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SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN AND RESERVE COMPONENT SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN OPEN ENROLLMENT

General: Section 645 of Public Law (PL) 108-375 provides a period of open enrollment for participation in the Uniformed Services Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP/RCSBP).

Open enrollment period: The open enrollment period begins October 1, 2005, and ends September 30, 2006.

Members eligible to enroll: You are eligible to make an election to participate in the SBP during this period of open enrollment. You must be a member or former member of a uniformed service who on September 30, 2005:

1. Is either entitled to retired pay, or would be entitled to retired pay under chapter 1223 of title 10, United States Code (or chapter 67 of title 10 as in effect before October 5, 1994), but for the fact of being under 60 years of age.
2. Is **not** participating in SBP (or RCSBP if applicable), and was previously eligible to elect SBP or RCSPB coverage, or
3. Is participating in SBP (or RCSBP if applicable) at less than the maximum level for a spouse or former spouse, or is providing child-only coverage.

Elections allowed: There are two categories of elections allowed during this open enrollment period:

1. If you are **not** participating in the SBP or RCSBP as of September 30, 2005, have an eligible beneficiary, and are entitled to retired pay or would be entitled to retired pay but have not yet reached age 60, you may elect SBP (or RCSBP if applicable) for an eligible beneficiary (spouse or former spouse, spouse or former spouse and child, child only, or eligible insurable interest person).

(Note: If you were previously a participant in SBP (or RCSBP if applicable), but elected to terminate your SBP/RCSBP participation under the provisions of section 641, P.L. 105-85, you may not make an election during this open enrollment period.)

(Note: A spouse or former spouse beneficiary who is eligible to have an SBP/RCSBP annuity computed under the Social Security Offset Method as described in section 1451(e) of title 10, United States Code, may not make an election under this open enrollment period unless the member waives the right to have that annuity computed under that section of the law.)

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2. If you are **now** participating in the SBP or RCSBP at less than maximum level you may:

- a) Increase your SBP base amount to a larger amount not to exceed you gross retired pay for a spouse or former spouse, or child-only coverage.
- b) Add your eligible spouse or former spouse to existing child coverage.

Coverage limitations: If you are **now** participating in the SBP **you may not:**

- a) Add child coverage to existing spouse or former spouse coverage
- b) Drop current SBP/RCSBP coverage
- c) Decrease current SBP/RCSBP coverage
- d) You may designate only beneficiaries who satisfy the prescribed legal criteria for the category of coverage as of the date the election is filed. With the exception of adding a spouse or former spouse to child-only coverage, no election may be made for a beneficiary other than the one currently protected under the SBP. For example, a member who was married upon retirement may not elect insurable interest coverage.

Elections primarily voluntary: An election under the authority of section 645, P.L. 108-375, is voluntary on the part of the member and is not subject to the concurrence of the member's spouse or former spouse.

1. No court order may require a member to make an election during the open enrollment period based on the authority to make an election under the provisions of section 645, P.L. 108-375. An election may not be deemed under section 1450(f)(3), title 10, United States Code, as a result of any such court order.

2. However, a Reserve Component SBP election during the open enrollment when the member or former member has no existing election and is making an election for less than full spouse coverage, requires spouse concurrence of such election under the requirements of 1448(a)(3)(B), title 10, United States Code.

Making an election: To make an open enrollment election, a member must complete a DD form 2656-9, Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) and Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RCSBP) Open Enrollment Election (Public Law 108-375) (October 1, 2005 – September 30, 2006) in accordance with the instructions printed on the form. Completed election forms received prior to October 1, 2005 will become effective September 30, 2005.

Elections received after that date will become effective the month following the date the election is received by PSC (RAS) if the postmark is a date within the open enrollment period. All elections must be postmarked by September 30, 2006.

Opportunity to cancel election: A member may, after being notified by PSC (RAS) of the amount due to participate in this open enrollment period; cancel the election by notifying PSC in writing. PSC (RAS) must receive the written notification before the end of the 30-day period starting on the date of the letter notifying the member.

Effect of death within two years: If a member dies within two years of the effective date of the election, the election is void. All open enrollment premiums shall be refunded in a lump sum payment to the person who would have been the beneficiary had the member lived the required two years.

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COAST GUARD NATIONAL RETIREE COUNCIL

"Coast Guard For'er"

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13 May 2005

To: Commandant (G-C)
Via: Assistant Commandant for Human Resources (G-W)

Subj: 2005 NATIONAL RETIREE COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

1. Background

- a. The Commandant of the Coast Guard National Retiree Council (CCGNRC) held its fourth annual meeting in accordance with COMDTINST 1800.5D from 12 to 14 April 2005 at Coast Guard Headquarters. In addition to the Co-Chairs, eight (8) chartered regional Coast Guard Retiree Councils were represented plus one "Retiree Council-at-Large" representative. The Chief, Army Retirement Services also attended on 13 April.
- b. The Co-Chairs provided representation at the Secretary of the Navy and Chief of Staff, Army Retiree Councils, but could not attend the Chief of Staff, Air Force Council due to previous scheduled engagements.
- c. The Council had an ambitious agenda of briefings and discussions from staffs and organizations both within and external to the Coast Guard. In lieu of recounting the wide range of superb information passed on to the Council, we focus on those issues of potential importance to the Commandant and the Assistant Commandant for Human Resources.
- d. The Council would like to make special note of the exceptional support provided by the Military Coalition/National Military and Veterans Alliance, and especially the Military Officer Association of America (MOAA), the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) and the National Association of Uniformed Services (NAUS). Besides the highly informative briefings, MOAA again sponsored a lunch for the Council in the Commandant's Flag Mess and FRA hosted the Council for an afternoon session at their facilities with a reception following.

2. Issues

- a. **Armed Forces Retirement Home.** The Council positively notes that the Coast Guard is pursuing the legislative proposal to include our Service in the Armed Forces Retirement Home. The outcome will truly be a win-win for our members and Service.
- b. **Benefits.** The Council notes the significant progress made over the last year by the Military Coalition, working with the Administration and Congress, in obtaining important benefits for active duty and re-serve members, the retiree community, and their families. The Council continues to support those legislative initiatives that honor the men and women who serve everyday in harms way, made all that more visible with the Global War on Terror. Especially with the recruiting and retention challenges within various active duty, Reserve and National Guard components, the Nation must keep faith with the relatively small numbers of service members who bear the majority of the responsibility for the protection of our liberties. An argument is being made that dollars spent on retirees and annuitants do not impact the current force and that those dollars would be better spent in acquiring new systems and equipment and on those currently serving. However, this Nation is experiencing a paucity of those with military service, especially parents, teachers and guidance counselors, who are the traditional influencers of the recruitable population. This leaves those who have "served with honor" as the best cadre of recruiting and retention influencers. Keeping faith with this critical population will be one of the important keys to maintaining the all-volunteer-force (or more appropriately the all-recruited-force).

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Current important legislative initiatives include:

- i. Eliminate the Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) offset to SBP,
- ii. Authorize full concurrent receipt of military retired pay and VA disability compensation,
- iii. Accelerate effective date (currently 10/1/08) for 30-year paid-up SBP coverage,
- iv. Accelerate 10-year concurrent receipt phase-in schedule for 50%-90% disabled retirees, and
- v. Authorize Combat-Related Special Compensation for medical retirees with less than 20 years.

c. Healthcare.

- i. The Council notes the tremendous strides made by TRICARE (new regional contracts that greatly simplify the system) and associated enhanced benefits, such as TRICARE for Life (TFL) and the expanded pharmacy benefit. While there have been and continue to be some problems with the contract changeover and attracting sufficient providers to participate in certain localities (reimbursement rate issues), the overall patient satisfaction is extremely high. The Council does note the proposed 5% cut in 2006 reimbursement rates would further exacerbate the provider issue.
 - ii. There is little doubt that TRICARE offers the best healthcare plan in America, but herein lays the challenge. The Council is concerned that the cost of the system is growing almost exponentially and must be addressed soon to avoid a crisis.
 - iii. The TRICARE website, www.tricare.osd.mil, is an exceptional healthcare information/access tool. Additionally, all Coast Guard members, especially retirees, should make note of the Coast Guard's toll-free health benefits advisor number, 1-800-9HBAHBA. All too often members are attempting to tackle complex issues on their own when expert help is readily available.
- d. Civilian Retirees.** Mr. Tom Fisher, G-WPd, proposed to the Council that Coast Guard civilian retirees be included as they too have been long associated with the Service and feel just as "CG Blue" as those wearing the military uniform. In keeping with "Team Coast Guard," the Council unanimously concurred with the inclusion of civilian retirees.
- e. Retiree Council-at-Large.** CWO4 Fred Siegel, USCG (Ret.) of "Fred's Place" attended the meeting as the prospective representative for a "Retiree-at-Large Council." With so many retirees dispersed throughout the country (and world for that matter), with limited access to the now ten regional councils, it makes tremendous sense to make maximum use of the Internet and connect to retirees wherever they might be. The Council unanimously endorsed this initiative. CWO Siegel will be the Chair of this "virtual council" and is applying his able talents and power of his robust website to this effort. For instance, please see www.fredsplace.org for information on this Council meeting. Fred has also established an "internal COMMCEN" website to provide informal internal communications amongst the National Retiree Council and the Chairpersons of the Regional Retiree Councils: www.fredsplace.org/retiree/
- f. CGHQ's Retiree Program Support.** As reported last year, the Council sincerely appreciates the support provided by RADM Venuto and his staff and acknowledges that the majority of retired affairs support is provided by the Personnel Service Center in Topeka, hence the continued argument that the "double-hated" billet at Headquarters is adequate. However, many of the administrative issues in operating a National Council and a growing contingent of regional councils (as we become more successful in the spirit of the governing Commandant Instruction) is outside the "retired affairs" support tasked and staffed at PSC. In reality, the HQ's billet has little to no time to assist the Co-Chairs of the National Council nor the Regional Councils in promoting and coordinating those CCGRNC program initiatives that foster active outreach between Coast Guard units and retirees as suggested by the Commandant Instruction, such as establishing Retiree Services Offices, providing benefits and transition counseling, mentoring, sponsoring, and participation in other recruiting and retention initiatives. Understanding that a full-time billet is neither necessary nor would ever compete well in the budget process given the many unfulfilled human resource needs, the Council proposes staffing a HQ's Retiree Program Coordinator position with members of the Capital Area Council, similar to how a portion of the work is accomplished by the Office of Auxiliary. This will require working space and associated office equipment and supplies, standard workstation, HQ's telephone directory listing, and parking support from CG-1 similar to that provided in G-O.

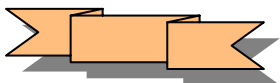
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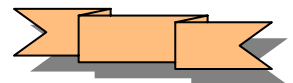
- g. **Coast Guard For'er Initiatives.** Following is a short summary of regional retiree council activities; should we be successful in establishing part-time Retiree Program support at HQ's, a comprehensive database of retiree services provided and measures of their value to the Coast Guard will be built.
- i. The National Council Co-Chairs responded to more than 100 emails/requests for information on various Coast Guard issues, how to form a regional council and how to find a "lost ship mate"
 - ii. Regional Councils
 1. There are ten (10) regional councils either chartered or in the process of chartering;
 2. A few have established Retiree Services Offices that operate at a part-time basis and respond to both retiree and active duty requests (in the hundreds) for information/advice;
 3. Meetings vary from monthly luncheons with guest speakers to regular quarterly business meetings;
 4. Initiatives/programs include retiree newsletters, websites, information kiosks, retiree benefits counseling and seminars, separation counseling, comprehensive email listings and mailings to connect retirees with the Coast Guard, Christmas card program, and recruiting assistance.
3. Summary. This was actually the second meeting of the Council "on its own," having previously been a participant with the Secretary of the Navy Retiree Council. The CCGNRC program continues to mature, due to a cadre of highly dedicated retirees. Significant value is being provided to those Coast Guard units and surrounding retiree communities where there is "enlightened leadership" at the commands. Retirees who are willing to volunteer their time, skills, knowledge and expertise to the Coast Guard community leverage the commands' workforce. Those supportive commanders and commanding officers truly understand that for a minor investment in space, resources, and time, and a good dose of respect, pays substantial dividends. The Council salutes their insight and will continue to encourage others to step forward!

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NAUTICAL TERMS, PHRASES & TRIVIA



Flying Dutchman-

One superstition has it that any mariner who sees the ghost ship called the *Flying Dutchman* will die within the day. The tale of the *Flying Dutchman* trying to round the Cape of Good Hope against strong winds and never succeeding, then trying to make Cape Horn and failing there too, has been the most famous of maritime ghost stories for more than 300 years. The cursed spectral ship sailing back and forth on its endless voyage, its ancient white-hair crew crying for help while hauling at her sail, inspired Samuel Taylor Coleridge to write his classic "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner," to name but one famous literary work. The real *Flying Dutchman* is supposed to have set sail in 1660.

TRICARE NEWS

Retirees' health care benefits-over/under age 65 is key

Retirees under 65

When the military service member retires from active duty, he/she and eligible family members will experience the TRICARE benefit in a different way than previously.

- Remember that a change in status-from active duty to retired-requires updating one's personal information in DEERS.
- The retiree under 65 has decisions to make about which TRICARE program is best for him/her and eligible family members.
- Persons under age 65 who become entitled to Medicare Part A because of a disability or End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) and who are enrolled in Medicare Part B receive health care under Medicare and [TRICARE for Life \(TFL\)](#).
- See, also, the Fact sheet that discusses [changes when a sponsor retires or dies](#).

Retirees 65 and older

When the military retiree reaches age 65, his/her health care coverage changes from TRICARE to Medicare and TRICARE for Life (TFL).

- There are important decisions to be made about purchasing Medicare Part B when one first becomes eligible for Medicare-Part B is a necessary component of TFL.
- When a retired sponsor reaches age 65 and becomes eligible for TFL, his or her spouse maintains regular TRICARE eligibility until he or she (spouse) becomes 65 years old.
- See, also, the Fact sheet that explains [changes when a sponsor retires or dies](#).

(Source: TRICARE News Release)

Uniformed Services Family Members and Survivors Over Age 75 Receive Permanent Identification Cards

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A permanent United States Uniformed Services Identification (ID) card will be available September 2005 for all eligible Uniformed Services family members and survivors of deceased personnel, who are age 75 and over. Currently, Uniformed Services retirees are the only persons who receive a permanent ID card.

Beneficiaries currently in possession of a valid ID card should obtain the new permanent ID card within 90 days of expiration. If beneficiaries' cards are not due to expire for at least another year, they do not need to apply for the new ID card until their existing card is within 90 days of expiring.

The Military Health System requires all eligible beneficiaries to have an ID card in order to receive health care. Beneficiaries will continue to receive health care benefits and their claims will be processed with their current ID card until they receive the permanent ID card as long as their personal information is current in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS).

Even though active duty and retired service members are automatically registered in DEERS, their family members are not. It is the sponsors' responsibility to register their family members into DEERS. Sponsors must also make any necessary updates in DEERS for themselves and their family members to ensure TRICARE benefits and claims processing will continue without interruption. Changes to sponsor's status, home address and family status (marriage, divorce, birth and adoption) are examples of information that needs to be properly maintained in DEERS.

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Premiums for open enrollment: There are two types of open enrollment premiums:

1. The first monthly premium. This premium pays for the coverage and begins with the effective date of the election. All premiums for open enrollment elections are based on a 6 ½ percent flat rate cost. The first premium type will be collected prospectively each month beginning with the effective date of the election. Such premiums shall be collected in the same manner as if the member elected to participate in the program at the earliest opportunity.

2. The second premium type is a one-time buy-in premium. This premium amount is due and payable in a one-time, lump sum payment at the time a member files an election, although a portion of this amount may be deferred and deducted from retired pay in 24 equal monthly installments beginning immediately following the effective date of the election. The amount deferred may not exceed the total net retired pay the member expects to receive over this period. Regardless of any amount deferred, the member is considered obligated for payment of the full lump sum premium at the time of election. If the member's net retired pay is reduced after deductions begin, the member shall make an immediate payment equal to the anticipated shortfall in deductions from retired pay expected through the end of the original 24 month period.

The one time open enrollment premium shall not:

1. Affect the amount of a member's disposable retired pay under 10 USC 1408(a)(4) because they are not a deduction due to an election under chapter 73 of title 10, rather it is the result of an election under section 645, P.L. 108-375.

2. Reduce the member's taxable retired pay based upon the deductions from retired pay for the one time open enrollment premium. This deduction is not a reduction in retired pay due to an election under chapter 73 of title 10. However, the second premium may be used as the basis in an annuity under standard tax law, in the same manner as premiums the member remits directly to pay SBP premiums when retired pay is waived in favor of an annuity under the Civil Service Retirement System.

3. Be refunded when the surviving spouse is entitled to Dependency and Indemnity Compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs as provided for such deductions under 10 USC 1450(e). This second type of premium is not a deduction under 10 USC 1452, therefore, no refund of these premiums is authorized.

Credit toward paid-up-coverage: Upon payment of the total amount of the premiums charged under this open enrollment period, the retired pay of a person shall be treated, for the purposes of paid up coverage at 30 years and age 70, as having been paid as if the person had elected to participate in the Survivor Benefit Plan at the first opportunity to participate.

Additional information concerning the SBP open enrollment season:

1. There will be no annuity payable until your open enrollment election has been in effect for two years.
2. Your monthly premium will start the month following receipt of your election form.
3. A payment plan must be established to fully pay the buy-in premium within 24 months from the date of receipt of the enrollment form.
4. If the member dies prior to the end of the two year period, the open enrollment election becomes void. Your two year period begins the month your enrollment and costs are effective.
5. Any premiums collected that are attributable to the open enrollment election will be refunded in a lump sum payment to the person who would have been the beneficiary had the deceased member lived the required two years.

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6. If the beneficiary named on the open enrollment election dies during the two year period the monthly premium costs will be stopped the month following the death. However, the buy-in premium will continue and be collected within the 24 months agreed.

7. Open enrollment elections for SBP do not require spousal concurrence with the following exception: Reserve retirees who have an eligible spouse and are making an initial election for a reduced SBP base amount or child only coverage under either the deferred or immediate option, must have the spouse's concurrence on the DD Form 2656-9, Survivor Benefit Plan and Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan Open Enrollment Election.

If you want to enroll: Retirees who want to enroll in SBP/RCSBP during the open enrollment period should complete DD Form 2656-9, (see pages 9-12 of this newsletter) as soon as possible and forward promptly to:

COMMANDING OFFICER (RAS –SBP/RCSBP Open Enrollment)
PERSONNEL SERVICE CENTER
444 SE QUINCY STREET
TOPEKA KS 66683-3591

Your open enrollment election becomes effective the first day of the month following receipt of the election form at PSC (RAS), but not earlier than October 1, 2005.

Examples of cost computation are as shown below. Please write or call us if you would like to request an estimate of costs for enrollment into SBP, or increasing the amount of your SBP coverage.

If you have any questions, please call PSC (RAS) toll free at 1-800-772-8724 or commercial (785) 339-3415.

Examples:

A married member retired in 1986, but declined to elect coverage for his wife. He now wishes to elect his full retired pay (\$1,500), which would pay his wife \$825 per month. The normal monthly premiums for this level of coverage would be \$97.50. Table 1 (page 13) shows the per dollar penalty factor to be 332 for the 19 years since the member's retirement. Therefore, this retiree's retroactive costs would be \$32,370.00 (332 times \$97.50) and he would have to remit that amount to PSC (RAS) within 24 months after making the election. In addition to the lump sum buy in, on going monthly costs of \$97.50 will be deducted from the members retired pay until his death, or his wife dies, or they divorce, losing her eligibility.

Now let's look at a little different case. For this example, the married member retired in 1982 and elected reduced coverage for his wife. He now wishes to increase coverage. By increasing the level of coverage from the current amount of \$2,000 to \$3,000, he would ensure his wife would receive \$1,650 per month.

The normal monthly premiums for this level of coverage would increase and become \$195 (\$3,000 times 6.5%). Table 1 (page 13) shows the per dollar penalty factor to be 430 for 23 years since the member's retirement. Therefore, this retiree's retroactive costs would be \$27,950 (430 times the \$65 [the additional cost to increase the base amount by \$1,000]). The member would have to remit the amount to PSC (RAS) within 24 months after making the election and the new monthly premium of \$195 would continue until member's death, or the wife loses eligibility.

Note: The SBP/RCSBP annuity is computed as 55% of the base amount until the annuitant is 62 years of age. An election under the open season requires annuities at age 62 to be computed using the Two-Tier computation. Public Law 108-375 Section 644 allows the Phased Elimination of the Survivor Benefit Plan Two-tier method of computation beginning October 2005 and ending March 31, 2008. This means that after the two year period from the date of this open season election an SBP/RCSBP annuity at age 62 will be computed at 50% of the base amount beginning April 2007 through March 2008 and 55% beginning April 2008. See page 28 for information regarding the Phased Out Elimination of the Survivor Benefit Plan Two-Tier method of computation.

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**SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN (SBP)
AND RESERVE COMPONENT SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN (RCSBP)
OPEN ENROLLMENT ELECTION**

*(Public Law 108-375) (October 1, 2005 - September 30, 2006)
(Please read Privacy Act Statement and Instructions before completing form.)*

SECTION I - MEMBER INFORMATION					
1. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		2. SSN	3. RETIREMENT/ TRANSFER DATE (YYYYMMDD)	4. RANK/PAY GRADE/ BRANCH OF SERVICE	5. DATE OF BIRTH (YYYYMMDD)
6. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS (Ensure your finance center or reserve personnel center is advised whenever your correspondence address changes.)					
a. STREET ADDRESS (Include apartment number)		b. CITY	c. STATE	d. ZIP CODE	e. TELEPHONE (Incl. area code)
f. E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional)					
SECTION II - BENEFICIARY INFORMATION (This section must be completed regardless of SBP/RCSBP Election.)					
7. SPOUSE					
a. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)			b. SSN	c. DATE OF BIRTH (YYYYMMDD)	
8. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS (Complete if address is different from member's address.)					
a. STREET ADDRESS (Include apartment number)		b. CITY	c. STATE	d. ZIP CODE	e. TELEPHONE (Incl. area code)
9. DATE OF MARRIAGE (YYYYMMDD)		10. PLACE OF MARRIAGE (See Instructions)			
11. DEPENDENT CHILDREN (Indicate which child(ren) resulted from marriage to former spouse by entering (FS) after relationship in column d.)					
a. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	b. SSN	c. DATE OF BIRTH (YYYYMMDD)	d. RELATIONSHIP (Son, daughter, stepson, etc.)	e. INCAPACITATED? (Yes/No)	
SECTION III - ELECTION OF COVERAGE					
12. BENEFICIARY CATEGORY(IES) (Initial one item only.) (See Instructions.) I ELECT COVERAGE FOR:					
a. SPOUSE ONLY.					
b. SPOUSE AND CHILD(REN).					
c. CHILD(REN) ONLY.					
d. NATURAL PERSON WITH INSURABLE INTEREST (Complete Item 14).					
e. FORMER SPOUSE (Complete DD 2656-1, "Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) Election Statement for Former Spouse Coverage", or Coast Guard Form CG PSC-4700, "Coast Guard & NOAA Retired Pay Account Worksheet and Survivor Benefit Plan Election".)					
f. FORMER SPOUSE AND DEPENDENT CHILD(REN) OF THAT MARRIAGE (Complete DD 2656-1, "Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) Election Statement for Former Spouse Coverage", or Coast Guard Form CG PSC-4700, "Coast Guard & NOAA Retired Pay Account Worksheet and Survivor Benefit Plan Election".)					
13. LEVEL OF COVERAGE (Initial one item only. Complete UNLESS 12.d. was selected above.)					
a. I ELECT COVERAGE BASED ON FULL GROSS RETIRED PAY.					
b. I ELECT COVERAGE BASED ON A REDUCED BASE AMOUNT OF \$ _____ (See Instructions).					
c. I ELECT TO INCREASE MY CURRENT REDUCED BASE AMOUNT TO A HIGHER BASE AMOUNT THAT IS LESS THAN FULL GROSS RETIRED PAY (Enter desired base amount \$ _____).					
14. INSURABLE INTEREST BENEFICIARY					
a. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		b. SSN	c. RELATIONSHIP		d. DATE OF BIRTH (YYYYMMDD)
e. STREET ADDRESS (Include apartment number)			f. CITY	g. STATE	h. ZIP CODE

SECTION IV - REMARKS

15. USE THIS SECTION TO CONTINUE AN ITEM OR MAKE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS.

SECTION V - MARITAL STATUS HISTORY *(See Instructions)*

16. INDICATE DATE(S) OF PREVIOUS MARRIAGE(S) AND DIVORCE(S), IF ANY.

SECTION VI - ENROLLMENT PREMIUM PAYMENT INFORMATION

(Payments under this section are in addition to normal monthly premiums. Use the Premium Tables to determine the amount owed.)

17. ENROLLMENT PREMIUM OPTIONS *(Initial one)* *(See Instructions)*

- a. IMMEDIATE FULL ENROLLMENT PREMIUM PAYMENT OF \$ _____ *(payment attached)*.
- b. IMMEDIATE PARTIAL ENROLLMENT PREMIUM PAYMENT OF \$ _____ *(payment attached)*. The remainder due will be deducted from retired pay in 24 monthly installments.
- c. FULL ENROLLMENT PREMIUM AMOUNT DEDUCTED FROM RETIRED PAY IN 24 MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS

SECTION VII - MEMBER OF A RESERVE COMPONENT

(Complete only if you are a member or a former member of a Reserve Component who has completed qualifying service for retired pay at age 60.)

18. I ELECT RESERVE COMPONENT SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN (RCSBP) *(Initial one)*

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| a. CHANGE MY ELECTION FROM DEFERRED TO IMMEDIATE ANNUITY <i>(from Option B to Option C)</i> . | b. DEFERRED ANNUITY UNTIL AGE 60 <i>(Option B)</i> . | c. IMMEDIATE ANNUITY <i>(Option C)</i> . |
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NOTE: I understand that if I was required to elect SBP for a former spouse and that former spouse submitted a deemed election, any RCSBP election I make during this open enrollment period shall be voided and any premiums I pay will be returned.

SECTION VIII - SPOUSE CONCURRENCE FOR RESERVE COMPONENT SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN ELECTION ONLY

(Required when a Reserve member is married and elects child(ren) only coverage or does not elect full immediate spouse coverage.)

19. SPOUSE.

I hereby concur with the Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan election made by my spouse. I have signed this statement of my free will.

a. SIGNATURE		b. DATE SIGNED (YYYYMMDD)	
20.a. WITNESS NAME <i>(Last, First, Middle Initial)</i>	b. SIGNATURE	c. DATE SIGNED (YYYYMMDD)	
d. STREET ADDRESS <i>(Include apartment number)</i>	e. CITY	f. STATE	g. ZIP CODE

SECTION IX - CERTIFICATION

21. Under penalties of perjury, I certify that all statements on this form are made with full knowledge of the penalties for making false statements. *(18 U.S. Code 287 and 1001 provide for a penalty of not more than \$10,000 fine, or 5 years in prison or both.)* I further understand that my enrollment in the SBP/RCSBP is contingent upon payment of all premiums due. I understand this election is irrevocable, except as described in the instructions, and that the election is void if I do not live for 24 months from the effective date of the election.

a. MEMBER SIGNATURE	b. DATE SIGNED (YYYYMMDD)
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**SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN (SBP)
AND RESERVE COMPONENT SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN (RCSBP)
OPEN ENROLLMENT ELECTION**

(Public Law 108-375) (October 1, 2005 - September 30, 2006)

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: 10 U.S. Code 1401; 10 U.S. Code 2771; 10 U.S. Code 1477; PL 92-425 (September 21, 1972, as amended) and EO 9397.

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(S): To permit eligible individual to make Survivor Benefit Plan, Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan elections during the open enrollment period (October 1, 2005 - September 30, 2006).

ROUTINE USE(S): None.

DISCLOSURE: Voluntary; however, failure to furnish requested information will result in delays in adjusting pay and amounts not being properly computed.

INSTRUCTIONS

GENERAL.

1. Read these instructions carefully before completing the form. Please print legibly.

2. Ensure that you advise your finance center (see Item 3 below for address) of your marital status, correspondence and check address changes, at all times. Reserve component members must notify their personnel center (see Item 4 below for address) of their marital status and correspondence address at all times.

3. For retirees who are entitled to receive retired pay, regardless of VA, Civil Service offset/waiver, mail your election (certified or registered mail with return receipt requested is strongly recommended) to the appropriate Uniformed Service designated agent. The Uniformed Services' designated agents are:

(a) **ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE AND MARINE CORPS:** Director, DFAS-US Military Retired Pay, PO Box 7130, London, KY 40742-7130;

(b) **COAST GUARD:** Commanding Officer (RAS), USCG Personnel Service Center, 444 S.E. Quincy Street, Topeka, KS 66683-3591;

(c) **PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE:** Office of Commissioned Corps Support Services, Compensation Branch, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 4-50, Rockville, MD 20857;

(d) **NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION:** Same as U.S. Coast Guard.

4. For Reserve Members who have not received retired pay, mail your election (certified or registered mail with return receipt requested is strongly recommended) to the appropriate Branch of Service as follows:

(a) **ARMY:** Commander, Human Resources Command - St. Louis, ATTN: AHRC-PAP-T, 1 Reserve Way, St. Louis, MO 63132-5200;

(b) **NAVY:** U.S. Naval Reserve Personnel Center (Code N32), 4400 Dauphine Street, New Orleans, LA 70149-7804;

(c) **AIR FORCE:** Headquarters, ARPC/DPSSE, 6760 E. Irvington Place, Denver, CO 80280-4020;

(d) **MARINE CORPS:** Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Manpower and Reserve Affairs (MMSR-5), 3280 Russell Road, Quantico, VA 22134-5103;

(e) **COAST GUARD:** Commanding Officer (RAS), USCG Personnel Service Center, 444 S.E. Quincy Street, Topeka, KS 66683-3591.

SECTION I - MEMBER INFORMATION.

ITEMS 1 and 2. Self-explanatory.

ITEM 3. If you are retired from active duty, enter the date of retirement or the date of transfer to the Fleet Reserve. If you are a Reserve member whose eligibility for retired pay arises under Chapter 1223 of title 10, United States Code, enter either the date of your 60th birthday, or the later date on which you applied to receive retired pay.

ITEMS 4 and 5. Self-explanatory.

ITEM 6. Enter the address and telephone number (including area code) where you can be contacted.

SECTION II - BENEFICIARY INFORMATION.

This information is needed to determine SBP/RCSBP premiums and annuities at the time of death.

ITEM 7.a. Provide your spouse's name and requested information. Also, attach a copy of your marriage certificate. If you have no spouse, enter "N/A".

7.b. through 10. Provide the requested information about your spouse. In Item 10, if marriage occurred outside the United States, include city, province, and name of country.

ITEM 11. If you do not have dependent children, enter "N/A" in this item. If you elect coverage for your dependent children, provide the requested information and attach copy of birth certificate(s).

11.e. An incapacitated child is an unmarried child who has become incapable of self support before the age of 18, or after the age of 18 but before age 22 while a full time student. Documentation is required.

SECTION III - ELECTION OF COVERAGE.

NOTE: Election becomes effective on the first day of the month after the month it is received by your finance center or the Reserve Personnel Center for Reserve Members awaiting retired pay. You must live for 24 months from the effective date in order for the beneficiary to receive an annuity. If you die before the end of the 24 month period, all Open Enrollment premiums that you paid will be refunded to the beneficiary you elected.

ITEM 12. Complete if you fall into one of the following categories:

1. Retired from active duty and either:
 - a. declined SBP; or
 - b. elected spouse or former spouse coverage at less than the maximum level or child-only coverage.
2. Are a Reservist whose eligibility for retired pay arises under Chapter 1223 of title 10, United States Code, who:
 - a. elected RCSBP for a spouse or former spouse at less than maximum coverage or child-only coverage;
 - b. when notified prior to January 1, 2001 of eligibility to receive retired pay at age 60, either declined SBP or made no RCSBP election; or
 - c. when notified on or after January 1, 2001 of eligibility to receive retired pay at age 60, declined SBP or RCSBP.

12.a. through 12.f.

Persons not participating in SBP or RCSBP: If you are not participating in SBP or RCSBP, you may elect any category of coverage that you could have elected when you were first eligible to participate in SBP or RCSBP. However, if you were previously a participant and elected to discontinue coverage under section 1448a of title 10, United States Code, you are **not** eligible to participate in this open enrollment.

Persons currently participating in SBP or RCSBP with less than maximum spouse or former spouse coverage, or child-only coverage: If you have SBP or RCSBP coverage for a spouse or former spouse at less than the maximum base amount, you may increase that coverage up to your maximum base amount. You may also add coverage for a dependent child. In addition, if you have child-only coverage, you may add coverage for a spouse or former spouse or elect to increase your child-only coverage up to your maximum base amount. No other elections are available to you under this open enrollment period.

12.d. Initial if you are not married, or unmarried with one dependent child at retirement and have never married since, and desire coverage for a person with an insurable interest in you, and provide the requested information about that person in Item 14. An election of this type must be based on your full gross retired/retainer pay. If the person is not a relative, is a cousin or is more distantly related, attach evidence that the person has a financial interest in the continuance of your life. Under provisions of Public Law 103-337, you are permitted to withdraw from insurable interest coverage at any time. Such a withdrawal is effective on the first day of the month following the month the request is received by your finance center. There is no refund of SBP premiums collected before the effective date of the withdrawal.

12.e. and 12.f. Initial Item 12.e. if you desire coverage for a former spouse. Initial Item 12.f. if you desire coverage for a former spouse and dependent child(ren) of that marriage, and provide the requested information about these children in Item 11 as appropriate. Provide a certified photocopy of final decree of divorce that includes separation agreement or property settlement which discusses SBP for former spouse coverage. The DD Form 2656-1, "Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) Election Statement for Former Spouse Coverage," or Coast Guard Form CG PSC-4700, "Coast Guard & NOAA Retired Pay Account Worksheet and Survivor Benefit Plan Election," must be completed and accompany this form.

ITEM 13. You cannot decrease the level of coverage. If you have coverage based on full retired pay and add a category of beneficiary not previously covered (i.e., if you are adding your spouse to existing child-only coverage based on full retired pay), you may not select a reduced amount.

13.a. Initial if you desire coverage based on your full gross retired/retainer pay.

13.b. Initial if you desire coverage based on a reduced portion of your retired/retainer pay. This reduced amount may not be less than \$300.00. If your full gross retired/retainer pay is less than \$300.00, the full gross pay is automatically used as the base amount. Enter the desired amount in the space provided to the right of this item.

13.c. Initial if you are a current participant and desire to increase your base amount. Enter the desired amount in the space provided to the right of this item.

ITEM 14. Enter the information for insurable interest beneficiary and provide a copy of the birth certificate(s). (See Item 12.d. above.)

SECTION IV - REMARKS.

ITEM 15. Reference each entry by item number.

SECTION V - MARITAL STATUS HISTORY.

ITEM 16. Attach a copy of any divorce decree or court order.

SECTION VI - ENROLLMENT PREMIUM PAYMENT INFORMATION.

Payments under this section are in addition to your normal monthly premiums. Refer to the Premium Tables to determine the total enrollment premium amount owed. Choose one of the three payment options provided.

NOTE: Make your check payable to DFAS-Cleveland Center, U.S. Coast Guard, or DHHS as appropriate. Write your Social Security Number and "SBP OPEN ENROLLMENT" on your check. Once your finance center receives your election, you will be notified of any amount owed. If you should desire to void your election, you must notify your finance center in writing within 30 days of being notified of the amount owed.

SECTION VII - MEMBER OF A RESERVE COMPONENT.

Members whose eligibility for retired pay arises under Chapter 1223 of title 10, United States Code, who did not elect Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RCSBP) after qualifying years of service, or elected RCSBP Deferred must complete this section. If you previously made a RCSBP election, attach a copy of your RCSBP election.

NOTE: If you desire to void your election, you must notify your reserve personnel center in writing within 30 days.

ITEM 18.a. Initial this block if you have elected Option B and would like to change to Option C. See Items 18.b. and 18.c. for more detail.

18.b. Initial this block if your last election was Option A. Option A defers a survivor annuity election or declines RCSBP coverage until age 60. By initialing Option B, you elect to provide a deferred survivor annuity to your beneficiary(ies) that begins on the 60th anniversary of your birth, or the day after your death, whichever is later.

18.c. Initial this block if your last election was Option A and you would like to change it to Option C. By initialing Option C, you elect to provide an immediate survivor annuity beginning on the day after your death, whether before or after age 60.

SECTION VIII - SPOUSE CONCURRENCE FOR RESERVE COMPONENT SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN ELECTION ONLY.

If you have no existing RCSBP coverage, Section 1448 of title 10, United States Code requires that an otherwise eligible spouse must concur if a member elects less than maximum coverage or elects child-only coverage. The spouse's concurrence must be obtained and dated on or after the date of the member's election. If concurrence is not obtained when required, maximum coverage will be established for your spouse and child(ren) if appropriate. The spouse and the witness must complete Items 19 and 20. The witness cannot be named as the beneficiary in Sections II and III, and cannot be the retiree.

SECTION IX - CERTIFICATION.

Read the statement carefully, then sign your name and indicate the date of signature. For your SBP/RCSBP election to be valid, you must sign and date the form.

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SBP OPEN SEASON LUMP SUM TABLES

TABLE 1	
2005 OPEN SEASON LUMP SUM FACTORS FOR SBP SPOUSE AND SPOUSE/CHILD COVERAGE	
Completed Years Since "Event"	Lump Sum Factor per \$1 of monthly premium
0	38
1	48
2	57
3	67
4	74
5	83
6	93
7	103
8	119
9	136
10	153
11	171
12	189
13	209
14	228
15	248
16	269
17	289
18	311
19	332
20	355
21	379
22	404
23	430
24	456
25	482
26	506
27	529
28	552
29	574
30	597
31	618
32	639
33	658

TABLE 2	
2005 OPEN SEASON LUMP SUM FACTORS FOR SBP INSURABLE INTEREST COVERAGE	
Completed Years Since "Event"	Lump Sum Factor per \$1 of monthly premium
0	6
1	18
2	31
3	44
4	58
5	73
6	88
7	103
8	119
9	136
10	153
11	171
12	189
13	209
14	228
15	248
16	269
17	289
18	311
19	332
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REUNIONS AND NOTICES

NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY NORFOLK

MILITARY RETIREE SEMINAR PLANNED FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2005

Commander Navy Region Mid-Atlantic announced plans to hold a Military Retiree Seminar on Saturday, November 5, 2005 at Naval Station Norfolk's DeVary Hall (Building C-9), from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. "We want to get the word out to our 47,000 retirees, families and survivors throughout Hampton Roads that we're planning a seminar this year," said Eugene Crabtree, HMCM (USN Retired), director for the Hampton Roads Retiree Activities Office. "We're inviting our retirees to attend and put this on their schedule." The annual seminar will include speakers from a variety of government agencies and associations discussing congressional and legislative updates related to retiree benefits and will include workshops and a health fair. The scheduled keynote speaker is Congresswoman Thelma Drake. "This year's seminar will provide subject matter experts that will discuss items of interest to retirees, family members, and surviving family members," said Crabtree. "More details will be provided as the seminar agenda is finalized." For more information, contact the Retired Activities Office Norfolk at (757) 322-9113, or visit the web-site www.ffscnorva.navy.mil and click on "Retired Activities."

CUTTERS AROUND THE CONTINENT REUNION

When: To be determined (sometime in 2007)

Where: To be determined

Contact: Jim Loback
10436 Teal Circle
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Phone: (714) 968-8964

The 50th anniversary of the historic voyage by *Storis*, *Bramble* and *Spar*, circumnavigating the North American continent during the summer of 1957, will be remembered with a reunion in 2007. Anyone who served on *Storis*, *Bramble* and *Spar* at any time are invited to attend. If any interest, please respond by e-mail to: StorisBrambleSpar@msn.com. Or visit the website: <http://www.storisbramblespar.org>. Please include your full name, rank or rate, address and name (s) of the vessels and approximate dates of your service.

2005 PTERODACTYLS' ROOST IN SAVANNAH, GA

This year's Pterodactyl Roost is going to be held in Savannah, GA on 6-9 November 2005. Headquarters Hotel is the downtown Hyatt located on the Savannah River in the city's famous Historic District. If desired, early arrivals can plan on showing up on Sunday 6 November for the full slate of activities commencing Monday 7 November. In addition to the usual schedule of events, preliminary planned activities will offer guided tours of the Military Forts, Downtown Historic District, Gallery Hop, Antique Shop Walk, Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum, Hilton Head Outlet Mall shopping, Historic Downtown Beaufort, SC, and a river cruise. The "Low Country Lifesavers" of the Air Station Savannah look forward to welcoming you to the history, charm and hospitality of the Deep South. For more information, contact LTJG Ryan Allen at (912) 652-4646 or rjallen@AirStaSavannah.uscg.mil or Art Wagner at (912) 898-8939 or awagner50@comcast.net.

PATRICK AFB MILITARY RETIREE DAY

Patrick AFB will hold its 24th Annual Military Retiree Day 8 October 2005. An event that has been recognized as the largest community gathering of retirees in the nation. An event that allows the retiree, or surviving family member to be brought up to speed on any benefits affecting their status. The day will start at 0930 and finish at 1330 hrs. Activity will be at the Hangar 750 with over 45 tables manned by organizations and agencies involved with retiree affairs. Speakers at the Base Theater will cover aspects of Medical, Social Security, and a speaker on Retiree Concerns. ID Cards can also be renewed if required. This is the day to bring yourself up-to-date on current legislation affecting your rights, and an excellent opportunity to meet old friends and develop new ones. Contact Retiree Activities Office for questions. Phone: (321) 494-5463

HAWAII COAST GUARD RETIREE COUNCIL

The Hawaii Coast Guard Retiree Council will meet 1900 to 2100 at Club 14, Sand Island on the second Wednesday of every August, November, February, and May. Contact CAPT Lesperance at (808) 488-5205 or jlesperance@hawaii.rr.com if you have any questions.

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*(Continued from page 14)***REUNIONS AND NOTICES****NORTH TEXAS CG ASSOCIATION SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING/LUNCHEON**

When: 29 October 2005 @ noon

Where: Pappas Bar-B-Q
2231 W. NW Highway @ Lombardy
Dallas, TX

Contact: LCDR Judith Kramer
Phone: (972) 291-1843
E-mail: jakramer@swbell.net

COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION 20TH REUNION/CONVENTION

Come join us for this great celebration!

When: 20-24 October 2005

Where: Holiday Inn Busch Gardens
2701 E. Fowler Avenue
Tampa, FL 33612

Contact: E. P. "Ed" Burke
17728 Striley Drive
Ashton, MD 20861-9763
Phone: (301) 924-3727
E-mail: [Ed Burke](mailto:Ed_Burke)

Or e-mail: www.coastguardcombatvets.com for information regarding registration forms, itinerary and general information.

PARACHUTE RIGGERS REUNION

When: 20-24 October 2005

Where: Kissimmee, FL

Contact: Ray Weismann
Phone: (407) 281-4888
E-mail: riggerray@juno.com

All Coast Guard, Navy and Marine Corps members, active, retired and reserve, interested in this reunion please contact Ray at the above e-mail address or phone number.

USCGC NORTHWIND (WAGB-282) REUNION

When: 14-16 October 2005

Where: Shell Island Resort
2700 N. Lumina Ave.
Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480
Phone: (800) 689-6765

Contact: CAPT Ken Morris, USCG, Ret
640 Bayshore Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28411
Phone: (910) 686-7905
E-mail: icecap282@earthlink.net

Please contact CAPT Morris if interested in attending the reunion. Oceanfront suites are \$79.00 per night for this event.

USCG-CUTTER DEPENDABLE (WMEC-626) 1968-1991 1ST EVER REUNION 2006

When: April 20-22, 2006

E-mail: jennnie.brown@paradisefound.com
Phone: toll free: (866) 866-0441

Where: HOLIDAY INN SELECT
2001 NORTH COVE BLVD
PANAMA CITY, FL 32405

\$89.00 per night plus tax (mention you're with Cutter Dependable Reunion). ALL RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH THE HOLIDAY INN WITH A DEADLINE OF 3/1/06. ALL QUESTIONS AND ATTENDEES SHOULD CONTACT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

DAVID/BEVERLY TAYLOR-ROANOKE, VA.
HM (540) 362-4474 CELL (540) 353-3842
davideandbev@wmconnect.com

ALICE GRIMES-MULBERRY, FL
HM (863) 425-3981 CELL (863) 205-1267
ayagrimes@aol.com

TRACY DELAND-JACKSONVILLE, FL.
HM (904) 928-1051 CELL (904) 424-7332
Mgb70@comcast.net

KENNETH/MARGARET FRENCH-BONIFAY, FL
(850) 547-9404 margarett7@wfeca.net
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Editor's notes**KEEPING RETIREE AND ANNUITANT SERVICES INFORMED**

There have been a few recent instances on retiree accounts where retirees failed to report the unfortunate passing of his/her spouse. It is critical when the spouse predeceases the retiree and Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) costs are being deducted for spouse coverage. In one of these cases, the spouse had predeceased the retiree 20 years prior to the retiree himself passing, and PSC (RAS) only became aware of the spouse's death during final pay processing. Title 31, U.S. Code 3702 states "A claim against the Government presented under this section must contain the signature and address of the claimant or an authorized representative. The claim must be received by the official responsible under subsection (a) for settling the claim or by the agency that conducts the activity from which the claim arises within 6 years after the claim accrues..." Following enactment of Public Law 107-314 (Bob Stump National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003), for claims presented on or after December 2, 2002, waivers of the 6-year time limit can be made by the Secretary of Defense upon application by the secretary (Department of Homeland Security for U.S. Coast Guard) for amounts less than \$25,000. Any waivers submitted to Secretary of Department of Homeland Security would require clear documentation as to why the necessary information had not been reported in a timely fashion.

All retirees are reminded to inform PSC (RAS) as soon as possible following changes of marital status (divorce, death, annulment, marriage just to mention some), death of a designated SBP beneficiary, or any other changes which could impact retired pay.

Personnel Locator: If you are searching for an individual, we can help. Place your personal correspondence to that individual in a sealed envelope, making sure to include how they can get in touch with you. On the outside of that envelope, address it to them with their full name and rank/rate (for military). Please write your return address and attach a stamp on the envelope. Then, place that envelope in a larger envelope and address it to:

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

RAS will complete the person's address and place it in the mail.

CHANGE IN BOND INTEREST RATE COMPUTATION

The Treasury Department has changed the method for accrual of interest on series EE savings bonds. For more information, see <http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov>. This web site provides information on both series EE and I bonds to assist you in your long-term financial planning. If you desire to start, stop, or change a savings bond, send your request to:

Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG PSC
444 SE Quincy St.
Topeka, KS 66683-3591
or call us at 1 800 772-8724.

Link to the Retiree Survey

RAS will no longer be sending out customer service surveys via mail. Now you can access the survey at <http://www.zoomerang.com/survey.zgi?p=WEB224NKPUCUDU>. Please take a few moments to fill out a survey and let us know how we're doing. Your input is valuable to us and can only help us provide better service to you, our customers.

Need a corrected DD-214?

If your DD-214 is incorrect and you want a corrected form (DD-215), you need to send your request in writing to:

Commander CGPC (ADM-3)
United States Coast Guard
4200 Wilson Blvd, Suite 1100
Arlington, VA 22203-1804

Please include your name, rank/rate, SSN, and date of retirement.

Send your reunion or other notices to:

Evening Colors
Commanding Officer (P & D)
U.S. Coast Guard Personnel Service Center
444 SE Quincy Street
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

E-mail: PSC-RASNewsletter@hrsic.uscg.mil

Phone: (toll free, U.S. only) 1-800-772-8724 or (785) 339-2236

Press Release

Date: Jul 22, 2005
Contact: Aux. Wayne Spivak
Chief - External Communications
Public Affairs Department
United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
<http://www.auxpa.org>
516-353-9155
Media@auxpa.org

Auxiliarists Awarded Silver Medal for Lifesaving

Three United States Coast Guard Auxiliarists, the uniformed volunteer component of Team Coast Guard, are the recipients of the Association for Rescue at Sea's (AFRAS) Silver Lifesaving Medal.

Richard Runde of Cedarburg, WI, Jay Croy and Linda Croy of East Grand Fork, MN were crew members on an Auxiliary facility providing a safety patrol for the 33rd Annual Leech Lake Regatta and Sailboat Race held in August 2004.

The weather took a turn for the worse, and the crew of the sailing vessel Wind Dancer became hypothermic, and were unable to sail their vessel. The Auxiliarists took the 25 foot Wind Dancer in tow, under extremely dangerous conditions, where winds were 15-20 knots, with gusts to 30-35 knots and the seas were topping 5 feet.

Both the crew of the Wind Dancer and the Auxiliary facility returned safely to port.

AFRAS (<http://www.afras.org>) tries to award yearly a Gold medal (given to Active Duty or Reserve members of the Coast Guard), a Silver medal (for Coast Guard Auxiliarists) and a AMVER award (for commercial vessels who are part of the Automated Mutual-assistance Vessel Rescue System). The Silver award was established in February 2000, and only one other Auxiliarist, Henry 'Cleve' Chandler has been awarded this prestigious award (in 2002).

The award ceremony will be held in Washington, DC in early October.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is composed of uniformed, non-military volunteer's who assist the Coast Guard in all of its varied missions, except for military and direct law enforcement. These men and women can be found on the nation's waterways, in the air, in classrooms and on the dock, performing Maritime Domain Awareness patrols, safety patrols, vessel safety checks and public education.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary was founded in 1939 by an Act of Congress as the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve and re-designated as the Auxiliary in 1941. Its 30,000 members donate millions of hours annually in support of Coast Guard missions.

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The release is available at: <http://www.auxpa.org/releases/auxaction/072205.html>

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NOAA, U.S. NAVY, U.S. COAST GUARD
SIGN NATIONAL ICE CENTER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Top officials from NOAA, the U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard yesterday signed a Memorandum of Understanding, reaffirming their support of the National Ice Center, an interagency office that provides strategic ice analyses and other services that aid the navigation of U.S. assets in ice-infested waters, and tracks the movement of Antarctic icebergs.

"Today's update to our original working agreement, first signed in 1995, means that the National Ice Center can continue monitoring the waterways for potentially dangerous ice, and help guide ships out of harm's way for the safe, efficient delivery of goods," said retired Navy Vice Admiral [Conrad C. Lautenbacher](#), Jr., Ph.D., undersecretary of commerce for oceans and atmosphere and NOAA administrator.

The center, located in Suitland, Md., uses satellite imagery to monitor lakes and oceans for sea ice movement and developing icebergs and ice sheets. The key users of center products are: NOAA, the U.S. Navy submarine force, the U.S. Coast Guard icebreaker fleet, the U.S. Army, the U.S. Air Force, the Military Sealift Command, the National Science Foundation, NASA and commercial transportation and fishing fleets. Ice center data is also used in meteorological and oceanographic models and forecasts.

"NIC products are also important to the emerging Global Earth Observation System of Systems [GEOSS], because we are getting a clearer picture of how typically frozen environments – including Antarctica and the Arctic – are interacting with the atmosphere," Lautenbacher added.

"The NIC is a model of interagency cooperation," said Rear Admiral Steven Tomaszewski, Oceanographer/Navigator of the Navy. "The Center's high-quality strategic and tactical ice services support U.S. Navy units at sea and enhance our war-fighting capabilities. The synergy between the Navy, NOAA and U.S. Coast Guard provide safe navigation for military and commercial shipping, along sea lanes and the international science communities drive great benefit from the polar science and technology, ice analysis and ice-charting products."

"The Coast Guard is proud to reaffirm its support for the National Ice Center," said Rear Adm. Dennis Sirois, the U.S. Coast Guard's assistant commandant for operations. "The free flow of commerce and the demands of securing our nation require constant awareness of threats in the maritime domain, and the National Ice Center plays a critical role in pinpointing and tracking natural obstacles before they become a hazard to navigation."

Staff at the NIC consists of five NOAA civilians, one NOAA Corps officer, 37 Navy officers and enlisted personnel, 11 Navy civilian employees and one Coast Guard petty officer. In 1956, the NIC was established by an interagency agreement between the U.S. Weather Bureau (now NOAA's National Weather Service) and the U.S. Navy Fleet Weather Central. Today, the NIC also works with the Canadian Ice Service through the North American Ice Service.

NOAA, an agency of the U.S. Commerce Department, is dedicated to enhancing economic security and national safety through the prediction and research of weather and climate-related events and providing environmental stewardship of the nation's coastal and marine resources.

Through the emerging Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS), NOAA is working with its federal partners, nearly 60 countries and more than 40 international organizations to develop a global Earth observation network that is as integrated as the planet it observes, predicts and protects.

(Source: NOAA News Release)



USCG Retirements

Name	Rank	Date of Retirement	Years of Service
ADAMS, MARK	LCDR	20050701	30
ADAMS, RAYMOND	OSC	20050701	20
ADAMS, WILLIAM	PSC	20050722	35
ALASHARI, LAELA	LT	20050801	25
ALLEN, PAUL	ETC	20050601	20
AMERMAN, WILLIAM	CDR	20050528	37
ANDERSEN, DOUGLAS	ITC	20050801	22
ANDERSON, CHERYL	PERS4	20050701	30
BABCOCK, ROBERT	CDR	20050507	39
BAIER, JOSEPH	WEPS4	20050701	29
BAIRD, THOMAS	MKC	20050801	25
BAKER, FREDERICK	AET1	20050701	24
BALLARD, LARRY	IVCS	20050717	27
BARBER, JAMES	OS1	20050601	20
BARNHART, JAMES	MKC	20050512	40
BARNHILL, JOHNNY	HSC	20050601	25
BASHELOR, JAMES	CDR	20050801	25
BAUDIER, BRYAN	ET2	20050624	06
BEARD, WALTER	MK1	20010801	16
BEGIS, JAMES	CAPT	20050728	42
BEGONIA, JAMES	F&S2	20050601	29
BELLATY, WILLIAM	LCDR	20050701	25
BERNS, CHRIS	AET1	20050701	21
BIBBY, JOHN	ETCM	20050601	27
BITLER, CRAIG	BOSN4	20050801	30
BONHAM, PEARL	SK3	20050522	32
BONNELL, LARRY	MKC	20050526	32
BORUSZEWSKI, PHILIP	MAT4	20050701	28
BOWLING, MARK	AST1	20050801	20
BOYD, TERRY	CDR	20050601	22
BRADLEY, MICHAEL	CDR	20050701	21
BRAZIER, ROBERT	ENG2	20050701	20
BRILLANTE, SALVATORE	CAPT	20050625	38
BROOKS, DOUGLAS	AET1	20050701	26
BROWN, ERROLL	RADM	20050701	33
BROWN, JAMES	SKC	20050601	23
BROWN, LARRY	IT1	20050701	20
BROWN, MARK	GMC	20050501	23
BROWN, ROSS	MKC	20050701	23
BROXTERMAN, CHRISTIAN	CDR	20050701	29
BRUBAKER, JOSEPH	CAPT	20050706	25
BRUCKNER, DEAN	CDR	20050801	20
BUELL, HARRY	BM1	20050701	27
BULATAO, JOSE	ET2	20050619	34
BUTLER, DAVID	CAPT	20050515	35
CABASSA, ANGEL	MK1	20050607	19
CALDERON, JUAN	SA	20050630	00
CAMERON, DAVID	BM1	20050624	17
CAMPBELL, COLLIN	CAPT	20050801	34
CAPPETO, ATLEY	LCDR	20050726	36
CAREY, JAMES	F&S4	20050801	27
CARLSON, RANDALL	OSCM	20050601	23
CARPENTER, LANCE	CAPT	20050701	27
CARPENTER, SHEILA	YN1	20050317	32
CAVANAUGH, DONALD	BMCM	20050701	30
CAWLEY, ANDREW	MK3	20050607	03
CAWTHORN, WAYNE	LCDR	20050601	20
CESARIO, FRANK	LT	20050601	26
CHAMBERS, HEADLEY	HSC	20050601	22
CHRAPPA, ROGER	HSC	20050701	24
CLARK, BRIAN	YN3	20050728	30
CLARK, JAMES	BMC	20050701	20
COCKRELL, JASON	LT	20050701	20

Name	Rank	Date of Retirement	Years of Service
COLVIN, ROBERT	SKCS	20050801	21
COMERFORD, SUSAN	CDR	20050513	33
CONNOR, ANDREW	LCDR	20050601	20
CONNOR, DOUGLAS	CAPT	20050701	27
COVER, DWIGHT	PS1	20050717	35
CREACY, DARREL	LT	20050801	20
CREEL, AARON	OS2	20050607	07
CROWE, JAMES	LCDR	20050801	20
DAVIDSON, WILLIAM	CAPT	20050701	27
DAVIN, JOHN	CAPT	20050701	30
DAVIS, CHARLES	CDR	20050629	35
DAVIS, DEWAYNE	DC1	20050630	10
DAVIS, RONALD	CAPT	20050613	35
DEAN, VESONE	FSC	20050801	26
DEFORREST, JUSTIN	MK2	20050627	07
DELEON, GEORGE	FS1	20050719	33
DELGADO, DORA	YN1	20050525	31
DELONG, DAVID	AMT3	20050607	04
DENNIS, NORWOOD	ETCS	20050701	21
DICK, ROBERT	CDR	20050525	37
DIEHL, ROBERT	CDR	20050701	22
DIPALMA, FRANK	MST1	20050609	17
DONNELL, ALAIN	PERS4	20050601	30
DORMADY, ROBERT	BMCM	20050701	30
DOSTIE, GERARD	CDR	20050701	22
DOWNWARD, ROBERT	PSC	20050520	37
EASON, DANIEL	BM1	20050627	05
EBBIGHAUSEN, GREG	MAT3	20050601	20
EDWARDS, ANTHONY	AMTC	20050624	21
ELSINGER, RONALD	GM1	20050701	23
EISKAMP, GEORGE	BMCS	20050514	36
ENCARNACION, ISAAC	OSC	20050801	22
ENDICOTT, KEITH	BMC	20050701	21
ERNEST, DAVID	PS1	20050612	37
EUBANKS, RICHARD	ITC	20050801	20
EVANS, WILLIAM	OS1	20050801	22
FAIRBEE, RANDAL	OSS3	20050801	23
FASHJIAN, RICHARD	BMC	20050629	38
FERRI, JOSEPH	LCDR	20050504	32
FERRING, THEODORE	LCDR	20050801	26
FERRITTO, FRANK	LT	20050701	25
FICKEN, BRETT	OSS2	20050701	21
FIEDLER, STEPHEN	MK1	20050723	39
FINLEY, RICHARD	EM2	20050620	35
FIORE, DAVID	SK1	20050801	21
FLOERCHINGER, MARK	SKC	20050701	20
FLURIE, DAVID	LCDR	20050701	23
FLYNN, ROBERT	BOSN4	20050701	30
FOSTER, RONALD	BMC	20050520	29
FOWLER, DAVID	LT	20050701	21
FRAME, ROBERT	CAPT	20050506	37
FRANK, CARL	CDR	20050701	20
FREY, KARL	LCDR	20050701	21
FULK, JOSEPH	BM1	20050701	22
GARCIA, DOMINGO	MK1	20050719	33
GARRIOTT, JERALD	AMTC	20050701	26
GARST, JOHN	EMC	20050701	20
GARY, THOMAS	AMT1	20050701	23
GEISELHART, ERIC	MKCS	20050701	22
GILLILAND, ALLEN	BM1	20050801	20
GIRARD, GLEN	MKC	20050801	20

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GIUFFRE, JAMES	BMC	20050801	20	LIBBY, SAMANTHA	BM3	20050607	02
GODWIN, CHARLES	LT	20050730	31	LOCKLEAR, DOCK	MK2	20050727	34
GOEKE, JOSEPH	CAPT	20050719	40	LOFTIN, GILES	ENG3	20050601	22
GRANSTRA, RONALD	AMT1	20050701	26	LOFTUS, JEFFERY	CDR	20050801	20
GREEN, JOHN	CDR	20050701	28	LOLLI, ANTHONY	AET1	20050801	23
GRENIER, JOHN	CAPT	20050701	30	LUCAS, RODNEY	AETC	20050701	26
GRIFFIN, JOHN	LT	20050726	36	LUCHSINGER, JORY	GMC	20050709	39
HACKETT, TIMOTHY	LT	20050801	24	LUKENS, DANIEL	MUC	20050701	30
HART, MICHAEL	COMM4	20050701	30	LUONGO, ERIC	MED4	20050701	29
HART, SAMUEL	CDR	20050701	22	MADSEN, ARLYN	CDR	20050701	20
HARTLEY, DAVID	CDR	20050801	27	MAGOON, RONALD	LCDR	20050601	20
HARTLEY, JANE	CAPT	20050701	26	MANNONE, WILLIAM	LT	20050801	24
HASEY, RAYMOND	BM2	20050607	18	MARCHUK, DAVID	PERS3	20050601	21
HAWKINS, RALIEGH	MK1	20050801	22	MARINELLO, DONALD	CDR	20050601	24
HAY, ANNETTE	BM2	20050729	05	MARMONT, LINDSEY	MK3	20050624	06
HAYDEN, GLENN	F&S4	20050801	30	MASSEY, BENJAMIN	DCCS	20050601	29
HAYNES, CLAUDE	PSCM	20050505	31	MATTA, MARK	CDR	20050801	27
HELLER, IAN	HS1	20050611	35	MCCULLEY, RICHARD	LCDR	20050508	35
HEMMERDINGER, RICHARD	GMC	20050601	20	MCDOWELL, CHARLES	MSTCS	20050601	36
HEPNER, WILLIAM	BOSN2	20050601	22	MCGINTY, RICHARD	PS2	20050612	35
HERNDON, ROBERT	ENG4	20050801	29	MEO, ROBERT	PS1	20050531	36
HETT, WILLIAM	BOSN4	20050524	25	MILLER, JOHN	CDR	20050515	37
HIBBS, DAVID	GM1	20050801	23	MILLER, LEWIS	CDR	20050516	37
HICKMAN, ANTHONY	AVI2	20050601	20	MILLER, MARK	CAPT	20050701	27
HILTY, TIMOTHY	DCC	20050701	22	MILLS, QUENTIN	ENG2	20050601	20
HOLLAND, GARY	PS2	20050706	07	MIRANDA, RUFINO	F&S3	20050601	29
HOLMES, KENT	OS1	20050601	20	MITCHELL, HENRY	YNMC	20050601	30
HOLMES, MARY	YNC	20050711	31	MOFFETT, GLENN	MST1	20050611	24
HOOE, PAULETTE	YNC	20050516	31	MONDIER, VAN	AMTC	20050701	29
HUARD, DAVID	FS2	20050601	19	MONTGOMERY, JAMES	CDR	20050801	20
HUGHES, SAMUEL	LT	20050801	25	MONTGOMERY, THEODORE	CAPT	20050801	28
HULL, DORIS	PERS4	20050601	27	MOORE, HARRY	ETCM	20050701	30
HURLEY, NEIL	CDR	20050701	23	MOORE, WAYNE	EMC	20050701	20
HURLY, JAMES	LT	20050527	37	MOULTON, WALTER	MAT3	20050601	27
HUTTO, TIMOTHY	MST1	20050701	20	NANCE, CLINTON	BMC	20050601	23
IMLE, WILLIAM	CDR	20050701	23	NANCE, KURT	FSCS	20050801	20
INFANTINO, RICHARD	ELC3	20050801	21	NASH, WILLIAM	BMC	20050601	30
INSKEEP, DAVID	LCDR	20050609	39	NEAL, LORENDIA	MK2	20050630	13
JACKMAN, BRIAN	FSC	20050801	22	NELSON, EDWARD	CAPT	20050601	28
JACKSON, BARRY	PS1	20050725	38	NELSON, GREGORY	CDR	20050701	20
JACKSON, DIETMAR	BOSN3	20050601	27	NICKERSON, WILLIAM	YN1	20050801	21
JERNIGAN, WADE	AMT1	20050701	20	NOREEN, REBECCA	MUC	20050801	20
JOBE, LAWRENCE	EMC	20050801	24	OAKS, JAMES	WEPS3	20050601	28
JOHNSON, DENNIS	HS1	20050516	36	OBERG, LAWRENCE	LCDR	20050510	38
JOHNSON, ERNEST	MKC	20050701	31	OLSEN, ROBERT	RADM	20050701	36
JOHNSON, JOSEPH	FS2	20050729	32	ORSINI, STEPHEN	FS2	20050630	05
JOHNSON, LINDA	YN1	20050619	28	OSBORNE, MARC	OSS4	20050801	30
JONES, RUSSELL	AMT1	20050801	24	OTTO, GREGORY	ELC3	20050701	21
JUSTIN, EDWARD	AMT1	20050701	22	OWENS, ROBERT	MKC	20050527	39
KANE, MICHELLE	CDR	20050801	20	PALATKA, ROBERT	CDR	20050701	28
KANE, ROBIN	CDR	20050601	20	PAPUGA, SUSAN	LT	20050701	20
KAZEK, MICHAEL	CDR	20050801	21	PARMELEE, GRACE	F&S4	20050701	29
KELLY, CATHERINE	CAPT	20050701	15	PARODI, HUMBERTO	MK1	20050701	22
KELLY, DOUGLAS	CWO4	20050505	35	PAWLOWSKI, ROBERT	SK1	20050801	22
KERIVAN, WILLIAM	LCDR	20050630	38	PAYNE, JOHN	F&S3	20050601	22
KIMBER, KEVIN	MKC	20050601	22	PEARSON, LAURA	PERS3	20050604	20
KLINE, ALBERT	HSC	20050701	26	PENBERTHY, DAWAYNE	CDR	20050701	28
KNOTTS, JOHN	LT	20050601	20	PERKINS, ROBERT	LCDR	20050601	30
KONG, DAVIS	LCDR	20050601	20	PERRY, CHARLES	AMTCM	20050801	26
KOZUCH, JAMES	MKCM	20050621	28	PERSON, ROBERT	MKC	20050712	39
LAMBERT, RICKY	AMT1	20050315	19	PHILIPP, LAWRENCE	ELC3	20050601	26
LANCASTER, CHARLES	CAPT	20050701	30	PHILLIPS, TYRA	ENG2	20050701	21
LANPHEAR, JOSEPH	AMTC	20050801	22	PINEDA, URBANO	MK3	20050517	09
LARKEE, NORMAN	GMC	20050601	20	PINNEY, HUNTER	MKC	20050530	33
LAYNE, WILLIAM	CAPT	20050701	27	PITKIN, WILLIAM	ENG4	20050801	30
LAZARO, RICHARD	AMT1	20050701	20	PLANKEY, EDWARD	PS1	20050522	42
LEACH, JAMES	BM1	20050801	22	PLOWMAN, KEVIN	ENG4	20050601	28
LEAVELLE, ALLEN	MAT2	20050701	21	POGUE, RUSSELL	ENG2	20050601	21
LEET, AMBER	MK2	20050601	06	POWELL, ROBERT	BOSN3	20050801	25
LEM, JEREMY	FN	20050517	01	PRUITT, LORIE	BMCM	20050601	27
LEVEILLE, ROBERT	BM2	20050720	16	PUTKEY, PAUL	BOSN4	20050701	30

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PYLE, RANDALL	MK1	20050624	16
RAMIREZ, ADOLFO	CAPT	20050801	28
RAY, ELVIE	OSS2	20050801	28
REECE, CRISPIN	MKCS	20050701	22
REILLEY, PATRICK	MSTC	20050601	20
REKER, ARTHUR	MST2	20050525	24
REYES, JEFFREY	BMC	20050701	20
REYNA, GILBERT	ITC	20050721	32
RIEHM, DANIEL	CAPT	20050701	25
RIVERA, ANGEL	AVI4	20050601	30
RIVERA, JOSE	AMT2	20050627	20
RIVERS, CAROL	CAPT	20050531	27
ROBERTSON, JEFFREY	CDR	20050801	20
ROBILLARD, SANDRA	F&S4	20050601	25
ROER, MICHAEL	LCDR	20050601	20
ROOTH, RICHARD	CAPT	20050701	30
ROYCE, TRACY	LT	20050601	27
RUDOLPH, DOUGLAS	CAPT	20050701	30
RUSCITO, JOHN	YN1	20050516	37
RUSSELL, WARREN	LCDR	20050801	24
RYAN, DAVID	CAPT	20050701	30
SABO, JAMES	CAPT	20050701	30
SARUBBI, JONATHAN	CAPT	20050701	25
SASSE, DAVID	MAT2	20050601	23
SASSE, DEANNA	ENG2	20050601	22
SAULS, JOHN	ETCS	20050701	20
SCHLATTER, RICHARD	CDR	20050701	22
SCHOMBURG, CLIFFORD	AVI4	20050701	30
SCHWARTZ, MICHAEL	BM1	20050701	20
SCHWARTZ, PATRICK	MK3	20050726	05
SEIFERT, FRANCIS	FS3	20050703	33
SEXTON, MARGARET	YNC	20050801	24
SHAKLEE, CHARLES	SK2	20050609	34
SHEPHERD, JOHN	AET1	20050801	21
SHUSTACK, CHARLES	YNC	20050801	24
SIMMERS, HAROLD	PSCM	20050725	25
SINGER, JAMES	BM1	20050801	38
SLACK, TRACY	LCDR	20050701	20
SMILEY, STEPHEN	BMC	20050730	39
SMITH, CRAIG	SKC	20050601	22
SMITH, DAVID	AVI4	20050601	28
SMITH, DUANE	CAPT	20050801	25
SMITH, JAMES	LT	20050801	28
SMITH, ROLAND	AMTCS	20050601	27
SPIESS, LYNN	MK1	20050627	17
STACY, CASSIN	YNC	20050420	26
STAGLIANO, JACQUELINE	CDR	20050601	22
STEER, RYAN	BM1	20050517	12
STEMMLER, ERIC	MAT4	20050801	30
STEWART, CHRISTOPHER	OSC	20050801	21
STONE, JEFFREY	BMC	20050701	20
STONEWALL, VIVIAN	F&S2	20050701	20
STRITZINGER, JOHN	IVCS	20050606	26
STRONG, KELLY	CDR	20050601	20
STURTZ, JOHN	CDR	20050601	22
SULLIVAN, KELLY	CDR	20050601	20
SUTTON, VEDONNA	SN	20050630	02
SWANSON, MARK	CDR	20050601	21
TEDTAOTAO, JAMES	LCDR	20050701	20
TELFAIR, JEROME	PS1	20050627	32
TERRY, DANIEL	BMCS	20000501	25
THOMAS, THOMAS	CDR	20050718	26
THOMASON, BEN	CAPT	20050701	33
THOMASON, MATTHEW	SN	20050315	03
THOMES, ROBERT	ET1	20050601	20
THOMSEN, WARREN	SK1	20050526	29
THORNTON, CHRIS	LCDR	20050601	20
TOBIN, THOMAS	MK3	20050601	07
TOROK, ERNEST	MSTC	20050504	24
TOSCANO, AMLETO	PACS	20050609	32
TRABUE, KENNETH	LT	20050801	22

TRACEY, JEFFRY	LT	20050701	27
TURNER, WILLIAM	OSC	20050610	32
UNDERWOOD, JAMES	RADM	20050701	33
URGELLES, FERNANDO	PS2	20050801	23
VANHAYERBEKE, MARK	CAPT	20050701	30
VARGO, JAMES	OSS3	20050801	20
VAUGHN, JOHN	BOSN2	20050601	20
VINCENT, DANIEL	MSS4	20050701	28
WAINSCOTT, ETHAN	GMCM	20050627	27
WANDERSEE, DARWIN	PS2	20050509	28
WARD, ALEX	LT	20050705	29
WARD, HENRY	SK1	20050701	22
WARNER, KAREN	SKCS	20050614	31
WATSON, BENJAMIN	CAPT	20050701	27
WATSON, TERRY	ENG4	20050701	30
WEST, ERNEST	MK2	20050607	07
WESTLUND, JOHN	BMC	20050701	22
WEWER, RICHARD	BM1	20050801	22
WHEELER, STEPHEN	CDR	20050701	29
WHITSON, WILLIAM	CDR	20050701	22
WILBUR, WILLIAM	AVI4	20050601	29
WILKES, BILLY	AMT1	20050701	22
WILLIAMS, LOUIS	AMT1	20050601	20
WILSON, LARRY	PS1	20050213	34
WILWERT, ANTHONY	BMC	20050801	20
WINNER, DAVID	SKC	20050701	25
WINSLOW, SCOTT	BM1	20050801	20
WRIGHT, KEITH	OS1	20050706	41
WYLIE, ALBERT	LCDR	20050801	26
YOST, JOHN	CAPT	20050701	27
ZIEGLER, WILLIAM	CDR	20050701	26



MCCANN, ROBERT	CAPT	20050701	28
PARSONS, ROGER	CAPT	20050601	30
SMEHIL, DEAN	CAPT	20050801	30

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	RANK	DATE	CITY	STATE
ADAMS	WEEMS	ATC	20050428	NORTH MIAMI	FL
ALEXANDER	ARVA	LTJG	20050622	BIRMINGHAM	AL
ARCHILLES	ROBERT	BMC	20050815	PUNTA GORDA	FL
ARTHUR	JAMES	ENG3	20050616	BEAUFORT	NC
ATTLEBERGER	GARY	YN1	20050618	TACOMA	WA
AURE	BENJAMIN	SSC	20050516	KODIAK	AK
AYERS	KINGDREL	CAPT	20050523	TALLAHASSEE	FL
BALDWIN	JAMES	AD1	20050718	WILKESBORO	NC
BANKS	CARL	MK1	20050619	GULFPORT	MS
BARRENTINE	CHARLES	JOC	20050808	VASHON	WA
BENNETT	RICHARD	YNC	20050605	GRANTS PASS	OR
BOCANEGRA	THOMAS	ENC	20050526	ST CLAIR SHORES	MI
BORREGO	KENNETH	BMCS	20050731	BEND	OR
BRADFORD	WILLIAM	LT	20050723	CHUGIAK	AK
BRITTON	LESTER	MED3	20050731	SANTA CRUZ	CA
BROWN	STEFFENS	BOSN4	20050723	BOTHELL	WA
BULLOCK	JACK	BMC	20050616	LAS VEGAS	NV
BUTLER	JONATHAN	DCCS	20050612	BEAVERTON	OR
CABRAL	ANTHONY	SSC	20050710	GROVE	OK
CARNAHAN	ROBERT	SKCM	20050816	FLORISSANT	MO
CARTER	FRANK	CDR	20050526	VINEYARD HAVEN	MA
CLEMO	FLOYD	CS1	20050530	SEBRING	FL
COREY	CLIFFORD	ENC	20050526	MARINETTE	WI
COSTALES	EGIDIO	SS1	20050526	CAPE ELIZABETH	ME
CRULL	FRED	RMC	20050521	CARLISLE	PA
CURTIS	WILLIAM	ATCS	20050605	ELIZABETH CITY	NC
DANIELS	CHESTER	CS1	20050724	THOMASVILLE	AL
DARLING	DONALD	RMCS	20050705	LAS VEGAS	NV
DAVIS	ELLIS	MKCM	20050813	CHARLESTON	SC
DAVIS	WILLIAM	ALCS	20050706	HOLIDAY	FL
DEICHERT	JON	LT	20050615	GRETNA	LA
DEMOTT	WILLIAM	QM2	20050531	HAWESVILLE	KY
EASON	ROBERT	RMCS	20050520	NOKESVILLE	VA
EDEN	BILLY	MK1	20050509	LOMPOC	CA
EDWARDS	WILLIS	EN1	20050722	WARRENVILLE	SC
EHRENBERG	JOSEPH	F&S4	20050622	NORTH CAPE MAY	NJ
ENLOE	JULIUS	ENCS	20050712	ST LOUIS	MO
FARNHAM	PHILIP	EM1	20050519	JACKSONVILLE	FL
FERRY	DOUGLAS	FS1	20050729	ALEXANDRIA	VA
FLYNN	DAVID	ETCM	20050807	SAGLE	ID
FOOTE	FREDERICK	MK1	20050605	WAPAKONETA	OH
FORTENBERRY	ALLEN	AT1	20050601	SIERRA VISTA	AZ
FULCHER	GARLAND	BOSN4	20050613	SEA LEVEL	NC
GARDNER	JACK	ADC	20050806	SAVANNAH	GA
GARZARELLI	JOHN	EN1	20050730	ORLAND	ME
GASEAU	NORMAN	CAPT	20050622	CLEARWATER	FL

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GAUTHIER	RICHARD	BMC	20050704	JOHNSTON	RI
GERALD	RALPH	ENC	20050511	ERIE	PA
GORR	WALTER	BMCM	20050421	FPO	AP
GRANT	DONALD	CHBOSN2	20050503	SALUDA	SC
GRAY	FREDERICK	CSC	20050503	NEW LONDON	CT
GUTHRIE	DANA	MK2	20050730	HARKERS ISLAND	NC
HARTENSTEIN	RICHARD	YNCM	20050716	METAIRIE	LA
HENDERSON	RAY	ENC	20050728	HENDERSON	KY
HENRY	MAXWELL	YN1	20050604	ELLINGTON	MO
HILL	KENNETH	BMC	20050805	DAVIE	FL
HUFF	EUGENE	QMCS	20050516	KENT	WA
HUGGINS	JAMES	SS1	20050602	HAMMOND	OR
HULSE	LEWIS	ENC	20050605	DOVER	NH
JARVIS	JOHN	YNC	20050702	PORT ST LUCIE	FL
KALAL	MARTIN	ENC	20050710	HUBBARD	OH
KALIN	JOSEPH	LT	20050807	SUN LAKES	AZ
KALLAS	PETER	ENCS	20050622	STONEHAM	MA
KALLQUIST	RONALD	RD3	20050502	FRANKLIN	TN
KATON	DAVID	BMCS	20050622	LYMAN	ME
KENDRICK	BILLY	RMC	20050620	LODI	CA
KOHLASCH	FRANK	BMC	20050521	ST AUGUSTINE	FL
KORAN	WESLEY	BMCS	20050702	LAKE WORTH	FL
LANDGRAFF	ROY	BMCM	20050604	PENSACOLA	FL
LAUFENBERG	WILFRED	ENG4	20050601	JACKSONVILLE	FL
LEAVITT	EUGENE	CAPT	20050527	NORTH AUGUSTA	SC
LINDQUIST	JONATHAN	TCC	20050608	PORTSMOUTH	VA
LOMAX	CLARENCE	CAPT	20050717	BELFAIR	WA
LORDGE	WILLIAM	CDR	20050630	PLEASANT GROVE	CA
LUGER	GEORGE	LTJG	20050518	SHAWNEE MISSION	KS
MACCALLUM	GEORGE	MKC	20050814	ORLANDO	FL
MAYER	PHILIP	LTJG	20050716	SAUGATUCK	MI
MCMENAMIN	JAMES	CDR	20050708	VENICE	FL
MCNULTY	MARTIN	BMC	20050522	STURGEON BAY	WI
MCSPADDEN	GERALD	ENC	20050730	MORRO BAY	CA
MILLER	MICHAEL	YNC	20050709	SLIDELL	LA
MONKS	WILLIAM	LT	20050510	ROCHESTER	NY
MUCKENTHALER	DONALD	BMC	20050712	LYONS	NY
NELSON	LYLE	CWO4	20050713	SALEM	OR
NEWELL	ROBERT	MKC	20050420	MUSCODA	WI
NORRIS	MICHAEL	QMCM	20050612	MOBILE	AL
PARKER	LEWIS	CDR	20050605	OLD GREENWICH	CT
PEAK	WARREN	MK1	20050620	GRAIN VALLEY	MO
PERROTT	WILLIAM	CDR	20050607	SWAMZEY	NH
PFEIFFER	HENRY	LCDR	20050709	TRACY	CA
PHILLIPS	ROBERT	PERS4	20050621	MARYSVILLE	WA
PHIPPS	JAMES	EN1	20050610	LUCEDALE	MS
POLLY	CHARLIE	LCDR	20050514	SAN ANTONIO	TX
POTTER	VERNE	LCDR	20050607	GILROY	CA
REARDON	DONALD	CAPT	20050610	MENLO PARK	CA
REYES	PAUL	SDC	20050725	CHULA VISTA	CA
RHOADES	JAMES	CSC	20050727	WEEDVILLE	PA
ROATH	DEAN	LT	20050526	BATON ROUGE	LA

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	RANK	DATE	CITY	STATE
<i>(Continued from page 23)</i>					
ROCKNE	LAMAR	F&S4	20050730	JUNEAU	AK
ROGERS	HENRY	QM1	20050629	BALTIMORE	MD
ROGERS	JESSE	TTC	20050602	NOGALES	AZ
RYAN	GERALD	BMCS	20050614	BLUE HILL	ME
SENIK	JOHN	CHRELE3	20050725	PITTSFIELD	MA
SHEINALL	THOMAS	MK1	20050527	MORNINGSIDE	MD
SHEPPARD	ROBERT	CS1	20050707	CAMDEN	NJ
SHERMAN	WILLIAM	GM2	20050617	ST PETERSBURG	FL
SILVA	RICHARD	MUC	20050519	THE VILLAGES	FL
SMITH	DARREL	BMC	20050701	OROVILLE	WA
SMITH	HENRY	GMCM	20050603	DIAMONDHEAD	MS
SMITH	MICHAEL	RM2	20050812	BYRON CENTER	MI
SMITH	THOMAS	YN1	20050612	SW HARBOR	ME
SNIPES	GERALD	ENC	20050609	MOREHEAD CITY	NC
SOMERS	RICHARD	LCDR	20050529	ORMOND BEACH	FL
STEELE	ROBERT	RDC	20050523	DOUGLASVILLE	GA
STEPHENS	GEORGE	TTC	20050810	WILMINGTON	NC
STILES	CHARLES	EN1	20050526	SODDY DAISY	TN
STRAIN	ALTON	MKC	20050519	ELIZABETH CITY	NC
STRICKLAND	WILBUR	ASM1	20050817	CORPUS CHRIST	TX
STROHECKER	BRIAN	HMC	20050610	HUNTINGTON BCH	CA
STUART	ROBERT	ADCS	20050715	WALNUT CREEK	CA
SYLVESTER	RALPH	MKC	20050801	WATERFORD	WI
TARDIFF	LEO	BMC	20050803	WALDPORT	OR
TAYLOR	ALBERT	PAC	20050623	FALLBROOK	CA
THOMPSON	CHESTER	ENCS	20050720	SAULT STE MARIE	MI
TOWNSEND	GEORGE	ADCS	20050616	SAN DIEGO	CA
TUBBS	WARREN	CHGUN3	20050819	WESTFIELD	PA
VAIL	BURR	ELE4	20050604	MESA	AZ
WAYNE	MARCUS	QMC	20050722	CAPE MAY C H	NJ
WEGENKA	JAN	CAPT	20050629	GRAND RAPIDS	MI
WEST	SARA	RM2	20050703	EAST FALMOUTH	MA
WHITNEY	RICHARD	CDR	20050420	TOLEDO	OH
WILKERSON	RICHARD	ATC	20050701	YANKTON	SD
WILLIAMS	FINIS	TC1	20050527	BELLEVILLE	IL
WILLIAMS	ROBERT	CDR	20050608	CROSSVILLE	TN
WILLIS	JACK	MMC	20050524	RALEIGH	NC
WINDOM	ROY	YNC	20050629	MANDEVILLE	LA
WOOD	JOHN	ATC	20050813	SO MILWAUKEE	WI
WOODFIN	JAMES	LCDR	20050718	LANDRUM	SC
YEAGER	JOSEPH	MACH2	20050608	ST PETERSBURG	FL
ZOELLER	HENRY	RDCS	20050713	FULTON	TX

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SALADIN	GERALD	CAPT	20050605	MOULTRIE	GA
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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:**

1. Department of Veterans Affairs Entitlements
2. Dependency Indemnity Compensation
3. Social Security
4. ID Cards
5. Burial Flags

After a retiree dies the survivor is faced with applying for many benefits, with little knowledge of the often very confusing processes. All this happens while they are trying to deal with overwhelming grief. To help answer the many questions during that stressful time we have simplified our *Survivor Information Booklet*. By taking the time now to review this booklet, gather the supporting documents that are required and filing them in a location from which they can be readily retrieved, you can help to ease the stress that is experienced during this time. To further assist your survivors, we have initiated an Express Annuity Start system to simplify the processing and expedite payment of benefits. To take advantage of this new system, fill out the Form PSC-1884, (found in booklet or on our website at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/forms/psc1884.pdf>) sign, date and return to us.

NOTE: For those requesting by mail, booklets are printed on-demand at this time. After submitting your request please be patient and they will be mailed as soon as available. Although, the booklet and the online version were updated in January 2004, mainly to reflect correct phone numbers and to add Web Links, most information in previous editions is correct.

The booklet "**Information for Survivors of USCG, USCGR, and NOAA Retirees**" is available on our web site: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/survivorguide.pdf>.

You may order by providing the below information to us either by mail, fax, or e-mail, please provide all information.

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 444 SE QUINCY
 TOPEKA, KS 66683-3591

Fax to: 785-339-3770

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Dependent TAPS

Name of Dependent	Relationship	Date of Death	Location
Mary G. Quinlivan	Wife of CWO4 J. R. Quinlivan, USCG, Ret	03 Mar 05	Greensboro, NC
Betty S. Moore	Wife of CDR Samuel M. Moore, USCG, Ret	15 Jun 05	Katy, TX
Marjorie G. Mengel	Wife of DCC Levi R. Mengel, USCG, Ret	03 Sep 04	Reading, PA
Alice B. Mize	Wife of TCCM Joseph E. Mize, USCG, Ret	07 Jun 05	Woodbridge, VA
Neleta E. Kava	Wife of CWO4 Joseph G. Kava, USCG, Ret	06 May 05	Interlochen, MI
Anita G. Morgan	Wife of CWO4 Tom Morgan, USCG, Ret	06 Nov 04	Shawnee, OK
Rosemarie Berry	Wife of ADC John W. Berry, USCG, Ret	06 Apr 05	Little River, SC
Joan C. Mitchell	Wife of CDR John R. Mitchell, USCG, Ret	28 Jun 05	Mobile, AL
Roseann V. Steg	Wife of CWO4 Kurt Steg, USCG, Ret	07 Jun 05	Beachwood, NJ
Carolyn J. Cockrell	Wife of CDR Robert L. Cockrell, USCGR, Ret	27 Aug 04	Knoxville, TN
Lisa K. Wallace	Wife of FSC Albert L. Wallace, USCG, Ret	09 Feb 05	St. Joseph, MI
Carmen M. Arredondo	Wife of QMC Pedro Arredondo, USCG, Ret	21 Nov 04	Houston, TX
Helen G. Gray	Wife of BMCM Ray L. Gray, Sr., USCG, Ret	04 Nov 04	Morehead City, NC
Mary Ann Volek	Wife of MKC Edward Volek, USCG, Ret	24 Jun 05	Mesa, AZ
Dolores Ann Young	Wife of RMC Edwin F. Young, USCG, Ret	16 Jul 05	Pembroke, MA
Sherry Newell	Wife of AMC D. Wayne Newell, USCG, Ret	21 Jul 05	Sherwood, OR
Ida Mae Trahan	Wife of CWO4 Camille A. Trahan, USCG, Ret	31 Jul 05	Chalmette, LA
Michael F. Porter	Son of CWO3 Fred J. Porter, USCG, Ret	09 Aug 05	Bonneau, SC
Linda Marie DeyArmin	Wife of MK1 David P. DeyArmin, USCG, Ret	29 Aug 05	Zephyrhills, FL

If you have lost a loved one and would like their name printed in Dependent TAPs, please contact PSC-RAS@hrsic.uscg.mil with their name, date of death, your name and retired rank, and city/state of residence. RAS will make appropriate updates and then forward to the Evening Colors Editor. Or you can send your request in writing and mail to: Commanding Officer (RAS), Personnel Service Center, 444 SE Quincy Street, Topeka, KS 66683-3591. You may also fax your request to (785) 339-3770.

ARMED FORCES VACATION CLUB EXPANDS TO NIGHTLY RENTAL PROGRAM

As authorized Coast Guard Morale Well-Being and Recreation (MWR) patrons, you and your family members are eligible for the benefits of the Armed Forces Vacation Club (AFVC). AFVC has now expanded the service to offer nightly rental opportunities! In efforts to enhance the AFVC benefits, customers may rent a vacation condo in seven day increments or now, choose to stay for one night or more to better suit the needs of your vacation time. "Nightly Getaway" rates start as low as \$75 per night during peak season. Seven-night stays are still available for only \$264. Nightly Getaway reservations must be made within 60 days of travel. Weekly rentals may be made up to 12 months in advance.

By utilizing the AFVC, for either an entire week or single nights, you also help support MWR activities because with every reservation, a rebate goes back to the installation. There are no membership fees or dues to utilize AFVC resorts and you are not required to attend a sales presentation. Availability is posted daily on the AFVC web site: www.afvclub.com. The web site also contains detailed procedures and instructions for making reservations. You may locate resort condos world-wide for only \$264 per week by going to the "Space-A" section or search for the same quality resort condos on a nightly basis in the "Nightly Getaways" section. If you do not have internet access, simply call the central reservation center at 1-800-724-9988 for weekly reservations or 1-888-338-0970 for "Nightly Getaway" reservations. A vacation counselor will assist you with searching for a vacation opportunity, and to credit the rebate to a participating Coast Guard installation of your choice. To make an AFVC reservation, patrons will need their AFVC installation identification number obtainable from participating MWR Offices or provide them with the number 228 for all other Coast Guard Installations.

The Coast Guard MWR program provides a wide array of programs and activities established to meet the mission readiness and retention needs of our military members and support the Coast Guard Family. To find out what is available through your MWR program, visit www.uscg.mil/mwr.

(Source: MWR Press Release)



GRANDE ISLE, La. (Aug. 28, 2005) - Waters along the coast rise as Hurricane Katrina gets closer. This photograph was taken over Grand Isle, La., by one of the last Coast Guard helicopters to leave Air Station New Orleans. The helicopters and other Coast Guard planes and ships will stage in surrounding areas prepared to respond after the Hurricane makes landfall. U.S. Coast Guard photograph.

PHASE OUT ELIMINATION OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFSET (SSO) APPLIED TO THE SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN (SBP) ANNUITIES

General: Section 644 of Public Law (PL) 108-375 provides a three and half year period phase out of the SSO reduction applied to SBP annuities.

Beginning October 1, 2005 and ending March 31, 2008, the two-tier method of computing the annuity for a spouse annuitant age 62 and older is eliminated by increasing the amount of the annuity four times during the elimination period, as follows:

	Amount of Annuity
For months prior to October 2005	35 percent
October 2005 through March 2006	40 percent
April 2006 through March 2007	45 percent
April 2007 through March 2008	50 percent
April 2008 and after	55 percent

Computing an Initial Annuity

Effective October 1, 2005 and ending on March 31, 2008, for an annuitant who is age 62 or older upon initial commencement of an SBP annuity, the annuity is computed using the percentage amount of annuity in effect for the month the annuity begins as described above. The annuity is then recomputed each time the amount of the annuity percentage increases. All annuities commencing on or after April 1, 2008 are computed at 55 percent of the base amount selected by the member.

For example, a member who elected SBP for a spouse dies on January 15, 2006. The initial SBP annuity for that member's spouse who is age 62 or older is computed using 40 percent of the base amount selected by the member. If the member dies on June 15, 2007, the annuity is computed using 50 percent of the base amount selected by the member.

Recomputing an Existing Annuity

A surviving spouse who, on October 1, 2005, is receiving an SBP annuity will have their annuity recomputed on October 1, 2005 or when they become age 62, whichever is later, so that the annuity reflects the percentage amount described in **General**, above. This applies to both standard and reserve component annuities. The recomputation will occur each time the amount of the annuity percentage increases.

These changes require no action on the part of the annuitants.

PSC's COAST GUARD DAY PICNIC LONG DISTANCE AWARD WINNER

This past August 4th, PSC celebrated Coast Guard Day with a picnic at a local lake. The food was good, the weather was HOT but the camaraderie was great! CWO4 Roland Steibel, USCG, Retired, from California, won the "Long Distance" award when he attended the picnic. CWO4 Steibel was visiting relatives in Iowa, then traveled to St. Louis. He was on his way to Colorado from St. Louis and ended up at the CG Day picnic. He spent time talking with PSC staff members and local retired CG members CWO3 Earl Ryder and YNCS Terry Rogers. After the picnic CWO Steibel said his goodbyes and headed toward Colorado and from there back to his home in California. A good time was had by all.

Personnel Service Center, Retiree & Annuitant Services (RAS) - Directory Assistance

Questions, Address or Direct-Deposit Changes

If you need information or have questions about:

- ◆ Your retired or Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuity payments
- ◆ Your Retired/Annuitant Statement
- ◆ IRS Form 1099R (reporting taxable income)

or you need to change:

- ◆ Your home mailing address (for Retired/Annuitant Statement, newsletter, 1099R)
- ◆ Your financial institution or account number for your direct deposit
- ◆ Report a change to your Designation of Beneficiary for Payment of Unpaid Retired Pay (Note: Use Form *CG PSC-3600 Designation of Beneficiary for Payment of Unpaid Retired Pay)

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

Toll free: 1 800 772-8724
Commercial: (785) 339-3415
Fax: (785) 339-3770

Allotments, SBP Coverage and Beneficiary Changes

If you need to:

- ◆ Start, stop or change and allotment (use Form *CG PSC-7221 Retired Allotment Authorization Form)
- ◆ Report a change to your Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) coverage

You must make the requests listed above in **writing**. You may **fax** your request to (785) 339-3770 or mail to:

Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG Personnel Service Center
444 SE Quincy St
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

() Note: forms available from our website
<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/forms>*

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

Website: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/ras.htm>

Income Tax Withholding Changes

If you need to:

- ◆ Start or change the amount of State Tax Withholding (Retirees can call, e-mail, fax or use *IRS Form W-4, or state form. **If using IRS form, indicate that the form is for State Income Tax Withholding, not federal, which state it's for and the dollar amount to be withheld, (minimum amount is \$10.00, no cents).** We cannot withhold state tax for annuitants)
- ◆ Change your Federal Income Tax Withholding (Retirees use Form W-4, Annuitants use Form W-4P)
- ◆ Change exemptions or additional withholding

Federal tax changes **must** be in writing. The original Form IRS W-4 or W-4P must be mailed to PSC (RAS) for action and filing, per IRS requirements. PSC (RAS) cannot accept a faxed W-4 or W-4P. Please mail to:

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()Note: forms available from our website
<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/forms>
or directly from the IRS*

Report of Death

To report the death of a Coast Guard, NOAA retiree/annuitant or a Lighthouse keeper call:

Toll free: 1 800 772-8724
Commercial: (785) 339-3415
Fax: (785) 339-3770

Or write:

Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG Personnel Service Center
444 SE Quincy St
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E-mail articles, dependent taps entries, reunion notices, etc., to PSC-RASNewsletter@hrrsic.uscg.mil or call us at the numbers listed below (phone menu option #4). The deadline for the next issue is Nov 9, 2005.

1 800 PSC-USCG/1 800 772-8724

If outside the U.S. (785) 339-3415

Other Important Phone Numbers and Websites

Medical/Dental Benefits	Phone	Websites/Notes
Eligibility (DEERS)/ID Cards	1 800 538-9552 (TTY/TDD) 1 866 363-2883	http://www.tricare.osd.mil/deers In CA: 1 800 334-4162 In AK & HI: 1 800 527-5602
Mail-Order Pharmacy	1 866 363-8667	http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/tmop.cfm
Retiree Dental Plan	1 888 838-8737	http://www.trdp.org
TRICARE Overseas	1 888 777-8343	http://www.tricare.osd.mil/overseas/
TRICARE United States	phone numbers available on web site	http://tricare.osd.mil
TRICARE For Life	1 866 773-0404	http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tfl/default.cfm
Senior Pharmacy Program	1 877 363-6337	http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/seniorpharmacy.cfm
Federal Long-Term Health Insurance	1 800 582-3337	http://www.opm.gov/insure/ltc/
CG Health Benefits Advisor	1 800 942-2422	
Veterans Benefits	Phone	Websites/Notes
Department of Veterans Affairs	1 800 827-1000	http://www.va.gov
Insurance Information	1 800 669-8477	http://www.insurance.va.gov
Veterans Group Life Insurance		http://www.insurance.va.gov/sglisite/vgli/vgli.htm
New VGLI Applications and VGLI Reinstatements: OSGLI PO Box 5000 Millville, NJ 08332-9928	Fax # for other than deaths and accelerated benefits 1 800 236-6142 Overseas phone (973) 548-5699	Death and accelerated benefits claims only: Phone: 1 800 419-1473 Fax: 1 877 832-4943 or e-mail: osgil.claims@prudential.com General Correspondence: Office of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance 290 West Mt. Pleasant Ave. Livingston, NJ 07039
Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents	1 800 827-1000	http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current_benefits.htm VA Pamphlet 80-02-1
Headstones & Markers	1 800 697-6947	http://www.cem.va.gov/hm.htm
Other	Phone	Websites/Notes
Final Active Duty Pay	1 866 772-8724 Overseas (785) 339-3550	http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/ses.htm Commanding Officer (SES) USCG Personnel Service Center 444 SE Quincy St Topeka, KS 66683-3591
Contact PSC (SES) for information on Severance Pay, Separation Pay, Disability Severance Pay, LES's, IRS Form W-2.		

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Other Important Phone Numbers and Websites

Other	Phone	Websites/Notes
Travel Claims	1 866 772-8724 Overseas (785) 339-2200	http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/tvl.htm Send final travel claim to: Commanding Officer (TVL) USCG Personnel Service Center 444 SE Quincy St. Topeka, KS 66683-3591
Service Records	(314) 801-0800	http://www.archives.gov/research_room/vetrecs/ Write to: National Personnel Records Center 9700 Page Avenue St. Louis, MO 63132-5100
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.		
Social Security	1 800 772-1213	http://www.ssa.gov
WWII U. S. Merchant Marine Awards and Decorations	1 800 996-2723 Overseas (202) 366-2646	http://www.marad.dot.gov/contact_us.html Attn: Patricia Thomas, Medals and Decorations Maritime Administration U. S. Department of Transportation 400 7th Street, SW, Room 7304 Washington, D.C. 20590

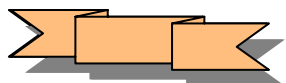
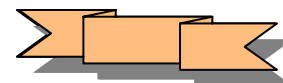
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E-mail: psc-ras@hrrsic.uscg.mil
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We have discontinued sending e-mail notifications to people who have signed up for the online newsletter. The process of capturing, recording, maintaining privacy and keeping e-mail addresses up-to-date had become problematic.

The newsletter is published four times a year in January, April, July, and October. Please check the online newsletter page at the beginning of these months for the latest issue.

**NAUTICAL TERMS, PHRASES & TRIVIA****Suit-**

Nautical term, dating from at least the early 1600s, meaning the outfit of sails used by a ship. The term was revived after World War II, when a Navy ship's complement of electronics could be referred to as its electronics suit, and its total armament might be called its weapons suit. The word is sometimes incorrectly spelled "suite."

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