEHOCKY, MICHAEL	CDR	20030701	21
LEWIS, DAVID	BOSN4	20030601	30
LEWIS, JAMES	AVT1	20030701	20
LEWIS, PAUL	PSC	20030531	38
LIBBY, JOSEPH	PS1	20030801	35
LICHAMER, JOSEPH	CDR	20030701	23
LOFTUS, RICHARD	LCDR	20030703	38
LUCCHETTI, LARRY	BM1	20030301	20
LURATI, STEPHEN	AST1	20030601	20
MACFEAT, DAVID	FSC	20030801	20
MACON, MICHAEL	LT	20030701	23
MADERO, EDUARDO	SK1	20030601	21
MANGAN, TODD	ETC	20030801	22
MARTIN, RALPH	YNCS	20030801	22
MARTINEZ, XAVIER	OS2	20030801	20
MARZLOFF, NEAL	FSCM	20030601	21
MATHISEN, JAMES	MSTC	20030513	31
MATTESON, JOSEPH	BM1	20030701	21
MATTHEWS, GEORGE	CAPT	20030701	28
MCCALLUM, LARRY	MST1	20030801	22
MCDONALD, KENNETH	SKC	20030801	24
MCINNES, CAROLYNE	YN1	20030601	22
MEISSEL, DOUGLAS	MK1	20030601	20
MESHKE, STEVEN	MKC	20030601	20
MIKKELSON, KELLY	DC1	20030801	20
MILLER, HAROLD	MST1	20030701	20
MILLER, JEFFREY	MKC	20030801	22
MILLER, KEVIN	LCDR	20030601	20
MILLS, JIMMIE	PS1	20030628	35
MITCHELL, GREGORY	CDR	20030701	23
MITCHELL, KENNETH	YN1	20030701	23
MIZE, ALLAN	PS1	20030701	33
MIZELL, LARRY	CAPT	20030701	30
MONGOLD, JAMES	CAPT	20030701	27
MONROE, BRADFORD	SK1	20030801	20
MONTI, JEROME	DCCS	20030601	21
MOORE, ALAN	CAPT	20030701	26
MORAN, PAUL	PSS4	20030621	30
MORRELL, ANDREW	ET1	20030801	20
MORRIS, JOHN	MK1	20030801	20

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MORRIS, RONALD	CAPT	20030701	31	ROBERTS, CHRISTOPHER	LCDR	20030601	20
MOSBURG, LARRY	MK2	20030701	20	ROBERTS, ROGER	BM2	20030727	30
MOSEBACH, CARL	CAPT	20030701	30	ROBERTS, STEPHEN	ENG2	20030601	21
MUELLER, ERIC	AVTC	20030601	20	ROBEY, JOSEPH	MKC	20030701	20
MULLINS, PAUL	ET1	20030601	20	RODER, JAMES	WEPS2	20030801	22
MURRAY, JAMES	CAPT	20030701	27	RODRIGUEZ, DANIEL	SKC	20030601	26
MURRAY, PATRICK	CDR	20030722	36	ROESSNER, KURT	CDR	20030515	35
NAVICKY, STEPHEN	PSC	20030705	29	ROGERS, DANIEL	PERS4	20030701	30
NEELEY, STEVEN	YNCS	20030601	21	ROMANUSKI, MICHAEL	ENG2	20030801	20
NEELEY, STEVEN	YNCS	20030513	21	ROMANUSKI, MICHAEL	ENG2	20030614	20
NEWSHAM, SCOTT	CDR	20030701	23	ROSE, GILBERT	FS1	20030801	20
NEWTON, JEFFERY	MSTCM	20030601	20	ROSECRANS, MICHAEL	CAPT	20030701	30
NICOLOSI, CLARA	BOSN2	20030601	21	ROSS, ROBERT	CAPT	20030701	30
NIDEK, MICHAEL	BMC	20030801	20	ROTHIG, RICKEY	GMC	20030801	20
NIETO, JOSE	MK1	20030520	20	ROWE, CHRISTOPHER	BM1	20030601	20
NOIROT, MAURICE	SK2	20030624	23	RUMSEY, STEVEN	MK1	20030801	20
OBRIEN, JOHN	CAPT	20030801	32	RUSCH, PATRICIA	YNCS	20030701	21
OELSCHLEGEL, CHRIS	CDR	20030701	26	RUVOLO, JEFFREY	LCDR	20030701	20
OHNSTAD, STEPHEN	CDR	20030801	22	SANTOS, DAVID	INF2	20030701	20
OLIVER, MARGARET	YNC	20030516	29	SCHEDDEL, JERY	GM1	20030701	20
OLSEN, DONALD	PSC	20030722	25	SCHEIFELE, MARK	AMTC	20030801	22
ORR, ROBIN	CDR	20030701	26	SCHERMERHORN, DARWIN	MST1	20030801	20
ORTIZ, CYNTHIA	COMM2	20030701	20	SCHEYER, JACK	CDR	20030617	36
ORTIZ, PETE	LCDR	20030701	20	SCHLUETER, WILLIAM	BMC	20030601	27
OUELLETTE, DONALD	CDR	20030601	22	SCHWEITZER, MERRILL	CAPT	20030502	37
OVIEDO, GUS	IV1	20030604	39	SCOTT, CRAIG	ETC	20030701	24
PAGELS, GEOFFREY	BOSN2	20030701	20	SEGELKEN, WILLIAM	BMC	20030701	20
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PARKER, JEFFREY	OSC	20030801	20	SENF, CARL	AMT2	20030701	21
PASCAL, RUTH	YNC	20030523	25	SHARKEY, ROBERT	CAPT	20030506	39
PEARSON, JOHN	OSC	20030801	20	SHARP, JOHN	OSC	20030801	22
PECK, THOMAS	BOSN2	20030801	23	SHERE, LONNIE	EM1	20030701	24
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PERAZA, RICHARD	EMCS	20030701	22	SIMANDL, SCOTT	F&S3	20030701	27
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PERKINS, LARRY	MKC	20030601	22	SINGER, DOUGLAS	EMC	20030801	20
PERYAM, STERLING	FSC	20030701	20	SKEWES, ROBERT	CAPT	20030701	30
PETERSON, HERBERT	MKC	20030518	35	SLIWINSKI, THADDEUS	CDR	20030701	21
PHEE, DANIEL	OSCS	20030701	20	SLY, GREGORY	BMC	20030601	20
PHILLIPS, JAMES	MKC	20030601	22	SMITH, BARRY	FSCS	20030701	25
PIERCE, MICHAEL	CAPT	20030701	30	SMITH, JAMES	DC1	20030601	20
PIERCE, NICK	BM2	20030519	31	SMITH, JAMES	ENG2	20030801	20
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PLIMACK, HENRY	CAPT	20030521	37	SMIFFEN, ROBERT	CAPT	20030714	42
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RAMOS, RICHARD	BOSN4	20030801	28	STGEORGE, KEVIN	CDR	20030701	24
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RAPER, EDWIN	PS1	20030717	25	STOCK, PHILLIP	HSC	20030701	22
RAPOZA, JOSEPH	YN1	20030701	20	SUSALIS, CHRISTOPHER	MSTCM	20030601	20
RAY, RONALD	F&S4	20030801	30	SWANSON, DAVID	AMT2	20030801	20
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RICHARDSON, TIMOTHY	ENG4	20030601	26	THOMPSON, DONALD	CAPT	20030701	26
RICHDALE, SPENCER	CDR	20030614	38	THORBS, JOEL	YN2	20030801	20
RIGGS, GARY	ETC	20030801	21	THURBER, MARGARET	CDR	20030701	22
RILEY, MARGARET	CAPT	20030601	30	TIDWELL, MARK	MK1	20030701	20
RIPBERGER, MARK	SKCM	20030701	23	TOBLER, STEVEN	EM1	20030701	20
RIVA, KURTIS	YN1	20030601	20				

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TRIBBLE, OWEN	DC1	20030701	21
TUCKER, WILLIAM	BMCS	20030701	32
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TURNER, JEFFREY	DC3	20030712	17
TUTTLE, BRYAN	BMC	20030801	28
ULRICH, SAMUEL	YN1	20030601	20
URBAN, DONNA	LT	20030601	21
VEST, THOMAS	HSC	20030801	23
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WELSTEAD, WILLIAM	AMT2	20030619	06
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ZOHORSKY, PETER	CDR	20030701	20

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MACFARLAND, DAVID	CAPT	20030601	32
PERUGINI, NICHOLAS	CAPT	20030601	26

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



A Fallen Hero Recovered ~In Memoriam~



The remains of the USCG's only Vietnam MIA, **Lt Jack Rittichier, USCG**, have been recovered and returned to the US. He will be buried at Arlington at 1300 on 6 Oct 2003.

The following is a reflection of a true Coast Guard Hero:

Jack Columbus Rittichier was born on 17 August 1933 in Akron, Ohio. He graduated from Coventry High School in 1951. He attended Kent State University, where he played college football and was the team's captain. He graduated with a BFA degree in March of 1957.

After graduating, he joined the Air Force in August of 1957 and went through flight training at Bainbridge Air Force Base [AFB], Georgia and Loredo AFB, Texas, earning his wings in December of 1958.

Trained to fly the Boeing B-47 Second Lieutenant Rittichier was assigned to the Strategic Air Command's 340th Bomb Wing based at Whiteman AFB, Missouri. During his Air Force career he was promoted to the rank of Captain.

After being discharged from the Air Force in November of 1962, he accepted a commission in the Coast Guard Reserve as a Lieutenant, Junior Grade, his commission dating from 26 September 1963.

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	RANK	DATE	CITY OF DEATH	STATE
ARNOLD	GLORIA	YNC	20030701	EASTHAMPTON	MA
AXELROD	ARTHUR	CWO4	20030512	BOYNTON BEACH	FL
BAKKE	THEODORE	PSC	20030811	SPANAWAY	WA
BATEMAN	JOHN	CHMACH2	20030624	CHESAPEAKE	VA
BENNIS	RICHARD	RADM	20030803	STAFFORD	VA
BORDEN	RICHARD	MACH2	20030714	OCEAN SPRINGS	MS
BOWLES	EUGENE	BOSN3	20030527	NORFOLK	VA
BOWMAN	WILLIAM	DCC	20030706	SEQUIM	WA
BRACHER	DANIEL	MKCS	20030727	CHEHALIS	WA
BRITT	RICHARD	LCDR	20030618	JUNEAU	AK
BUNN	JOHN	CHSCLK2	20030606	DURHAM	NC
BURKE	JOHN	LCDR	20030715	BOSTON	MA
BUSCEMI	LIBERO	BMC	20030725	GIBSONIA	PA
BYROM	HOWARD	QMC	20030619	ODESSA	TX
CARTER	TERRY	BM1	20030722	HAZEL GREEN	AL
CHERRY	JOHN	CDR	20030730	FORT MYERS	FL
CHRISTOPH	FRANK	LCDR	20030703	TACOMA	WA
CLARK	FRANK	CDR	20030617	CHICOPEE	MA
CLARK	RICHARD	HMC	20030719	PORTLAND	ME
CLARK	WILLIAM	ENC	20030512	WAILUKU	HI
CLEMENTS	JAMES	AOC	20030503	JACKSONVILLE	FL
COLEMAN	ROBERT	CDR	20030627	CHESTERFIELD	MO
COLLEUR	DONALD	AM1	20030706	MIAMI	FL
COLLINS	GEORGE	AT1	20030613	ZOLFO SPRINGS	FL
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COOPER	WILLIAM	CDR	20030729	ENCINO	CA
CRISP	MILTON	RMCM	20030620	MCKENNA	WA
CULLY	WILLIAM	PSCM	20030714	MATAWAN	NJ
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CZAIKA	JOSEPH	BM1	20030528	TAWAS CITY	MI
DANIEL	CHARLES	MK1	20030531	COLUMBUS	GA
DEARNLEY	FRANK	GMCM	20030530	E PROVIDENCE	RI
DOBSON	RALPH	ELC4	20030505	KETTLE FALLS	WA
DONAHUE	JEREMIAH	BOSN2	20030725	EVERETT	MA
DREUIL	EMILE	PERS4	20030703	FT LAUDERDALE	FL
ECHARD	MILFORD	EMC	20030723	ZEPHYRHILLS	FL
ENGLER	HERSHELL	CSC	20030524	LOUISVILLE	KY
EPPLEY	RICHARD	CWO4	20030720	SANTE FE	TX
FAULK	JAMES	BMC	20030615	OCALA	FL
FEENEY	THOMAS	ENG3	20030609	LADY LAKE	FL
FINDLEY	JESSE	CWO4	20030527	SWANSBORO	NC
FLEWELLING	JOHN	ELC3	20030728	SPAIN	SP
FLINT	GORDON	AMTC	20030530	SPOKANE	WA
FOSS	RONALD	RDCS	20030603	PORT ANGELES	WA
FOSTER	MICHAEL	QMC	20030709	BUCKLEY	WA
GECK	HAROLD	CDR	20030718	TIGARD	OR
GLYMPH	OLIN	MK2	20030810	PENSACOLA	FL
GOBLE	GEORGE	BMC	20030810	ROSWELL	NM
GREEN	CLARENCE	MMC	20030521	EAU CLAIRE	MI
GRILL	MARTIN	CDR	20030709	PHILADELPHIA	PA

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HANSEN	LEE	HSC	20030719	KEARNEY	NE
HART	LAWRENCE	ADCS	20030723	SANDWICH	MA
HENRY	NELSON	EM2	20030622	FREMONT	OH
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HOLMES	STEWART	BOSN2	20030806	TAMPA	FL
HOOPER	DAILY	EN1	20030717	ELIZABETH CITY	NC
HOULDEN	PAUL	BMCS	20030719	E FALMOUTH	MA
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JOHNSON	HENRY	PS1	20030731	N HIGHLANDS	CA
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LEARY	ROBERT	CAPT	20030729	KANEOHE	HI
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LOCHNER	GEORGE	MKCS	20030531	CHARLEVOIX	MI
LYTTON	EUGENE	LT	20030609	COPPERHILL	TN
MAHER	PATRICK	BMC	20030802	FEDERAL WAY	WA
MARTICIO	JOHN	SSC	20030630	SEATTLE	WA
MARTINEZWILLIAMS	JOSE	BM1	20030624	SPANAWAY	WA
MASSMAN	STANLEY	RMC	20030517	CONCRETE	WA
MATZ	KENNETH	MAT4	20030812	CHICAGO	IL
MCCALL	KYLE	CSC	20030813	EDENTON	NC
MCCLELLAND	JOHN	DC1	20030616	PITTSBURGH	PA
MCCOY	MELVIN	F&S4	20030729	POCAHONTAS	IL
MCNALLY	GEORGE	MMCM	20030715	SAMMAMISH	WA
MEISTER	JOHN	PSS4	20030517	MEDFORD	NY
MILLS	RONALD	BM1	20030514	TOLEDO	OH
NALL	LESTER	HMC	20030517	BRYAN	TX
NAVRATIL	ROBERT	DCCS	20030617	ST LOUIS	MO
NICHOLS	GERALD	QMC	20030731	HOLTS SUMMIT	MO
OST	CHARLES	AT1	20030629	MOBILE	AL
OSTRAND	ELMER	MKCS	20030802	ITASCA	IL
OWENS	THOMAS	BMC	20030608	ELIZABETH CIT	NC
PACK	DON	YNC	20030723	WATSONVILLE	CA
PICKELSIMER	JOHN	MMCS	20030804	PEACHLAND	NC
POULIN	RICHARD	BM1	20030701	SHELTON	WA
REDMON	JIMMIE	RM1	20030526	BLACKSTONE	VA
ROCKELLI	GERALD	CAPT	20030805	N MYRTLE BCH	SC
RONAN	JAMES	LCDR	20030609	SUMMERFIELD	FL
ROSE	DAVID	CDR	20030628	GREEN VALLEY	AZ
SANFORD	THOMAS	HS1	20030524	CLEARFIELD	UT
SANGRIA	RAYMOND	MK1	20030812	PHILIPPINES	RP
SANSBURY	LEMUEL	CAPT	20030710	CHARLESTON	SC
SCHEIRER	MICHAEL	MK1	20030718	GLENNVILLE	GA
SCHREIBER	ALFRED	ENG4	20030730	CORPUS CHRIST	TX
SERGO	RALPH	ETC	20030707	SAN FRANCISCO	CA
SHARP	ALFRED	BMC	20030804	BRADENTON	FL
SHEVCHENKO	HOWARD	PSC	20030521	CONCORD	CA
SHONTELL	JAMES	LCDR	20030606	KENNEWICK	WA
SHORT	THEODORE	BOSN2	20030722	LUFKIN	TX
SHUNK	CHARLES	BMC	20030815	JOPPA	MD
SLUPSKI	ROBERT	HMC	20030606	ERIE	PA
SMITH	ALLEN	BOSN4	20030531	ELKTON	FL
SMITH	RONALD	QMCM	20030803	IRVINE	CA
SOLOMON	BRUCE	CAPT	20030611	FALLS CHURCH	VA
STANLEY	DELMORE	HMC	20030624	MARTINSBURG	WV
STEFFENS	CHARLES	BMC	20030716	ATLANTIC BEACH	FL

STRICKLIN	DALE	MKCM	20030707	CROSSVILLE	TN
STROUPE	DAVID	BMC	20030812	POINT PLEASANT	NJ
SULLIVAN	PAUL	ENC	20030608	GAINESVILLE	FL
SUMMERFIELD	ALBERT	CDR	20030721	SEATTLE	WA
TAUXE	GEORGE	BOSN2	20030101	NORMAN	OK
THOMAS	WALTER	LCDR	20030725	CORNELIUS	OR
TOOMAN	DONALD	RM1	20030529	FPO	AE
TUPUOLA	ELIA	BMC	20030619	HONOLULU	HI
UHLS	ROBERT	TTC	20030607	TACOMA	WA
UNGCAD	ANGEL	SSC	20030526	BUENA PARK	CA
WALKER	ALEX	BOSN4	20030720	CORPUS CHRIST	TX
WALSH	LEO	CHBOSN4	20030506	MIAMI	FL
WARNER	HOLLIS	CAPT	20030602	CHARLOTTE	NC
WESTFALL	NEALE	CAPT	20030717	PORTSMOUTH	VA
WETHERBEE	ALAN	QMCS	20030731	DALE CITY	VA
WHITE	EDWARD	ADC	20030805	RANCHO MIRAGE	CA
WILLIS	DANIEL	FS1	20030628	SALUDA	SC
WILLIS	ROBERT	BMC	20030602	ATLANTIC	NC
WILZER	EDWARD	RM1	20030517	BAY ST LOUIS	MS
WROTON	JACK	LCDR	20030525	SCOTTSDALE	AZ

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TONKEL	MILLER	CAPT	20030716	ANDERSON	SC
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Dependent TAPS

Harriette L. Mettille, wife of MKC Paul Mettille, USCG Ret.	27 Aug 2003	Panama City,	FL
Carol A. Smith, wife of CAPT Joseph J. Smith, USCG Ret.	24 May 2003	Springfield,	VA
Joann Zensen, wife of CDR William N. Zensen Jr., USCG Ret.	24 June 2003	Scottsboro,	AL
Donna A. O'Meara, wife of CAPT John J. O'Meara, USCG Ret.	14 Sept 2002	Tallahassee	FL
Mary Ann Stratton, wife of ENCM James D. Stratton, USCG Ret.	17 Feb 2003	Westminster	CA

At the rising of the sun and at its going down,
We remember them.

for they are now a part of us, as we remember them.

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of Winter, We re-
member them.

When we are weary and in need of strength,
We remember them.

At the opening of buds and in the rebirth of Spring,
We remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart,
We remember them.

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of Summer,
We remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share,
We remember them.

At the rustling of leaves and the beauty of Autumn,
We remember them.

When we have decisions that are difficult to make,
We remember them.

At the beginning of the year and when it ends,
We remember them.

When we have achievements that are based on theirs,
We remember them.

As long as we live, they too will live;

As long as we live, they too shall live,
for they are a part of us, as we remember them.

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While assigned to his first tour of duty at Coast Guard Air Station Elizabeth City, North Carolina, he served as a search and rescue pilot and had collateral duties as the unit's legal affairs officer and Public information officer. He was promoted to Lieutenant in the regular Coast Guard on 28 March 1966. The Coast Guard awarded Rittichier and his unit the Coast Guard Unit Commendation for their rescue work during Hurricane Betsy.

In May of 1966 he was assigned to Air Station Detroit, based out of Selfridge AFB, where he again flew search and rescue missions and also served as the assistant head operations officer and as the unit's public information officer. While there, he laid the ground work for a public information campaign on the activities of Coast Guard aviators flying as exchange officers with the U.S. Air Force Rescue Service in Vietnam. This exchange program allowed Coast Guard officers the opportunity to serve a tour of duty with an Air Force unit and vice versa, and was designed to give these officers experience in the rescue operations and procedures used by the other service.

The Coast Guard awarded Lieutenant Rittichier the Air Medal in June 1967 for his role as the copilot of a helicopter that completed a dangerous rescue during the winter of 1966. On 29 November 1966 Rittichier and his crew responded to a distress call from the West German motor vessel *Nordmeer* that had grounded on Thunder Bay Island Shoal in Lake Huron. The cutter *Mackinaw* also responded to the distress call but prevailing weather conditions and the location of the stranded vessel prohibited her crew from effecting a rescue and they awaited the assistance of a Coast Guard helicopter. Rittichier navigated the helicopter for 150 miles from Detroit with the "final 80 miles flown through snow showers at 200 feet over the lake utilizing the shoreline for navigation." After locating the vessel, Rittichier established contact with her crew by radio. They indicated that they were stranded on the forward deck, exposed to the elements, had no power, and were in imminent danger. Rittichier then assisted the pilot in "maneuvering the helicopter and accomplishing the hoist of the eight crewmen from the *NORDMEER* to the decks of the *Mackinaw*" safely. The rescue was completed in a mere 22 minutes. Soon after the crew had been rescued, the *Nordmeer* broke apart and sank.

Soon thereafter Rittichier volunteered for the exchange program with the Air Force. The Air Force assigned him to the 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron [ARRS], based at Da Nang, in the Republic of Vietnam. Once with the 37th ARRS, Rittichier began flying the large Sikorsky HH-3E "Jolly Green Giant" combat rescue helicopters.

Within three weeks of his arrival in Vietnam he demonstrated his courage above and beyond the call of duty. The Air Force awarded Rittichier a Distinguished Flying Cross for a mission where, flying as copilot through heavy enemy fire, he and his crew saved four Army fliers. Two weeks later, under the light of illumination flares, he rescued nine men from the side of a mountain, five of whom were badly wounded.

On 9 June 1968, a Marine Corps A-4 *Skyhawk* went down 37 miles west of Hue in the A Shau Valley near a North Vietnamese Army staging area. The pilot, First Lieutenant Walter R. Schmidt, Jr., USMC, ejected safely but injured his leg and consequently, once on the ground, was unable to move. He established radio contact with control aircraft in the area and a rescue attempt was quickly coordinated. Rittichier, flying as the aircraft commander of an HH-3E (Serial Number 67-14710), code-named Jolly Green 23, and another HH-3E, code-named Jolly Green 22, were scrambled from Da Nang.

Since Schmidt was injured the helicopter crews would need to deploy their pararescue jumper [known as a "PJ"] to rescue him -- a dangerous procedure under any conditions as the helicopter would need to remain in a hover while the PJ deployed -- making a large, stationary target for enemy fire. Adding to the danger was the possibility that enemy forces had captured Schmidt and were using him as bait to bring in the Jolly Green Giants as close to their guns as possible. These rescue missions into hostile

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territory were some of the most dangerous flights undertaken during the war and it took a special breed of serviceman to volunteer for this type of duty.

Helicopter gunships first fired their ordnance around the area where Schmidt lay to suppress enemy fire. Then Jolly Green 22 made the first attempts to rescue the injured pilot but heavy enemy fire repeatedly drove them off. After trying three times and running low on fuel, Jolly Green 22 flew off to refuel. The gunships and fighter-bombers then once again pummeled the surrounding area with ordnance but the enemy appeared to be well dug in and therefore resistant to suppression. The control officer, orbiting the area while he orchestrated the rescue and ground suppression missions, asked if Jolly Green 23 would make a rescue attempt. Rittichier, as the command pilot in Jolly Green 23, answered in the affirmative.



After heavy enemy fire forced him to pull away during his first attempt to hover over the injured Marine pilot, he came around after the area had been swept by attack aircraft yet again. As he hovered over Schmidt and his PJ began to deploy, enemy bullets riddled the HH-3E Jolly Green Giant just above and aft of the cockpit, causing a fire. Rittichier pulled up and attempted to fly to a nearby clearing to put his helicopter down. As he cleared a line of trees, witnesses saw his rotor slow and the Jolly Green Giant lost altitude. It exploded as it impacted the ground. An official report of the crash noted: "that at an altitude of approximately 50' JG 23's rotor very noticeably slowed down and it looked like he was attempting to set the helicopter down on a small knoll. Upon crashing the entire aircraft burst into a fire ball and within 30 seconds the entire structure was nothing but smoking ashes. The aircraft had melted out of sight."

There had been no chance to escape the inferno--all four men on board perished almost instantly. Lieutenant Rittichier and his Air Force crew had given their lives attempting to save the life of a fellow serviceman. The other men on board Jolly Green 23 with Rittichier were the copilot, Captain Richard C. Yeend, Jr., USAF, the flight engineer, Staff Sergeant Elmer L. Holden, USAF, and the pararescue jumper Sergeant James D. Locker, USAF. Subsequent attempts to rescue the Marine pilot proved unsuccessful and he had remained missing in action [MIA] until recovery this year.

During his distinguished career, Lieutenant Rittichier demonstrated a fearless determination to save lives at the risk of his own. He was awarded the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross with two oak leaf clusters, the Purple Heart, the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, a Coast Guard Unit Commendation, the Vietnam Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

On 16 June 1969 the hangar at Coast Guard Air Station Detroit, based at Selfridge AFB--Lieutenant Rittichier's last Coast Guard duty station, was dedicated in his honor. On 10 November 1998 the Coast Guard Integrated Support Command at Portsmouth, Virginia, dedicated one of their buildings in his honor as well.

Rittichier and his crew on board Jolly Green 23 were listed as "Killed in Action / Bodies Not Recovered." Their names appear on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. In 2002 a Joint Task Force-Full Accounting investigation team located the crash site inside Laos and recovered the remains of the crew.



Source: http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-cp/history/BIO_Jack_Rittichier.html



DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE

Coast Guard/NOAA Retired Pay & Annuities



To change Federal Income Tax Withholding (FITW) Form W-4 must be completed, signed, and mailed to:

Commanding Officer (RAS)
Coast Guard Personnel Service Center
444 SE Quincy Street
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

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For information on:

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444 SE Quincy Street
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Toll Free 1-800-772-8724
Commercial (785)339-3415
Email: PSC-RAS@HRIC.USCG.MIL
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Find
DEERS & RAPIDS
information on the
web at:
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DEERS



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

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Call your local ID issuing office or call:

Toll Free: 1-800-538-9552
In CA: 1-800-334-4162
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Call your CG Health Benefits Advisor at:

1-800-942-2422



Visit the TRICARE web site at:
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Final Active Duty Pay

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



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Commercial: (785)339-3550

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Service



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



National Personnel Records Center
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

Commercial: (314)538-2050



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

Social Security



For information about Social Security benefits contact your local Social Security Office or call Toll Free:
1-800-772-1213

Visit the Social Security Administration's web page at:
www.ssa.gov/SSA_home.html

VA



For information about available VA benefits contact your local VA office or call Toll Free:

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



Visit the VA's web page at: www.va.gov/

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

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OSGLI
213 Washington Street
Newark, NJ 07102

1-800-419-1473



Travel Claims



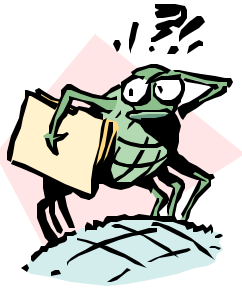
For information, call Toll Free: 1-888-872-4885

Visit the TVL web page at:
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WHEN THE TIME COMES, WILL YOUR SURVIVOR KNOW -----?



- ↓ How to file a death report
- ↓ How to claim final retired pay due
- ↓ How to get the elected survivor annuity started
- ↓ How to claim other federal benefits that may be due such as:

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- Dependency Indemnity Compensation
- Social Security
- ID Cards
- Burial Flags

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The booklet "Information for Survivors of USCG, USCGR, and NOAA Retirees" is available now on our web page:

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