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COAST GUARD CUTTER BERTHOLF, PATROL AIRCRAFT COMPLETE MILESTONE JOURNEY



WASHINGTON - Feb 11, 2008 - The U. S. Coast Guard's first-in-class national security cutter will complete its builder trials shortly, after successfully operating in concert with the service's new maritime patrol aircraft, the Ocean Sentry HC-144, and a newly re-engined HC-65 helicopter.

"I have nearly nine years of sea-duty and I wish I could roll back the clock and serve aboard this cutter when she becomes operational," said Rear Adm. Ron Rábago, the Coast Guard's program executive officer, who was on board Bertholf as it departed Pascagoula, Miss. on Friday. "As Bertholf completes her pre-delivery testing, we are very excited about the capabilities that this ship is going to bring to the Coast Guard."

The Coast Guard anticipates that acceptance trials - the next phase in the process of formally accepting Bertholf into its fleet - will be conducted in three to four weeks. The four days of builder trials test the cutter's systems and performance in advance of the Coast Guard formally accepting it later this spring, and commissioning the cutter for service this summer.

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"I'm both excited and proud to have Bertholf take another major step forward towards delivery. The Coast Guard is demonstrating that it can meet the many management and technical challenges to bring this complex of a platform on line," said Rear Adm. Gary Blore, the chief of Coast Guard acquisition.

The flagship in the Coast Guard's first new class of large cutters in 25 years, the 418-foot Bertholf is the Coast Guard's largest ever patrol cutter. It is the first of eight planned cutters in the Legend Class, which will modernize the Coast Guard fleet with increased range and endurance, more powerful weapons, larger flight decks, advanced hazardous materials detection systems, and state-of-the-art communication and intelligence systems.

Bertholf will be homeported in Alameda, Calif.

(Source: Coast Guard Press Release dtd Feb 11, 2008)

Editor's notes

RAS Programmer Retires From Federal Service January 2008



Ms. Charlotte Newman recently completed over 30 years of Federal service, 25 of which were with PSC.

Charlotte came to the Coast Guard in 1982 from the Department of Agriculture and worked as computer assistant in RAS for 3 years and then moved on to IAD as the WANG programmer for RAS, a position she held until she retired. Charlotte has seen and been instrumental in numerous changes over the years, including the change from change forms and IBM punch cards to ARPS and finally to the Global Payroll System. She has also witnessed many personnel changes with her co-workers, both military and civilian.

Charlotte was very conscientious about her job and it showed! She was very thorough and took great pride in her duties. Charlotte is looking forward to spending time with her children, grandchildren and improving her golf game. We will miss Charlotte's sense of humor, devotion to duty and carefree attitude. We wish her all the best in any venture she may undertake during retirement and hope she enjoys health and happiness.

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Evening Colors is a publication containing news of general interest, suggestions, and information to keep Coast Guard and NOAA retirees and their family members informed of recent developments. This publication shall not be considered authority and is non-record material.

TRICARE NEWS

The TRICARE Retiree Dental Program is starting off 2008 with a dynamic new enhancement to the Consumer Toolkit® for enrollees. The Toolkit, which can be found under the "Current Enrollees" section at www.trdp.org, already enables TRDP enrollees to manage their program enrollment by allowing them to view their eligibility, benefits, claims and maximum information; print ID cards and claim forms; and much more. We've just added an online tutorial, which now lets enrollees learn about the TRDP at their own pace and makes using the Consumer Toolkit a breeze.

(Source: TRDP Press Release)

Regional Contractors Help Make the Most of the TRICARE Benefit

February 06, 2008

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (Feb. 6)— For beneficiaries, managing their TRICARE health care is only a phone call or mouse click away. TRICARE managed care support contractors (MCSC) are standing by to answer benefit questions and provide health care services and support beyond what's available at military treatment facilities (MTF).

TRICARE partners with civilian managed care support contractors (MCSCs), Health Net Federal Services, Inc., Humana Military Healthcare Services, Inc., TriWest Healthcare Alliance, Corp., and Wisconsin Physicians Service (WPS) to administer the health benefit for more than 9.1 million Service members, retirees and their families.

"Health coverage is one of the most important benefits of military service," said Army Maj. Gen. Elder Granger, Deputy Director, TRICARE Management Activity. "We work consistently with the MCSCs to help them understand how important their role is to those who serve and have served our nation. They are there to answer questions and provide support. When beneficiaries need help we encourage them to contact the appropriate contractor first—it's the best way to get the right information," Granger said.

Beneficiaries in the continental United States belong to one of three regions—North, South and West—with each region assigned its own MCSC. The regional contractors manage the TRICARE Support Centers, or TSCs, which provide administrative support, such as enrollment, care authorization, and claims processing.

The regional contractors also distribute educational information in print and online to beneficiaries and providers. TRICARE beneficiaries overseas are supported by the TRICARE Overseas Program, administered by Wisconsin Physician Services.

In addition to administrative support, the regional contractors establish targets for the number of physicians required to ensure a sufficient supply of providers to TRICARE patients in civilian provider networks.

"The MCSC system has enabled TRICARE to gain control of quality of care," said Granger. "The contractors provide a tremendous service to our beneficiaries by managing a very large and diverse program."

Regional contractors do not provide retail pharmacy or dental claims processing services. For more information about these TRICARE benefit programs, visit the "My Benefit" portal at www.tricare.mil.

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(Source: TRICARE press release)

VA NEWS

CERTAIN PAYMENTS TO DISABLED VETERANS RULED TAX FREE, SOME MAY BE DUE REFUNDS

Issue Number: IR-2007-198

WASHINGTON — Payments under the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Compensated Work Therapy (CWT) program are no longer taxable and disabled veterans who paid tax on these benefits in the past three years can now claim refunds, the Internal Revenue Service said today.

Recipients of CWT payments will no longer receive a Form 1099 from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Disabled veterans who paid tax on these benefits in tax-years 2004, 2005 or 2006 can claim a refund by filing an amended return using IRS Form 1040X. According to the VA, more than 19,000 veterans received CWT in Fiscal Year 2007.

The IRS agreed with a U.S. Tax Court decision issued earlier this year, which held that CWT payments are tax-free veterans' benefits. In so doing, the agency reversed a 1965 ruling which held that these payments were taxable and required the VA to issue 1099 forms to payment recipients.

According to the VA, the CWT program provides assistance to veterans unable to work and support themselves. Under the program, the VA contracts with private industry and the public sector for work by veterans, who learn new job skills, re-learn successful work habits and regain a sense of self-esteem and self-worth.

Any questions please contact the Department of Veterans Affairs at 1 800 827-1000

Related Item: Revenue Ruling 2007-69 < <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/rr-07-69.pdf> >

(Source: IRS News Release IR-2007-198)

RETROACTIVE SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY RATING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA)

If you retire from the USCG or NOAA based on years of service and are later awarded a retroactive service-connected disability rating by the VA, your retirement pay for the retroactive period is excluded from income up to the amount of VA disability benefits that you would have been entitled to receive. The Form 1099R reports the entire distribution because the income, when paid, was taxable under the law.

A corrected Form 1099R will not be issued by the Coast Guard. This policy is contained in the DOD Financial Management Regulations, Vol 7B and also is stated in the IRS Instructions for Form 1099R, which directs that the entire income distribution will be reported if a part is taxable and a part is not taxable.

Retirees who are affected by the policy should be advised that they need to report the amount of their retired pay on line 16a of the IRS 1040 or line 12a of IRS 1040A then on line 16b of the 1040 or line 12b of the 1040A, enter the taxable amount computed by subtracting from the retired pay the amount of VA compensation for the most recently completed tax year which ended on December 31. The Retiree must attach appropriate copies of the Form 1099R and the VA Award Letter to claim a refund of taxes paid on the excludable amount.

You may also claim a refund of any taxes paid on an excludable amount in previous years by filing an amended return on Form 1040X, subject to Statute of Limitations. For further information on retroactive VA awards, see IRS Publication 525, page 16 which provides information on what you need to do to adjust prior year returns.

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VA Increases Travel Reimbursement for Eligible Veterans

January 31, 2008

Peake: Disabled Veterans Earned Increase

WASHINGTON – Over a million eligible veterans will see their mileage reimbursement more than double starting tomorrow, for travel to Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facilities.

“This increase helps veterans -- especially those living in rural areas -- offset some of the gasoline costs as they travel to VA’s world-class health care,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake. “Increasing the mileage reimbursement is one more step by VA to help veterans access the health care they deserve.”

The 2008 appropriations act provided funding for VA to increase the beneficiary travel mileage reimbursement rate from 11 cents per mile to 28.5 cents per mile. The increase goes into effect on Feb. 1.

After little more than a month on the job, Secretary Peake used his authority to establish the first increase in the mileage reimbursement in 30 years, fulfilling a pledge he made during his Senate confirmation hearing last month.

While increasing the payment, VA, as mandated by law, also equally increased the deductible amounts applied to certain mileage reimbursements. The new deductibles are \$7.77 for a one way trip, \$15.54 for a round trip, with a maximum of \$46.62 per calendar month. However, these deductibles can be waived if they cause a financial hardship to the veteran.

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(Source: VA Press Release)

Volunteer Drivers

The Disabled American Veterans’ (DAV) Transportation Network operates a fleet of 1,700 vans to provide free rides to medical appointments for veterans across the country. It takes thousands of volunteer drivers to make this service possible and new drivers are always needed. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer driver, you must pass a physical exam, carry a valid driver’s license, have a safe driving record, carry current auto insurance, and attend training sessions. Contact the Voluntary Service Coordinator at your local VA medical center for more information.

Letters to the Editor

Octogenarians George “Vince” Stauffer and F.J. “Dinty” Moore still exchange humorous memories as the only surviving “plank-owners” of the 17th CGD Office. In August 1949 SK Vince and YN Dinty shared a cabin on the Alaska **SS DENALI** that transported the initial crew from Seattle to Juneau.

Back in those days the “Territory of Alaska” was a real adventure, where men were men and the women loved us. Vince and Dinty would delight in any oldie-goldie anecdotes from survivors of that period.

Our favorite watering-hole was the “Arctic Bar”. Old Black Joe McNallen was the owner.

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REUNIONS AND NOTICES

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 jlesperance@hawaii.rr.com if you have any questions.

***REUNION* Coast Guard Training Center**, Governors Island NY. Any interest? Contact: BMC Gregg Best (Ret) at 198 Cherry Laurel Trail, NE, Cleveland, TN 37323. Phone: (423) 476-7776. E-mail: gjmbest@charter.net

Those interested in joining the membership to the **COAST GUARD RETIREE COUNCIL** of Jacksonville, FL or if you have questions, contact YNCM Bobby Wester, USCG, retired at Bwester2549@aol.com (subject line: CG Retiree Council), (904) 645-5552 (leave message), or by regular mail to 3327 Brachenbury Lane, Jacksonville, FL 32225-3709 (please provide a telephone number where you can be reached).

BERING SEA PATROL-ALASKA VETERANS reunion will be held 30 July-3 August 2008 in Grand Haven, MI. For further information contact Dick Juge at (504) 566-6008 or e-mail DickJuge@aviosk.com

WEST COAST EMT/TT/IT reunion to be held 25-27 July 2008 at Port Angeles, WA for any active, retired or 4 year coasties. Contact Bob Stephens at (360) 457-0817 or Rich Parris at rgparris@peoplepc.com (503) 359-1442.

USCG NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FORMER STEWARDS AND STEWARDMATES INC., will hold their 19th reunion 31 July-3 August 2008 at the Holiday Inn, Universal Maingate, Orlando, FL. For further information please contact CPO Norman McGlone, USCG, Ret., at (757) 640-8575.

USCGC SOUTHWIND (WAGB-280) reunion will be held 16-20 October 2008 in Charleston, SC. For further information please contact Ed Clancy at Southwinds website, www.southwind280.com or at clancyedward@bellsouth.net, by telephone at: (904) 242-9070 or mail to 888 6th Street North, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250. When responding please provide a telephone number where you can be reached.

The Elizabeth City Chapter of the Chief Petty Officers Association is hosting the Biennial Elizabeth City Coast Guard Reunion 20-22 June 2008 in Elizabeth City, NC at 514 Cardwell St. Information and forms can be downloaded from www.ecitycpoa.com or you can e-mail Dave Disbennett davediz@inteliport.com for more information.

NAS Jacksonville, FL will hold a Military Retiree Seminar 12 July 2008 at the River Cove Catering & Conference Center (Officers' Club) from 0900 to 1200. For further information please contact the Retired Activities Office at (904) 542-2766 ext 126.

USCG PT. ALLERTON REUNION will be 2 Aug 2008 in Hull, MA. Exact time and details will come at a later date. Contact e-mail: cwo4bob@aol.com or CWO4 Robert A. Buotte, 1854 Sun Gazer Drive, Viera, FL 32955, phone: (321) 632-4639, or contact Elmer J. Borsos, 103 County Road 12, Adena, OH 43901. at: eborsos@aol.com

TRACEN YORKTOWN Retiree Council prides itself in maintaining contact with the Coast Guard retirees in the area. Office hours are 0800-1400, Mon-Wed, except all Federal Holidays, phone number (757) 856-2136. E-Mail: Adrian.H.Rymer@USCG.Mil
LFConley@USCG.Mil
JAMES.D.OCALLAGHAN@USCG.MIL

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COAST GUARD RETIREE COUNCIL announces the 19th Annual All-Services Retiree Seminar 3 May 2008 at the Gresham Conference Center, Coast Guard Island, Alameda, CA. For further information contact: Commanding Officer, USCG ISC Northern California Retiree Council, Attn: PERS2 Juan Escamilla, Admin, Coast Guard Island, Bldg. 21, Alameda, CA 94501-5100, voice: (510) 437-3712.

40TH ANNUAL CPOA CONVENTION will be held from 18-22 August 2008 at the Marriot, Houston North at Greenspoint Hotel in Houston, TX. For further information please contact AETCM Tim Sheffler at (504) 232-7856 or (703) 941-0395. E-mail: cgcpoa@aol.com. Hotel and registration forms can be downloaded from the CPOA website at uscgcpoa.org. Also check out the next couple of issues of the CPOA Chief's Magazine.

USCGC CAMPBELL ASSOCIATION W-32 & W-909 23rd Annual Reunion — September 8-12 (depart date). Stonecastle Hotel, Branson, MO. Contact Gordon Bell, 723 Spring Lane, Lansdale, PA 19446, (215) 393-6195 or e-mail USCGCCAMPBELLW32@comcast.net. See website for details and reservations. www.campbellw32w909.org

COAST GUARD RESERVE COMPANY R14 fifty year reunion 1-3 May 2008 at Coast Guard Training Center, Cape May. For additional information please contact CDR Ron Biller, USCG, Ret., at (718) 984-7825.

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Coast Guard Retiree Personnel Locator: If you are searching for a Coast Guard retired 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.

Send your reunion or other notices to:

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

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

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

More DD-214 information

Great news for veterans—the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214 online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>. This will cut the waiting time veterans have had in the past waiting for copies of their DD-214s.

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.

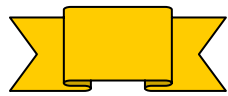
KEEPING RETIREE AND ANNUITANT SERVICES INFORMED

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.



Global Payroll System Update #4—After more than 2 years of hard work by our developers and RAS staff, the new retired pay system is going live effective April 1. Your May 1 pay will be delivered from the new Global Pay (Retired) System. Every retiree and survivor annuitant will receive a payslip about May 1 with their employee ID (EMPLID) which will replace the SSN for most routine transactions. Retirees with FSPA deductions will see a change in their pay and federal tax withholding which will be explained in greater detail on your May 1 payslip. Down the road, we will be implementing additional functionality for our customers including self-service transactions.





USCG Retirements



| Name | Rank | Date of Retirement | Years of Service |
|---------------------------|-------|--------------------|------------------|
| ABLES, JARMON | MKC | 20080201 | 20 |
| ABLOLA, RICARDO | YNC | 20071201 | 29 |
| ALLAIRE, CHRISTIAN | BMCS | 20080201 | 20 |
| ALLDREDGE, ALLEN | DC1 | 20071213 | 09 |
| ALVAREZ, SAMUEL | EM2 | 20080120 | 20 |
| AMACHER, DEBORAH | ENS | 20071228 | 15 |
| ANDERSON, DONALD | FS1 | 20071201 | 20 |
| ANDERSON, ROBERT | OSC | 20071201 | 20 |
| ANTOSEK, JOSEPH | LT | 20080129 | 20 |
| ARMAS, RUBEN | PS1 | 20071123 | 26 |
| BAILEY, JAMES | AMTC | 20071201 | 28 |
| BARNHART, DANIEL | OSCS | 20071201 | 21 |
| BARRETT, BRETT | OSCM | 20071201 | 25 |
| BARSTOW, ARTHUR | EM2 | 20071108 | 20 |
| BASCO, DERRIN | YN2 | 20071211 | 05 |
| BENKOWITZ, MARC | GM1 | 20080201 | 20 |
| BERENZ, MARK | AET1 | 20071201 | 20 |
| BERG, VINCENT | ENG2 | 20080101 | 26 |
| BERGERON, ROLAND | BM1 | 20071113 | 33 |
| BERGERON, STEVEN | CDR | 20080201 | 19 |
| BERKELEY, MARK | CDR | 20071201 | 20 |
| BERRY, NORMAN | OSCS | 20071209 | 28 |
| BERUTTI, CLIFFORD | PSC | 20071231 | 24 |
| BIBLE, JOHN | BOSN3 | 20071201 | 22 |
| BLAIR, FRANK | AVI4 | 20080201 | 30 |
| BLANCHARD, ADLEAN | YN1 | 20071212 | 26 |
| BOPP, CRYSTAL | OSS2 | 20080201 | 20 |
| BOPP, KYLE | AMT1 | 20071201 | 20 |
| BOUNDS, RICHARD | AMT3 | 20071227 | 08 |
| BOYER, KENNETH | MSS4 | 20080201 | 29 |
| BRADFORD, SUZANNE | YN2 | 20080127 | 20 |
| BRANNON, MICHAEL | MST1 | 20080114 | 22 |
| BRIEST, JAMES | MKC | 20080201 | 18 |
| BROADAWAY, WILLIAM | F&S4 | 20071219 | 35 |
| BROGAN, KATHRYN | FSC | 20071201 | 20 |
| BROOKS, DANIEL | BOSN3 | 20071201 | 25 |
| BROOKS, DAVID | CDR | 20071112 | 22 |
| BROWN, FLORA | YN1 | 20071127 | 12 |
| BROWN, RONALD | ETC | 20071201 | 23 |
| BRUDZINSKI, JAY | MED3 | 20071201 | 27 |
| BRUNS, CLINTON | LCDR | 20071229 | 26 |
| BRYANT, ROY | EMC | 20071218 | 21 |
| BUBLITZ, CHARLES | AMT2 | 20080102 | 08 |
| BURLESON, JERRY | OSCS | 20080201 | 29 |
| BUTLER, JOHN | LCDR | 20071114 | 20 |
| CAMERON, JOHN | CAPT | 20071201 | 23 |
| CANORRO, ANTHONY | CDR | 20071127 | 30 |
| CARDINAL, TIMOTHY | ETCS | 20071201 | 26 |
| CARR, HOWARD | LT | 20080121 | 21 |
| CARRINGTON, LAWRENCE | BMCS | 20071201 | 29 |
| CARROLL, THOMAS | LCDR | 20080126 | 24 |
| CARSON, WILLIAM | BNDM4 | 20080201 | 30 |
| CASTAGNETTA, JOSEPH | PS3 | 20080111 | 21 |
| CASTELLANOS-CORREA, ISABE | SK1 | 20080101 | 20 |
| CATE, CLARK | BMCS | 20071201 | 24 |
| CHILDRESS, EMMETT | ELC4 | 20070801 | 29 |
| CHILDS, MORGAN | LCDR | 20071125 | 20 |
| CHILES, JAMES | IT1 | 20080201 | 20 |
| CHIRNSIDE, STEVEN | MK3 | 20071204 | 04 |
| CHRIST, DOMINIC | MKCS | 20071201 | 24 |
| CIERECK, GEOFFREY | PSC | 20080125 | 23 |
| CLAY, LYNN | YN1 | 20071212 | 24 |

| Name | Rank | Date of Retirement | Years of Service |
|-----------------------|-------|--------------------|------------------|
| COATNEY, JAMES | PSC | 20071123 | 22 |
| COKER, JOSEPH | BMC | 20071201 | 21 |
| COLE, DAVID | AMT1 | 20080201 | 20 |
| CONNORS, HENRY | DCCS | 20071201 | 22 |
| COOK, LUKE | MKC | 20071201 | 21 |
| COOKE, DAVID | MSS4 | 20071201 | 27 |
| COOKSON, ERIC | BMCS | 20071201 | 25 |
| COOPER, CRYSTAL | SN | 20071127 | 02 |
| COVEY, CHRISTOPHER | SNET | 20071211 | 05 |
| CRANE, BERNARD | BM1 | 20071231 | 22 |
| CUMMINGS, DANIEL | MK2 | 20071121 | 21 |
| CURATILO, CHRISTOPHER | LCDR | 20071201 | 27 |
| DARR, CHARLES | LCDR | 20071201 | 20 |
| DARSCH, JAMES | BMC | 20071201 | 22 |
| DAVIS, KINO | BMC | 20071201 | 20 |
| DAVIS, TIMOTHY | MKCM | 20071201 | 28 |
| DEJAGER, ERIC | BMCS | 20071201 | 26 |
| DELLINGER, DALLAS | SN | 20071227 | 06 |
| DENNING, BRYANT | AMTCS | 20071201 | 26 |
| DENNY, DAVID | ETC | 20071201 | 21 |
| DIAZ, JOE | PS1 | 20080126 | 05 |
| DIAZ, MANUEL | LCDR | 20080101 | 20 |
| DIGGSLASETER, DARLENE | MED2 | 20071201 | 30 |
| DILLEY, MICHAEL | LT | 20071116 | 22 |
| DIO, ALBERT | OS1 | 20071213 | 07 |
| DOYLE, STEVEN | LCDR | 20071201 | 20 |
| DUELL, JON | AMTCM | 20071201 | 28 |
| DUNNAM, JAMES | FSC | 20071201 | 23 |
| EMANUELE, THEODORE | MST3 | 20070712 | 20 |
| ENGLER, MARK | BOSN4 | 20071201 | 30 |
| EPPS, GARRY | DCCM | 20071201 | 30 |
| FALOON, RANDALL | MK1 | 20071218 | 23 |
| FARMER, STEPHEN | AMTCM | 20071201 | 30 |
| FEENEY, DANIEL | MK1 | 20080101 | 20 |
| FELDMAN, RONALD | YNCM | 20071201 | 28 |
| FERNANDINI, JOSE | SK2 | 20071205 | 22 |
| FIELDS, REGINALD | PS1 | 20080120 | 21 |
| FINK, ALFRED | PS3 | 20071202 | 23 |
| FITCHETT, JEFFREY | ITC | 20080201 | 20 |
| FLOYD, FRANKLIN | CDR | 20080106 | 24 |
| FONTENOT, DWAYNE | ENG2 | 20080101 | 20 |
| FORD, DAVID | PS1 | 20071231 | 20 |
| FORTIN, DONALD | AMTCS | 20080201 | 27 |
| FRANKLIN, MICHAEL | AMT3 | 20080201 | 04 |
| FREED, RICHARD | LT | 20080101 | 23 |
| FREITAG, HANS | ETCS | 20071201 | 30 |
| FUSCO, ELISA | MSTC | 20071201 | 20 |
| GARLAND, WILLIAM | PSS4 | 20071222 | 22 |
| GEISER, LORRAINE | PERS2 | 20080126 | 25 |
| GILT, DANIEL | WEPS4 | 20080101 | 30 |
| GLENN, WILLIAM | PSC | 20071127 | 39 |
| GOLDEN, PATRICIA | MED3 | 20071201 | 30 |
| GOODE, SANDRA | OS1 | 20071201 | 21 |
| GORNALL, SHAWN | OSC | 20071201 | 20 |
| GRAHAM, BERNARD | MKC | 20080201 | 20 |
| GRANT, EMMITT | PS1 | 20080125 | 20 |
| GRAY, JERRY | PSC | 20080108 | 20 |
| GURANICH, GREGORY | BM2 | 20080201 | 20 |
| HADLEY, GUY | PSS4 | 20071220 | 24 |
| HALL, DEREK | AMT3 | 20071220 | 06 |
| HALL, GEORGE | OSCS | 20071119 | 22 |

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|----------------------|-------|----------|----|
| HALL, JAMES | EM1 | 20071205 | 08 |
| HALSTEAD, STEVEN | BMC | 20071211 | 17 |
| HAMMOND, MICHAEL | MSS4 | 20080201 | 30 |
| HARDING, MALVIN | LCDR | 20080125 | 20 |
| HATHAWAY, MICHAEL | MKC | 20071201 | 20 |
| HEARD, RICARDO | F&S4 | 20071201 | 30 |
| HEFFERNAN, TIMOTHY | AMTCS | 20071201 | 30 |
| HELBIG, ROBERT | BMC | 20071127 | 25 |
| HELM, TIMOTHY | PERS3 | 20071201 | 26 |
| HELMS, EVE | YNC | 20080201 | 20 |
| HENTZE, PETER | MKC | 20071201 | 24 |
| HERITAGE, THOMAS | LCDR | 20071012 | 26 |
| HERNANDEZ, GERARDO | AMT1 | 20071201 | 21 |
| HERWECK, EARL | EMCM | 20071220 | 25 |
| HICKS, ROBERT | MKC | 20071211 | 37 |
| HINOTE, HUGH | MKC | 20071201 | 22 |
| HISSOM, DAVID | AETC | 20071201 | 28 |
| HOBBS, JOHN | MK1 | 20080201 | 20 |
| HODGES, RICHARD | BM3 | 20071219 | 11 |
| HODGSON, ROBERT | PSCS | 20071124 | 28 |
| HOGGE, JENNIFER | BMC | 20071201 | 23 |
| HOLLEWAY, LEE | AMT1 | 20071201 | 23 |
| HONGELL, RONALD | BMC | 20080131 | 22 |
| HOOKER, WILLIAM | OSCS | 20080201 | 20 |
| HORN, MICHAEL | MK1 | 20070220 | 22 |
| HORSEMAN, CLAIRE | AMT3 | 20071113 | 04 |
| HOWARD, MARK | ELC4 | 20071201 | 30 |
| HUBBARD, JAMES | CAPT | 20071201 | 26 |
| HUDSON, BRIAN | LCDR | 20060701 | 24 |
| HUGHES, JOHNNY | MKCS | 20080123 | 22 |
| HUGHES, TYRONE | DCC | 20071201 | 25 |
| HURST, CHARLES | PS1 | 20071105 | 20 |
| JACKSON, MICHAEL | YN1 | 20080201 | 20 |
| JACKSON, RICHARD | HSC | 20080101 | 20 |
| JACKSON, ROBERT | PS1 | 20070724 | 22 |
| JARRETT, JAMES | PS2 | 20071222 | 15 |
| JETT, GERALD | OSC | 20071201 | 26 |
| JOHNSON, GARY | PS2 | 20070306 | 39 |
| JOLING, HERMAN | HSC | 20071201 | 20 |
| JONES, DAVID | SKC | 20071201 | 22 |
| JONES, RANDALL | LT | 20080128 | 20 |
| JONES, TYRONE | LCDR | 20080101 | 20 |
| KASZUBOWSKI, GREGORY | HSCS | 20071220 | 37 |
| KAUFOLD, EDWARD | EM2 | 20080109 | 20 |
| KEENAN, GWEN | CDR | 20080101 | 20 |
| KELEHER, LLOYD | BOSN4 | 20071201 | 32 |
| KENNEDY, DAVID | BMCM | 20080128 | 23 |
| KENT, QUENTIN | LCDR | 20080201 | 22 |
| KERLIN, WILLIAM | EMC | 20071201 | 20 |
| KESSLER, VERNON | MK1 | 20071004 | 18 |
| KEULER, MICHAEL | AMT1 | 20071201 | 24 |
| KIMOS, ANDREW | CDR | 20071201 | 20 |
| KING, CLARENCE | SKC | 20080121 | 29 |
| KING, KENNETH | PERS3 | 20071201 | 24 |
| KINNEY, DAVID | AETC | 20071201 | 24 |
| KLAFFER, DAVID | F&S3 | 20071208 | 20 |
| KNAUER, GREGORY | LCDR | 20071109 | 20 |
| KOSKI, RON | ELC4 | 20080201 | 30 |
| KRAYER, CASEY | SA | 20071224 | 02 |
| KUSTER, KARL | BM1 | 20080201 | 22 |
| LADEGAST, ROGER | PS1 | 20080115 | 20 |
| LEAL, JORGE | OSS2 | 20080201 | 30 |
| LEMASTERS, GEORGE | SKC | 20071201 | 20 |
| LEWIS, DANNY | ENG4 | 20071201 | 33 |
| LICKFIELD, BRIAN | AMT2 | 20080101 | 20 |
| LINCOLN, BRIAN | ISCM | 20080201 | 28 |
| LINDER, DAVID | BM2 | 20071128 | 25 |
| LORRAINE, JAMES | AMT1 | 20071201 | 29 |
| LUTY, JAMES | OSC | 20071201 | 20 |
| MADEIRA, JOHN | CAPT | 20080126 | 30 |

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| MAHER, MICHAEL | AMT1 | 20071201 | 24 |
| MALCOLM, TIMOTHY | BOSN4 | 20080201 | 30 |
| MARQUIS, CHARLES | CAPT | 20071223 | 28 |
| MASON, WILLIAM | DCCM | 20080201 | 30 |
| MATTINGLY, ROBERT | ET1 | 20071201 | 23 |
| MAXEY, FORREST | BM3 | 20071213 | 04 |
| MCCOMBS, JEFFREY | CDR | 20080201 | 24 |
| MCEACHERN, RONALD | BM1 | 20071209 | 21 |
| MCFARLAND, GREGORY | MK2 | 20080112 | 19 |
| MCFARLAND, SCOTT | CDR | 20071201 | 27 |
| MCNEELY, JONATHAN | GM2 | 20071227 | 15 |
| MEDLIN, HERBERT | EMC | 20080101 | 24 |
| MEHALKO, PHILLIP | AETC | 20080201 | 25 |
| MESHAW, NORMAN | LCDR | 20071230 | 24 |
| METER, DARRELL | MK3 | 20071214 | 13 |
| MILLIKEN, GEORGE | MKC | 20071201 | 20 |
| MILLS, ROGER | AMTCM | 20071201 | 27 |
| MOLAK, JASON | EM2 | 20071211 | 12 |
| MOLINA, DAVID | OSC | 20071201 | 20 |
| MONTFORT, ROBERT | CAPT | 20071205 | 26 |
| MORELLI, ALAN | MK1 | 20080130 | 24 |
| MORRIS, BRYAN | EMC | 20071201 | 22 |
| MOSS, CHARLES | BM3 | 20071204 | 05 |
| MUNOZ, RAFAEL | PSC | 20071110 | 28 |
| NADEAU, STEPHEN | BM1 | 20071201 | 20 |
| NARVAEZ, JESSE | GM1 | 20071201 | 20 |
| NAULTY, KAREN | FSCM | 20071201 | 26 |
| NEGRON, ANTONIO | SA | 20071221 | 01 |
| NELSON, CARL | BM1 | 20071213 | 10 |
| NEWTON, LORENZO | F&S4 | 20080109 | 30 |
| ODELL, JOHN | CAPT | 20071201 | 24 |
| ODELL, RAYMOND | AMT1 | 20080201 | 21 |
| OGRINC, VINCENT | AETC | 20071201 | 21 |
| OLSON, ROBERT | CDR | 20071201 | 30 |
| OQUENDOFLORES, JORGE | MK2 | 20071201 | 10 |
| OTTARSON, EDWARD | MK2 | 20071111 | 20 |
| OZELSKI, KADIE | BM3 | 20071211 | 04 |
| PAMATIAN, ARNEL | FS1 | 20080101 | 25 |
| PARRY, RUSSELL | IV1 | 20071216 | 20 |
| PASCHALL, OLEN | BMC | 20080123 | 20 |
| PEELER, DAVID | SK1 | 20080201 | 23 |
| PEREZ, JAVIER | SKC | 20080201 | 29 |
| PESSIER, BRUCE | PSC | 20071209 | 26 |
| PETERMEIER, BRIAN | EMCS | 20071101 | 21 |
| PIERCE, JOSEPH | PSC | 20070910 | 27 |
| PIERCE, THOMAS | AETCM | 20071201 | 30 |
| PITTMAN, EVA | YN1 | 20071201 | 20 |
| PITTS, WILLIAM | BMCS | 20071201 | 28 |
| POHLER, DAVID | MKC | 20071201 | 23 |
| POLK, JAMES | AMTCM | 20071201 | 30 |
| POORE, JOHN | ET1 | 20071124 | 29 |
| POTTER, DONALD | LCDR | 20040701 | 24 |
| PREUSSE, PAUL | CAPT | 20071201 | 29 |
| PROHASKA, DAVID | LCDR | 20071201 | 32 |
| PROUDFOOT, DAVID | BM2 | 20071208 | 19 |
| PURVINE, STEPHEN | LCDR | 20071217 | 26 |
| RAGAN, MICHAEL | PS2 | 20071213 | 31 |
| RALSTON, WILLIAM | PSC | 20071109 | 29 |
| RAYMONDSANDLES, MARGIE | YN2 | 20071201 | 20 |
| REILLY, JAMES | LCDR | 20071105 | 20 |
| REYNOLDS, RALPH | COMM3 | 20080130 | 21 |
| RICHARDS, BRUCE | MKCM | 20071201 | 26 |
| RICHEY, JAMES | EMCS | 20071201 | 25 |
| RIGG, JEFFREY | EMC | 20080101 | 20 |
| RIVERA, CESAR | AMT1 | 20080201 | 28 |
| RIVERA, RODOLFO | SK3 | 20071215 | 21 |
| ROBERTS, SCOTT | FSCS | 20071201 | 22 |
| ROBINSON, CHAD | F&S4 | 20071201 | 30 |
| RODRIGUEZ, DAVID | SK1 | 20071110 | 22 |
| ROETHLE, STEPHEN | SN | 20071127 | 02 |

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| ROMERO, ALLAN | BM1 | 20071201 | 20 |
| ROTH, CHRISTIAN | FSC | 20071201 | 20 |
| ROTHSCHILD, STEVEN | YN1 | 20071204 | 28 |
| ROWE, WILLIAM | ETCM | 20071201 | 30 |
| RYAN, BARRY | BOSN3 | 20080119 | 20 |
| SANCHEZ, ALLEN | BMC | 20071112 | 19 |
| SANTIAGO, MARILYN | SN | 20080122 | 02 |
| SCHAEFER, RAYMOND | IT1 | 20071211 | 16 |
| SCHAFFNER, PETER | DCCS | 20071201 | 22 |
| SCHELLHASE, ROBERT | LT | 20050818 | 28 |
| SCHOFIELD, STEVEN | OSCS | 20071201 | 24 |
| SCRIPTURE, RICHARD | BMC | 20070930 | 25 |
| SEMLER, EDWARD | LT | 20071201 | 25 |
| SEXTON, ERNEST | BMCM | 20071201 | 30 |
| SHAY, TIMOTHY | DC1 | 20080129 | 20 |
| SHIELDS, JAMES | F&S4 | 20080101 | 30 |
| SHIELDS, MYRON | MKCM | 20071201 | 30 |
| SIERRA, VINCENT | EM1 | 20071122 | 23 |
| SIMONDS, WILLIAM | OSS3 | 20071201 | 30 |
| SMITH, LARRY | SKC | 20080102 | 21 |
| SMITH, RALPH | CAPT | 20050921 | 00 |
| SMITH, STEPHEN | CDR | 20080119 | 20 |
| SOCORSO, SEAN | GM2 | 20071224 | 07 |
| SPRAGUE, ROBERT | MK1 | 20071219 | 23 |
| STEVENSON, MICHAEL | OSC | 20071201 | 21 |
| STEWART, STEVEN | LT | 20080101 | 20 |
| STIEFEL, NANCY | SN | 20071211 | 02 |
| STILLEKE, STEVEN | CDR | 20071201 | 20 |
| STRELLUF, RANDALL | CDR | 20080130 | 22 |
| STRICKER, WILLIAM | AMT1 | 20080201 | 20 |
| STROUD, JACOB | BM2 | 20080108 | 08 |
| SUMMERS, RICHARD | BMC | 20071201 | 22 |
| TARDIBUONO, THOMAS | CDR | 20071201 | 24 |
| THOMAS, WESLEY | YNC | 20071121 | 18 |
| TINSLEY, CHRISTINE | F&S4 | 20080201 | 30 |
| TODD, DOUGLAS | DC1 | 20080101 | 20 |

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| TRACY, JOHN | MK2 | 20071211 | 11 |
| TRAHAN, ALVIN | MK1 | 20071228 | 15 |
| TRIMBLE, TIMOTHY | BMCM | 20080201 | 30 |
| VAZQUEZ, JUAN | EMC | 20071201 | 26 |
| VELAZQUEZ, GEORGE | FSCS | 20071201 | 21 |
| WALKER, GARY | AMTCS | 20071201 | 28 |
| WALKER, MARK | BM1 | 20071201 | 25 |
| WALKER, RUBY | CDR | 20080128 | 23 |
| WALLACE, CHRISTOPHER | OS2 | 20071211 | 04 |
| WEBSTER, BRUCE | MKCM | 20071231 | 31 |
| WEHRMANN, GARY | CDR | 20071108 | 25 |
| WERME, ROBERT | ELC4 | 20071201 | 30 |
| WHITE, KENNETH | CDR | 20071118 | 21 |
| WHITE, RONALD | CAPT | 20071112 | 34 |
| WHITLEY, HAROLD | CDR | 20071201 | 16 |
| WIERZBICKI, JAMES | CDR | 20071201 | 23 |
| WILHELM, PAULA | BMC | 20071201 | 26 |
| WILSON, CYNTHIA | GM2 | 20071201 | 21 |
| WILT, NEIL | PSCS | 20071230 | 24 |
| WOOLARD, LEONARD | PSS4 | 20080109 | 23 |
| YORRO, DIGNO | SKC | 20080101 | 30 |
| YOUNG, GEORGE | MKC | 20071201 | 21 |
| ZEPPLIN, WILLIAM | F&S4 | 20071201 | 30 |



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| BROWN, RICHARD | CAPT | 20071201 | 27 |
| PETRAE, GARY | CAPT | 20080101 | 29 |
| WHITE, GEORGE | CAPT | 20080101 | 28 |

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COAST GUARD DEATHS 1950-1954—Researcher seeking knowledge/data regarding Coast Guard Active Duty deaths during the period June 1950 to July 1954. Any information/details (including natural deaths, but excluding aviation accidents) will be appreciated. Please forward to: B. C. James
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OHIO NO LONGER TAXES MILITARY RETIRED PAY. Ohio Governor Ted Strickland signed legislation that exempts military pensions from state income tax. Veterans in receipt of retired pay are no longer subject to paying state income tax to the State of Ohio. Retired Coast Guard members who are currently paying state tax to the state of Ohio may elect to have their state tax withholding stopped by contacting the Retiree and Annuitant Services Branch. Even though retirees are no longer subject to Ohio state taxes, they may elect to have state tax taken out for Ohio if they desire.





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| LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | RANK | DATE | CITY | STATE |
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| ARNOLD | PHILLIP | LCDR | 20071127 | MIAMI | FL |
| ASHLEY | CLAUD | SK1 | 20071209 | CHESAPEAKE | VA |
| AUDETTE | RONALD | DC1 | 20080216 | FROSTPROOF | FL |
| AUGUSTINE | CLARENCE | YNC | 20071112 | MANSURA | LA |
| AYRES | HAROLD | ENCM | 20080111 | BENTONVILLE | AR |
| BANNAN | GEORGE | LCDR | 20071205 | SOUTH YARMOUTH | MA |
| BARRETT | DONALD | EM1 | 20080211 | WINDHAM | ME |
| BARSZCZ | THOMAS | CWO3 | 20071102 | PORTSMOUTH | VA |
| BAYERS | LOUIS | CWO4 | 20071229 | RAYMORE | MO |
| BEACHAM | HOPE | CWO4 | 20071125 | KITTY HAWK | NC |
| BELCH | WILLIAM | RDCM | 20071211 | FUQUAY VARINA | NC |
| BENNETT | WALLACE | EMC | 20071124 | AMELIA | OH |
| BISHOP | DANIEL | CDR | 20080217 | HONOLULU | HI |
| BLANDFORD | WILLIAM | CDR | 20080122 | HAYWARD | CA |
| BONNER | JOSEPH | MKCM | 20080103 | NEWCUMBERLAND | PA |
| BOYD | DONALD | CWO4 | 20071208 | OCALA | FL |
| BRADLEY | RONALD | MKCM | 20071027 | HICKORY FLAT | MS |
| BRANDAU | EUGENE | LCDR | 20071202 | LAS VEGAS | NV |
| BRANSFIELD | GERARD | HSCS | 20071130 | PATCHOGUE | NY |
| BREWER | DAVID | LT | 20080215 | SOUTH DENNIS | MA |
| BRIERLY | RICHARD | LT | 20080215 | MOORHEAD | MN |
| BUSER | WARREN | ENC | 20071229 | KEAAU | HI |
| CALLAHAN | JAMES | MMC | 20080218 | NORWOOD | MA |
| CANADY | LESTER | MK1 | 20080201 | VALDOSTA | GA |
| CARMAN | PAUL | CWO3 | 20071227 | GRASS VALLEY | CA |
| CARROLL | DALE | MK2 | 20080114 | HEMPHILL | TX |
| CHAMBERS | ALLEN | CS1 | 20071222 | OAKLAND | CA |
| CLARKE | STUART | CWO3 | 20071130 | JACKSONVILLE | FL |
| CLINE | JAMES | MKC | 20071218 | YADKINVILLE | NC |
| COAKLEY | EUGENE | MK1 | 20071024 | MIAMI BEACH | FL |
| COKER | JOSEPH | BMC | 20071201 | URBANNA | VA |
| COLEY | NEIL | CAPT | 20080123 | SAN RAMON | CA |
| COLLINS | GILBERT | LCDR | 20080127 | FOLSOM | CA |
| COLONA | ARTHUR | LT | 20071127 | SEAFORD | DE |
| COOLEY | WILLIAM | CAPT | 20071229 | CARSON CITY | NV |
| COUSINS | ARNOLD | LTJG | 20071214 | WEST BALDWIN | ME |
| CROCKER | CURTIS | BM1 | 20080116 | BROADDUS | TX |
| CUTLER | JAMES | CDR | 20071212 | KILLINGWORTH | CT |
| DAILEY | ROBERT | CWO2 | 20071229 | LARGO | FL |
| DEAN | CARL | BM1 | 20071203 | ROXBURY | MA |
| DEO | JAMES | MKC | 20080123 | JACKSONVILLE | FL |
| DIERSEN | FRANK | CAPT | 20071201 | CHESAPEAKE | VA |
| DIVERTY | JAMES | ENC | 20080106 | LAKE FOREST | CA |
| DORMAN | ROBERT | CWO4 | 20071205 | ROGUE RIVER | OR |
| DUDLEY | ROGER | CAPT | 20080207 | TORRANCE | CA |
| DUNCAN | ROLAND | CSC | 20080129 | KIRKLAND | WA |
| DURLING | PETER | BM1 | 20071228 | MUSKEGON | MI |
| EDGE | DAVID | EN1 | 20080208 | TRAVERSE CITY | MI |

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| EPSTEIN | JILL | HS2 | 20071229 | SNYDER | NY |
| EWERS | BERT | CAPT | 20071212 | SPOKANE | WA |
| FILSON | MAX | SKC | 20080217 | RENO | NV |
| FORTSON | HOWARD | YNC | 20071224 | COLBERT | GA |
| FOSS | JAMES | AD1 | 20071119 | MILO | ME |
| FRACKLETON | JOHN | CWO4 | 20071208 | WILMINGTON | MA |
| FREDLUND | ROBERT | CDR | 20080130 | SARASOTA | FL |
| FRENCH | CHARLES | CWO2 | 20071228 | DALTON | GA |
| GALLAGHER | WALTER | QMCM | 20071127 | WEST WAREHAM | MA |
| GARDINER | DANIEL | TCC | 20080101 | GILFORD | NH |
| GARNER | JIMMIE | AM1 | 20071115 | SAN ANTONIO | TX |
| GIANCOLA | JAMES | YNC | 20071128 | DALLAS | TX |
| GIBBONS | MARK | BM1 | 20071201 | SCRANTON | NC |
| GILECK | DALLAS | MMC | 20080109 | STACY | MN |
| GILMAN | JAMES | CSC | 20080204 | VIRGINIA BEACH | VA |
| GRAY | WARREN | MKC | 20080109 | WAYNESBORO | VA |
| GREEN | FREDERICK | MMC | 20080111 | ABERDEEN | WA |
| GUNTER | AUREL | SKCM | 20071214 | BORING | OR |
| HAFF | HARRY | CDR | 20071122 | VIRGINIA BEACH | VA |
| HALL | ROY | MK1 | 20071119 | MOULTRIE | GA |
| HANSETER | JOHN | AE1 | 20071121 | REDGRANITE | WI |
| HARDEE | CARL | BM1 | 20080129 | LELAND | NC |
| HARDEGREE | JERRY | BM1 | 20080113 | MOBILE | AL |
| HARING | JAMES | AD1 | 20080124 | TRAVERSE CITY | MI |
| HARVEY | JAMES | CSC | 20080110 | SUGAR HILL | GA |
| HAUCK | TERRY | CAPT | 20080207 | ROWLETT | TX |
| HAWKINS | PAUL | BMCS | 20080109 | CHARLESTON | SC |
| HELMS | ROBERT | PSCS | 20080117 | LINCOLN | NE |
| HENSLEY | CLYDE | ADCS | 20080210 | TAMPA | FL |
| HIGH | ROBERT | PS1 | 20071201 | MONTICELLO | IN |
| HINZ | LLOYD | LCDR | 20080101 | RIVERSIDE | CA |
| HODGES | RICHARD | BM3 | 20071219 | STATEN ISLAND | NY |
| HOWARD | WILEY | AECS | 20071219 | HOMOSASSA | FL |
| HSU | KWANG | CAPT | 20071211 | VIENNA | VA |
| HUFFMAN | PAUL | LCDR | 20071210 | NORTH LAS VEGAS | NV |
| HUNSAKER | ROBERT | BMCM | 20080201 | ARAB | AL |
| IFFERT | HERBERT | CAPT | 20080128 | SAINT JOSEPH | MO |
| JACOBY | WALTER | PSCM | 20071115 | PORTLAND | OR |
| JOHNS | GEORGE | MKC | 20080104 | SAINT LOUIS | MO |
| JOHNSON | DAVID | BMC | 20071108 | HERCULANEUM | MO |
| JONES | THOMAS | GM1 | 20071126 | MARMET | WV |
| JUDD | RALPH | CDR | 20071224 | SEATTLE | WA |
| KALAMAS | CHARLES | BMCS | 20071225 | EUGENE | OR |
| KAPUS | ROBERT | ENCS | 20071108 | NORTHFIELD | NJ |
| KERR | RICHARD | CAPT | 20080106 | AUSTIN | TX |
| KILKAITIS | JOHN | CWO3 | 20071120 | BOKCHITO | OK |
| KRUGER | FRED | SKC | 20080201 | SAN MARCOS | CA |
| KUSINA | STEPHEN | MMC | 20080131 | HOLLY HILL | FL |
| LANDER | LEROY | LT | 20071205 | SAN DIEGO | CA |
| LARSEN | PETER | ETC | 20080115 | BANDON | OR |
| LARSON | CLINTON | MKCM | 20071216 | MOBILE | AL |
| LEBLANC | JOHN | RMC | 20080125 | TITUSVILLE | FL |
| LIVESEY | RICHARD | BM1 | 20071226 | ENGLEWOOD | FL |

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| LUMPKINS | CLARENCE | BMCM | 20080120 | SAN ANTONIO | TX |
| LYNCH | MICHAEL | BMC | 20071116 | SAINT PETERSBURG | FL |
| MAKREZ | LOUIS | BMC | 20071221 | MIAMI | FL |
| MALAIS | STEVEN | BM1 | 20080203 | ANDERSON | CA |
| MARKS | SIDNEY | LCDR | 20080104 | CHARLESTON | WV |
| MARKUS | JAMES | YNC | 20080123 | SAN LEANDRO | CA |
| MARTIN | CHARLES | LCDR | 20071226 | FALLS CHURCH | VA |
| MARTY | HOMER | YNC | 20080110 | NEW ORLEANS | LA |
| MASON | JOHN | AD2 | 20080218 | VADER | WA |
| MATTSON | RICHARD | CDR | 20071230 | SHOREVIEW | MN |
| MAXWELL | STEPHEN | LCDR | 20080125 | SAINT PETERSBURG | FL |
| MCCARTHY | BRIAN | LCDR | 20080111 | ALLENHURST | NJ |
| MCDOUGALL | WALTER | CAPT | 20080126 | BRADENTON | FL |
| MCKINLEY | THOMAS | BM1 | 20071025 | PHILADELPHIA | PA |
| MEAD | ROBERT | CWO4 | 20080123 | HAYDEN | ID |
| MENDOZA | HERMAN | SSCS | 20071228 | WEBSTER | TX |
| MERKLE | WILLIAM | LTJG | 20080208 | LYNN HAVEN | FL |
| MILLER | JAMES | BMC | 20080111 | ARAPAHOE | NC |
| MOORE | SAMUEL | CDR | 20080214 | KATY | TX |
| MULLEN | STEPHEN | BM1 | 20080124 | PITMAN | NJ |
| MUNROE | WILBERT | BMCM | 20071224 | CHEBEAGUE ISLAND | ME |
| NANCE | EDWARD | CDR | 20071224 | ANAHEIM | CA |
| NEWBILL | JERALD | SKCS | 20071126 | KETCHIKAN | AK |
| NIXON | ALLAN | ENCM | 20080219 | ROHNERT PARK | CA |
| NIXON | JOHN | RMC | 20071212 | PALM COAST | FL |
| OLEGARIO | JOSE | SD1 | 20071110 | WAIPAHUI OAHU | HI |
| PARKER | THOMAS | DCC | 20071202 | CHESAPEAKE | VA |
| PATTY | ROBERT | LCDR | 20071215 | FRAZIER PARK | CA |
| PETTIT | ROY | YNCS | 20071201 | PARMA HEIGHTS | OH |
| PETTY | JOE | SS2 | 20071206 | TOMBALL | TX |
| PINA | WILBERT | CWO4 | 20071120 | NORTH MASSAPEQUA | NY |
| PITZER | DAVID | FSC | 20080131 | VIRGINIA BEACH | VA |
| POULER | DAVID | ETCM | 20080206 | POCASSET | MA |
| POWELL | SIMM | BMCS | 20071226 | LOS FRESNOS | TX |
| PRIDDY | DAVID | LCDR | 20080214 | MESA | AZ |
| PROBST | LLOYD | LT | 20071128 | BELLEVILLE | IL |
| RAGLAND | DANIEL | ETC | 20080203 | HOBE SOUND | FL |
| RANDALL | WARD | MK1 | 20071229 | LITTLETON | MA |
| RAPP | GLEN | RDC | 20080206 | SANFORD | NC |
| RATLIFF | JOHN | BMCM | 20071102 | CLARKSBURG | WV |
| REED | JACK | SS1 | 20071125 | CINCINNATI | OH |
| RESOR | ROGER | CWO3 | 20071205 | BEAUFORT | NC |
| RILEY | MARGARET | CAPT | 20080130 | EAST HAMPSTEAD | NH |
| ROBERTSON | JACK | MKC | 20080212 | RIDGEFIELD | WA |
| ROOK | ROBERT | ETC | 20080106 | SENECA FALLS | NY |
| ROOKS | JOHN | CWO3 | 20080206 | NORTH FORT MYERS | FL |
| ROOT | RONALD | RMC | 20071204 | BUSHNELL | FL |
| ROUDEBUSH | RICHARD | CSC | 20071217 | COVINA | CA |
| ROWELL | NELSON | BMCM | 20071216 | MEMPHIS | TN |
| RUMFIELD | DAVIS | MKCS | 20080220 | PLEASANTON | TX |
| RUSSELL | HAROLD | EMCS | 20071203 | MOUNT PLEASANT | SC |
| SALANG | OSCAR | SS1 | 20080110 | KATHLEEN | GA |
| SALAS | JULIUS | PS1 | 20071112 | EXTON | PA |

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| SALMELA | FREDERICK | CAPT | 20071105 | SEATTLE | WA |
| SAWYER | GEORGE | ENCS | 20080131 | TUCSON | AZ |
| SCARBOROUGH | ORVILLE | BM1 | 20071126 | AVON | NC |
| SHELLITO | PATRICK | CWO4 | 20071116 | RICKREALL | OR |
| SHOOLBRED | WILLIAM | CWO3 | 20071209 | LAND O LAKES | FL |
| SHUTE | ROBERT | WO1 | 20080108 | SAN MARCOS | CA |
| SIMON | RICHARD | PSCS | 20071206 | PEWAUKEE | WI |
| SKINNER | GERALD | CDR | 20071121 | ORMOND BEACH | FL |
| SMITH | DON | CWO2 | 20071223 | TIGARD | OR |
| SPEARS | SANDELLA | MST2 | 20080216 | RAYTOWN | MO |
| SPEER | THOMAS | FSC | 20071231 | CASA GRANDE | AZ |
| STARRETT | ROBIN | LCDR | 20080105 | KODIAK | AK |
| STEACH | LYLE | HMC | 20080102 | MORGANTOWN | WV |
| STEWART | WILLIAM | RADM | 20071130 | MOBILE | AL |
| SWINBURNE | ALFRED | CWO4 | 20071224 | HARRISON | ME |
| TALLEY | ROBERT | CDR | 20071210 | GREENBACKVILLE | VA |
| TAMAGE | CLARKE | ET2 | 20071123 | ROY | UT |
| TANNER | ROBERT | CWO2 | 20071211 | SILVERHILL | AL |
| TAYLOR | CHARLES | MKC | 20071114 | SPARTA | VA |
| TAYLOR | REGINALD | CS1 | 20080203 | RIO GRANDE | NJ |
| TOWNSEND | EUGENE | FTCS | 20071211 | SALISBURY | MD |
| TREADWELL | HORACE | LCDR | 20071229 | NEW SMYRNA BEACH | FL |
| VANSCHOYCK | ROGER | LTJG | 20071105 | FRANKLIN LAKES | NJ |
| VAWTER | DONALD | CDR | 20080109 | TWIN FALLS | ID |
| WAAGE | CLARENCE | LT | 20071231 | DE PERE | WI |
| WALLAGE | MILO | CS1 | 20071218 | MANTECA | CA |
| WARREN | JERRY | CWO2 | 20080218 | LAS CRUCES | NM |
| WEIGNER | LEON | ADCS | 20071215 | DODGE CITY | KS |
| WELLS | RICHARD | ATC | 20080130 | COOKSON | OK |
| WEST | JAMES | LT | 20071108 | BOTHELL | WA |
| WETHERINGTON | WILLIAM | LT | 20071223 | SLIDELL | LA |
| WHITE | JAMES | BMCM | 20071227 | SHERWOOD | OR |
| WHITE | RUTH | CAPT | 20080130 | TALLAHASSEE | FL |
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| WILCZYNSKI | EDWARD | BMC | 20071201 | ATLANTIC CITY | NJ |
| WILLIAMS | CARLOS | RMC | 20080111 | COLUMBIA | MD |
| WILLIAMS | ROGER | CWO4 | 20080208 | NEWPORT NEWS | VA |
| WILSON | ROBERT | CWO2 | 20071225 | SPOKANE | WA |
| WINCHESTER | DAVID | CWO4 | 20071224 | NORTH STONINGTON | CT |
| WOLTER | ROBERT | BMC | 20071201 | COTTAGE GROVE | MN |
| WOODSON | LEWIS | LCDR | 20071228 | WILLIAMSBURG | VA |
| WRIGHT | JAMES | MKC | 20080120 | MICKLETON | NJ |
| YAROCH | GREGORY | CDR | 20071118 | SANDWICH | MA |

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| STONE | RAYMOND | CAPT | 20080116 | PIEDMONT | CA |

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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Dependent TAPS

| Name of Dependent | Relationship | Date of Death | Location |
|-------------------------------|--|---------------|--------------------|
| Frances Gayle Laidig | Wife of CAPT Eldon L Laidig, USCGR, Ret | 05 Nov 07 | Arvada, CO |
| Jeri Lyn Bruner | Wife of MK1 James H Bruner, USCG, Ret | 22 Dec 07 | Panama City, FL |
| Patricia A Edgell | Wife of ENCM Paul H Edgell, USCG, Ret | 03 Apr 07 | Fairmont, WV |
| Thomasine (Tina) Langhorne | Wife of SKC Robert K Langhorne, Jr., USCG, Ret | 18 Sep 07 | Virginia Beach, VA |
| Fujiko Hughes | Wife of CWO4 Robert J Hughes, USCG, Ret | 21 Dec 07 | Lynnwood, WA |
| Elaine Rilko | Wife of MKC David Rilko, USCGR, Ret | 07 Dec 07 | Centerville, VA |
| Rachael E Jensen | Wife of BMCM Michael L Jensen, USCG, Ret | 04 Dec 07 | Clinton, MS |
| Anya L Flesh | Wife of CAPT Martin W Flesh, USCG, Ret | 19 Jan 08 | Mexico |
| Jean F Lee | Wife of CWO2 C R Lee, USCG, Ret | 27 Jan 08 | La Mesa, CA |
| Ann K Morrow | Wife of CAPT James C Morrow, USCG, Ret | 29 Jan 08 | Morris, IL |
| Thelma M Quattlebaum | Wife of MKC Tommy P Quattlebaum, USCG, Ret | 02 Jan 08 | Long Beach, MS |
| Margaret T Davies | Wife of CDR Ward J Davies, USCG, Ret | 11 Jan 08 | Brunswick, ME |
| Margaret E (Peggy) Guest | Wife of SKCM Robert A Guest, USCG, Ret | 22 Nov 07 | St Petersburg, FL |
| Elizabeth J Benner | Wife of BMCM Charles F Benner, USCG, Ret | 09 Feb 08 | Pasadena, MD |

If you have lost a loved one and would like their name printed in Dependent TAPs, please contact **PSC-DG-RAS@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.

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USCGC Northland (WMEC 904) Reunion

When: July 11 thru July 13, 2008

Where: Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel & Waterfront Conference Center ran by Marriott, Portsmouth, VA.

Contact: (Phone) Donna Dawson "Plankowner" 1-(386) 325-7391
(email) Syfl_dawson@msn.com

The hotel web site is: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/orfpt-renaissance-portsmouth-hotel-and-waterfront-conference-center/>

The rooms are ready to book - You have to make the reservations by phone in order to get the group discount rate. For information on this contact Donna Dawson before making reservations. The entire 2nd floor is blocked for Friday July 11th and Saturday July 12th 2008, so it would be great if we could fill it up with just the NORTHLAND crew! You can go to the web site to check things out and get all kinds of information about the area from that site. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in July and have many activities planned! Remember to get in touch with as many people as you can think of- the more the merrier!!

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 and your dependents home mailing address (for Retired/Annuitant Statement, newsletter, 1099R, correspondence)
- ◆ 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 an allotment (you may use Form *CG PSC-7221 Retired Allotment Authorization Form, fax in the form or a written request, call us or send us an e-mail request). If you e-mail us with the request, your pay tech will call you to verify your information.
- ◆ Report a change to your Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) coverage (must be in writing)

You may **fax** your request to (785) 339-3770 or mail to:

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

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

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

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:

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>
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
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

E-mail articles, dependent taps entries, reunion notices, etc., to **PSC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil** or call us at the numbers listed below (phone menu option #4). The deadline for the next issue is May 9, 2008.

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 |
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| 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 41618 Philadelphia, PA 19176-9913 | 1 800 419-1473 Overseas phone (973) 548-5699 Overseas Fax # (973) 548-5300 | Death and accelerated benefits claims only: Fax: 1-877 832-4943 All other fax inquiries: 1 800 236-6142 or e-mail: osgli.claims@prudential.com All other inquiries: osgli.osgli@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/ 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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*(Continued from page 18)***Other Important Phone Numbers and Websites**

| Other | Phone | Websites/Notes |
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| Travel Claims | 1 866 772-8724 Overseas (785) 339-2200 | http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/tvl.asp 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://vetrecs.archives.gov Write to: National Personnel Records Center 9700 Page Avenue St. Louis, MO 63132-5100 |
| For copies of 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. DD-214s are now available via the website http://vetrecs.archives.gov | | |
| Social Security | 1 800 772-1213 | http://www.ssa.gov |
| WWII U. S. Merchant Marine Awards and Decorations | (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 |
| National Coast Guard Retiree Hotline Council Help Desk Telephone/E-mail "HOTLINE" | 1 866 664-6245* (toll free) or 1 202 475-5381 *enter 55381 when you Hear the voice greeting | E-mail: NRHD@uscg.mil |

Military Funeral Honors*By: Mr. Robert Casale, ISC New Orleans*

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- A copy of members DD 214 or
- Discharge Papers or
- ID card or Veterans ID.
- Deceased individuals full name and Social Security Number.
- Funeral Home name, address, phone number and Point of Contact.
- Cemetery name, address, phone number and Point of Contact.
- Person to receive the Flag and relationship to the deceased.
- Date and Time of funeral.

Please feel free to contact me at the phone numbers listed above or e-mail Robert.Casale@uscg.mil or FAX 504-253-6360.

Robert Casale, ISC New Orleans



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For Immediate Release

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“Leave no man behind” is a proud military tenet. It has a sacred meaning on the battlefield for the men and women of our armed forces. But it also has application in everyday life. Hundreds of thousands of veterans and their survivors are at risk of being left behind when it comes to the Economic Stimulus Payments that will be paid this summer.

Congress passed, and the President signed into law, a provision to pay so-called “rebates” to Americans who file tax returns. In so doing, they also extended the payments to include veterans and Social Security recipients who ordinarily do not have to even file a tax return. The minimum payment for those who qualify is \$300 for individuals and \$600 for married couples filing a joint income tax return.

The payments will be calculated by the IRS based on tax returns filed now through the end of 2008 reporting income received and taxes due for the 2007 tax year. But since some veterans and their survivors don’t make enough income to have to file a tax form there is great concern that they might miss the opportunity to receive money coming to them.

This year, veterans who do not otherwise have to file anything with the IRS will want to send in a tax form in order to receive a stimulus payment, according to the Internal Revenue Service. This applies to veterans and their survivors who receive certain pension and disability payments which are not taxable.

Veterans who have income other than veteran’s benefits and are required to file a tax return and pay taxes for 2007 have nothing more to do. They will automatically receive their economic stimulus payments after they file their tax forms, beginning this summer. This would include people who receive non-taxable pension or disability payments from the VA, but who also work and earn enough to have to file and pay taxes.

But veterans who receive VA pension or disability payments, sometimes in combination with Social Security or Railroad Retirement Tier I payments (generally none of which are taxable) will need to file an abbreviated tax form this year so the IRS can send them the stimulus payment they are entitled to receive.

Here is how it works.

Those who have no tax liability and are not required to file a tax return may qualify for a minimum payment of \$300 (\$600 if filing a joint return) if they send the IRS a simple tax return that reflects \$3,000 or more in qualifying income. For the purpose of the stimulus payments, qualifying income includes veterans’ disability compensation, and pension or survivors’ benefits received from the Department of Veterans Affairs in 2007. Specifically, compensation or pension received under chapter 11, chapter 13, or chapter 15 of title 38, United States Code will qualify.

The compensation under those code sections includes:

- Monthly payments to veterans of the armed forces who are disabled as a result of injuries or diseases incurred or aggravated during active service, i.e., who have “service-connected

disabilities.” Payments vary with degree of disability and numbers of dependents (spouse, children).

- Monthly payments to surviving spouses; children (if no qualified surviving spouse); and low-income parents of members who die in active service, or veterans whose deaths are “service connected” (the result of service-incurred or service-aggravated injuries or diseases).
- Monthly benefits paid to surviving spouses, or to children if there is no qualified surviving spouse, of veterans whose deaths are not service connected but who suffered from total, service-connected disability for specified periods immediately prior to their deaths.

Also included are those who receive a disability pension which is monthly need-based payments to certain wartime veterans who suffer from permanent and total, non-service-connected disability, or who are age 65 and older. Death pension payments are the final category which are monthly need-based payments to surviving spouses, or, if no qualified surviving spouse, children, of certain wartime veterans.

Here is what to do.

Those who are not required to file a 2007 return but whose total qualifying income (including earned income, Social Security, certain Railroad Retirement and any of the veterans’ benefits stated above) would equal or exceed \$3,000, should file a simple tax return reporting the income and benefits to establish eligibility. You can use a Form 1040A and report the total of your benefits on Line 14a, or you can use a Form 1040 and report the total of your benefits on Line 20a. Please note that both of these lines refer only to Social Security, but you should enter the total of all your benefits received there, whether your only benefits were veterans’ benefits, or a combination of any of the three (Social Security, Railroad Retirement, or veterans’). If you have any earned income, it is reported on a separate line, Line 7, of either form.

Your name, Social Security number and signature (those entries for both you and your spouse if filing jointly), as well as your address, filing status and whether or not you’d like to receive your payment via Direct Deposit, are the only other items needed on the tax return. No other lines need be filled in. A sample 1040A showing the minimal information needed can be viewed on the IRS Website at irs.gov and used as a model for completing the form.

The IRS emphasized that people with no filing requirement who turn in a tax return to qualify for the economic stimulus payment will not get a tax bill. People in this category will not owe money because of the stimulus payment. The stimulus payments are not taxable.

More information on these economic stimulus payments is available on www.IRS.gov. Just click on “Rebate questions” link. IRS wants to make sure that no one who is qualified for a payment gets left behind.

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