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To All: Please disseminate to all PS rated personnel in your AOR. Thanks!



Port Security Specialist

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IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SECURITY RATING

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SUBJ: IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SECURITY RATING

1. I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT ON 06 JUN 2008, I APPROVED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COAST GUARD ENLISTED RATING INVOLVING LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SECURITY (LE/S) DUTIES. THIS NEW RATING WILL ENHANCE OUR CAPABILITIES AS AMERICA'S MARITIME GUARDIAN AND FURTHER SUPPORTS THE COAST GUARD'S MODERNIZATION GOAL OF MAKING OUR FORCE STRUCTURE MORE RESPONSIVE TO MISSION EXECUTION ACROSS ALL ASPECTS OF MARITIME SAFETY, SECURITY AND STEWARDSHIP. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD IN MEETING OUR NATIONAL REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH UNDER THE MARITIME TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ACT, FURTHER REAFFIRMING OUR COMMITMENT AND SUPPORT TO THE MARITIME INDUSTRY.

2. ESTABLISHMENT WILL INCLUDE AN APPROPRIATE CAREER PATH TO CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER. THIS DECISION FOLLOWS A COMPREHENSIVE, 14-MONTH COAST GUARD-WIDE ANALYSIS OF MISSION EXECUTION REQUIREMENTS, HUMAN RESOURCE ISSUES, AND SAFETY MATTERS FACING OUR MEMBERS WHO PERFORM

LE/S DUTIES. THE ANALYSIS CLEARLY SUPPORTS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS NEW RATING TO:

- A. IMPROVE OUR SERVICE TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC, THE MARITIME INDUSTRY, AND OUR INTERAGENCY PARTNERS;
 - B. INCREASE TRAINING AND ADVANCED LE/S COMPETENCY PROFICIENCY;
 - C. ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR FRONT LINE PERSONNEL, AND;
 - D. IMPROVE CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONNEL INTERESTED IN LE/S FOCUSED ASSIGNMENTS.
3. I AM ALSO PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE PORT SECURITY SPECIALIST (PS) RATING WILL BE INTEGRATED WITH THE NEW LE/S RATING. THIS INTEGRATION WILL PROVIDE AN ACTIVE DUTY COUNTERPART FOR THE LEGACY RESERVE-ONLY RATING.
4. LE/S OPERATIONS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A CORE MISSION OF THE COAST GUARD BUT THE TERRORIST ATTACKS OF SEPT 11, 2001, AND THE EMERGING THREATS IN THE MARITIME DOMAIN, REQUIRED US TO REALIGN RESOURCES TO MEET INCREASED LE/S DEMANDS. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ATTACKS, WE ESTABLISHED THE PORTS, WATERWAYS, AND COASTAL SECURITY (PWCS) MISSION. THIS SIGNIFICANTLY EXPANDED LE/S DUTIES AND COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR OUR BOARDING TEAMS, COXSWAINS, AND BOATCREWS. ADDITIONALLY, WE RESTRUCTURED THE SERVICE BY CREATING MARITIME SAFETY AND SECURITY TEAMS (MSST), THE MARITIME SECURITY RESPONSE TEAM (MSRT), COAST GUARD SECTORS, AND THE DEPLOYABLE OPERATIONS GROUP (DOG). THE RESTRUCTURING NECESSARY TO MEET THE INCREASED LE/S DEMANDS HAS ITSELF REVEALED ADDITIONAL CHALLENGES. THESE CHALLENGES INCLUDE RECRUITING, TRAINING, DEVELOPING, AND MANAGING PERSONNEL IN LE/S FOCUSED ASSIGNMENTS.
5. BEGINNING IN APRIL 2007, THE LAW ENFORCEMENT, TACTICAL, AND SECURITY GROUP OCCUPATION (LETSGO) TEAM WAS CHARTERED TO IDENTIFY AND RECOMMEND SOLUTIONS TO THESE CHALLENGES. ONE PARTICULAR CHARGE WAS TO STUDY AND VALIDATE THE FEASIBILITY AND SCALABILITY OF A NEW LE/S RATING. OUR PERFORMANCE TECHNOLOGY EXPERTS AT YORKTOWN CONSTRUCTED AND LAUNCHED A TAILORED OCCUPATIONAL ANALYSIS (TOA) AND DIRECTED IT TO OVER 12,000 COAST GUARD PERSONNEL. THE TOA DISCOVERED THAT OVER 1,500 COAST GUARD MEN AND WOMEN ACROSS 32 UNIT TYPES SPEND MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF THEIR TIME PERFORMING LE/S DUTIES. THIS MEANS A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF OUR PERSONNEL MUST MAINTAIN ADVANCED PROFICIENCY IN COLLATERAL DUTY LE/S COMPETENCIES WHILE TRYING TO MAINTAIN THE RATING COMPETENCIES REQUIRED FOR THEIR CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND ADVANCEMENT.
6. THE RATING WILL BENEFIT THE PUBLIC AND OUR INDUSTRY PARTNERS THROUGH STANDARDIZED PERFORMANCE AND ENHANCED PROFESSIONALISM. ALSO, A NEW LE/S RATING WILL BENEFIT OUR PERSONNEL BY ALLOWING THOSE WHO DESIRE TO FOCUS THEIR CAREER ON THE LE/S FIELD TO DO SO. A RATING WILL BOOST OUR SERVICE'S RETURN ON TRAINING INVESTMENT AS WE EFFECTIVELY SUSTAIN THE CRITICAL, PERISHABLE SKILLS DEMANDED BY LE/S DUTIES.
7. MEMBERS OF THE LE/S RATING WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE IN A BROAD RANGE OF OPERATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS. THESE WILL INCLUDE STATIONS, SECTORS, CUTTERS, COAST GUARD POLICE DEPARTMENTS, AND DEPLOYABLE SPECIALIZED FORCES. WE ALSO ANTICIPATE ENGAGEMENT POSSIBILITIES WITH OTHER MILITARY SERVICES AND AGENCIES.
8. AS WE PROCEED TO ESTABLISH THIS NEW LE/S RATING, IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE MAJORITY OF OUR BOARDING OFFICERS AND BOARDING TEAM MEMBERS WILL CONTINUE TO COME FROM EXISTING ENLISTED RATINGS. THE LE/S RATING WILL ENHANCE OUR CURRENT LE/S FORCE STRUCTURE BY CREATING A CORE CADRE OF SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS IN SUPPORT OF UNIT PERFORMANCE ACROSS SIX OF OUR ELEVEN STATUTORY MISSIONS.
9. THE TIME REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH THE NEW RATING IS APPROXIMATELY

24 MONTHS. TO FACILITATE THIS TIMELINE, I INTEND TO ANNOUNCE THE FIRST RATING FORCE MASTER CHIEF BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. THE NEXT MAJOR STEP IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RATING WILL BE THE COMPLETION OF THE MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS DETERMINATION (MRD), AN 8-12 MONTH PROCESS IDENTIFYING UNIT NEEDS AND BILLET IMPACTS. THE MRD WILL HELP SCOPE THE SIZE AND LOCATION OF LE/S BILLETS.

10. I SUSPECT MANY OF YOU HAVE A LIST OF QUESTIONS. PLEASE BE PATIENT. ANSWERS WILL BE FORTHCOMING. ROUTINE UPDATES WITH TIMELINES AND STATUS REPORTS WILL BE PUBLISHED VIA FUTURE ALLHANDS AND ALCOAST MESSAGES.

11. MY PERSONAL THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE STUDY. YOUR FRANK AND TIMELY INPUT PROVED VITAL TO THIS CRITICAL EFFORT, AND IT WILL CONTINUE TO INFORM THE LETSGO TEAM AS IT MOVES FORWARD WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN. LET THE WORK BEGIN. SEMPER PARATUS.

12. FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO [HTTP://WWW.USCG.MIL/COMDT/MCPCOG/](http://www.uscg.mil/comdt/mcpcog/), UNDER CURRENT EVENTS.

13. ADMIRAL THAD ALLEN SENDS.

14. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.

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You may have not seen this story produced by PA1 Eggers for the Pentagon Channel. It does a great job of describing the need for the new LE/S rating.

The link is: http://cgvi.uscg.mil/media/main.php?g2_itemId=321192

Q&A Before I try to answer some of your questions let me make a brief statement you should keep in your mind as you read these and ALL Force Notes: the creation of the **yet to be named** LE/S rating is an evolution that is **subject to change**.

We have been given a wonderful gift and a golden opportunity that we have requested for several years. This is our time to be proud of the years of service we have given and continue to give every day. As we move ahead **do not make hasty career changes or spontaneous decisions** based on today's information. I use the word "information" rather than "facts" because there aren't many 'facts' at this time. If I have stated anything up to this point in previous Force Notes or in speeches at your unit, it was based on information I had **then**. As this evolution continues and the rating shapes up I will continue to give you what I know to be true. Some things I have previously stated in phone conversations and in talks to a couple of units has **already** changed, so with that said, I'll tell you what I know.

Q. What does this mean for the PS rating?

A. The PS rating will be merged into the new rating. The PS rating will be de-commissioned. It has not been determined if there will be a transition period or if this will be carried out once the new rating stands up. I will ask for an official ceremony but I'll have to see what can be done.

Q. When will PS's change to the new rating?

A. This is **to be determined** based on several factors. I suspect the new rating will standup early in 2010. The time line is aggressive and flexible. I'll

keep everyone up to date as we go. As we **transition** to the new rating the reserve timeline may not exactly mirror the rating standup timeline.

Q. When will the first service wide exam be available for the new rating?

A. I would anticipate Oct of 2010, but this too is TBD.

Q. Is LE/S the actual name is the new rating?

A. No, the naming process is in the works and I'll keep everyone informed.

Q. Who will be the Rating Force Master Chief?

A. A solicitation should be out soon for an RFMC, Senior SWE writer and a "A" School Master Chief. I will be working closely with the selected RFMC to ensure reserve issues are addressed.

Q. Will ALL PS's become the new rating?

A. No, some will merge over to the new rating without any problems. Some billets will be reprogrammed to other ratings such as BM, GM and MST as appropriate. Also all bodies assigned to the billets may not qualify for the new rating and you may choose to lateral to another rating. A big question that has to be answered is how many billets will be needed for the reserve side of the new rating. IF the program makes the decision to make major changes in billets based on the current world of work we could gain or lose billets. Gaining billets causes no major issues but losing many billets could force folks to change ratings.

I do not want to cause undue concern but we must be in-tune to the possibility that some existing billets in current units could be lost. The best way to look at this is "WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW" on your reserve weekends. If you are doing pollution response and investigation and all Port State Control work and no PS duties, that could indicate your billet might be subject to reprogramming.

Q. What do you mean by qualify? If I'm a PS doesn't that automatically make me the new rating if I'm in a PS billet?

A. **No**, there will be several qualifying basic minimum standards that one must meet to qualify for the new rating. Because such "standards" have not been determined it would be inappropriate for me to discuss this at this time.

Q. What if I do not want to switch to the new rating or I can not pass the established standards for the rating?

A. First of all, I want to remind everyone that there are no standards set at this time. I would anticipate everyone will need to qualify with the PDW but this has yet to be determined. If you do not have the desire to perform Law Enforcement/ Security tasks you should begin to explore other opportunities.

Q. What does it take to lateral over to another rating and will I be allowed to keep my current rank?

A. It is unlikely anyone will be allowed to lateral from PS to another

rating **without first** meeting the qualifications for that selected rating at your pay grade.

Let me give an example: A PSC (Chief) does not want to be in the new rating. The Chief has been performing a lot of Port State Control duties on the reserve weekend drills and **wants** to be a MSTC (Marine Science Technician Chief). The Chief (PS) needs to satisfy all the MSTC Qualifications for E-7) and any other criteria for MSTC **BEFORE** the lateral will be allowed.

NOTE The CHANGE OF RATING process is clearly written out in COMDTINST 1001.28A Chapter 7.C.9 (Reserve Policy Manual)

You should expect a formal process to take place that will balance the individual's needs with the needs of the Coast Guard in regard to this new rating. You can also expect that your RFMC will be engaged and involved during all phases of this transition to the new rating.

If you have other questions please send them to me and I'll answer them in my next Force Notes. I'm sure there are things I did not cover so call me @ 202-372-1004 or shoot me an e-mail @ william.b.allred@uscg.mil and I'll get you an answer.

The bottom line is this: I will work to represent each and every PS to the best of my ability. We all have some time to decide what we want to do with our Coast Guard careers. If you want to perform Law Enforcement/ Security duties then you will have a rating that will focus on LE and Security and you will have an active duty counter part. If you do not want to continue in the LE/S field, then look at the above referenced site (***NOTE***), educate yourself on the lateral (Change of Rating) process and look for future guidance specific to this initiative. What are you good at or what have you always wanted to do? Where in the Coast Guard do you best fit? Answer these questions real soon and I will post a list of ratings that are currently open for laterals. Talk to your units training officer and let your command know that you may need help in getting qualified in a new rating.

DO NOT wait until 1 Jan 2010 to find a Rating **if you do not want to continue** in the field of LE/Security. I will do all that I can to assist anyone who wants to lateral out of the new rating. I will talk to the other RFMC's to assist you in changing ratings and I'll help anyone in any way that I can. Make up your mind soon and get started with a plan. As I said once, and I'll repeat it again, as PS's we have been given a great opportunity for change. We will have the opportunity to improve our knowledge and skills through professional development, integrate into the Coast Guard fulltime and apply for EAD/ADSW in our chosen rating.

SWE information:

Eligibility Criteria Spreadsheet for the OCT08 RSWE <i>(Created by PSC(ADV) as a reference tool. For official policy, refer to the latest RSWE Announcement Message or appropriate directives)</i>				
Exam Board	SWE Exam Grade	SWE or Waived	Institute Course Requirements	Other Courses/Certification Requirements

PSCM	E9	SWE	None	
PSCS	E8	SWE	EPME-0862	CPO Academy if DOR is on/after 1JAN99 (JR,JS, or JT)
PSC	E7	SWE	None	
PS1	E6	SWE	PS1-0168, EPME-0662	
PS2	E5	SWE	PS2-0268	

FROM PS"A" SCHOOL

All Port Security Specialists "A" School students arriving at Training Center Yorktown are required to participate in an organized physical fitness program. Students are evaluated in week one by completing the Coast Guard's Physical Fitness Assessment. This provides the staff with a base line fitness level of the entire class. This three day a week fitness program trains students using a progressive schedule designed to increase levels of strength as well as muscular and cardiovascular endurance. All students are required to meet the following fitness standards:

Male Requirements

Event	<30	30 to 39	40 to 49
Push Ups	29	24	18
Sit Ups	38	35	29
1.5 Mile Run	12:51	13:36	14:29
Sit and Reach	16.5"	15.5"	14.25"
12 Min Swim *	500 yds	500 yds	500 yds

Female Requirements

Event	<30	30 to 39	40 to 49
Push Ups	15/23*	11/19*	9/13*
Sit Ups	32	25	20
1.5 Mile Run	15:26	15:57	16:58
Sit and Reach	19.25"	18.25"	17.25"
12 Min Swim *	500 yds	500 yds	500 yds

*Push ups: First Number denotes Straight Leg position
 Second Number Denotes from the knee bend position
 12 Min swim can be substituted for the 1.5 Mile Run

For maximum success in the physical fitness program, prospective students with the assistance of their commands are encouraged to conduct a preliminary fitness test when requesting placement on the waiting list for Port Security Specialist "A" School. This will allow the candidate to evaluate their overall fitness level prior to receiving orders. If the candidate identifies that push-ups are a weakness they will need to focus their efforts on exercises that develop "Muscular Strength" these are pushing and pulling exercises. If sit-ups are the stumbling block then they need to focus on exercises that develop "Muscular Endurance" these are exercises that target and develop the inner core muscles. Now the only way to decrease a candidate's 1.5 mile run time is to run, but change the type of running that is done. Don't train for a 1.5 mile run by only running 1.5 miles unless you are doing it in intervals such as:

Run at 75% for .25 mile

Jog for .25 mile

Brisk walk for .25 mile (recovery period)

Repeat for a specified number of times.

Alternate this type of training with regularly scheduled runs at a comfortable pace of 2 or more miles and this should reduce your 1.5 mile run times. Remember with any exercise program consult with your doctor or medical staff to ensure that you are healthy enough to begin a fitness program. Workouts designed to assist candidates to meet the fitness standards are being added to the PS"A" web site to increase the potential for success upon reporting to school. The PS"A" school fitness staff can also be contacted for assistance via the PS"A" School Chief, BMCS R.L. Krahn at randy.l.krahn@uscg.mil.

Feed back:

From MCPO Edward Lewis, Command Master Chief Sector Guam

Good to see some new PS force notes. It always gets a conversation going between our active and reserve force and quite frankly, I appreciate anything that helps our reservists. Force notes and advancement discussions usually work best. Heck, this set has both. Thanks. One comment to consider, "Remember that EOCT are based on the material "AS IT WAS PRINTED". The same material covered on the SWE must be answered "AS IT IS CURRENTLY PRACTICED TODAY in accordance with COMDTINST & policy". The exact same question has to be answered two different ways, one for the EOCT and another way for the SWE."

Change that to three ways. EOCT "as it was printed", SWE (rated portion) as it is currently practiced, SWE (EPME) as it was printed. Sounds weird, but the EMPE section comes straight from the EMPE manual which has very few updates and does not reflect current policy.

This is an edited portion of an email I shared with our crew (including the reserve force) from Chief Simpson about the EPME section of the SWE. "The answer to every SWE question can be found in the E-PMPE study guide or the E-2 curriculum (CAPE MAY). The E-PMPE study guide was created under the premise of having a single study guide for AQEs and SWEs..." Simpson, Steven DCC, EPME Subject Matter Specialist. There is a guiding document for the EMPE process that explains this fairly well.

I push my crew hard to study and to study the right material. I am not a fan of the EMPE manual but it is what it is. Imagine being a YN and having the same question twice on one test with different right answers... Yes, that is possible.

Again, thanks for the notes. I look forward to discussing with our crew.

Thanks MCPO Lewis

From PSCM Jane Akers (edited by MCPO Allred)

Thanks MC Allred, for the mention of Howie Marshal in your notes. The gesture means a lot. I will be sure to forward and to more than PS's.

Just returned from the Memorial Service for BMC Howie Marshall held at Camp Perry. Very good turn out on very short notice and considering the unexpectedness of the tragedy.

Heart breaking. Howie was exceptional, a pillar of positive goodness to be relied upon and he now he is gone. However I think, (and also hope and pray) that the real impact of Howie's death will (in short term) be simply put a more serious mindset. There appears to be more than usual a recognition of a a job to be done and an understanding of the PRICE, the personal cost of SERVICE. This is something that does not usually come home to the majority until well into to deployment or sometimes even until well after the return.

It will be up to the Mess and the Command leadership to ensure that they come back knowing in their hearts, that the opportunity to serve, the shared experience, the comradeship, is worth the price.

I spoke to as many as possible. Now they must care for each other. God Bless them all.

Thank you MCPO Akers for sharing your kind words and PSU 309 will remain in our thoughts and prayers.

From PSCM Gary Sherrill (Past PS-RFMC)

Hey MC Allred, as I recall the BOQSP was available to anyone that wanted to do the training, even if they weren't planning on attending the resident course. Has that changed?

Good question MC Sherrill, I forwarded this to Senior Chief Thomas McCook at the MLEA School and got this answer:

Affirmative Master Chief, The Boarding Officer Qualification Support Program (BOQSP) is a product for the entire fleet to use for initial, or refresher training in Law Enforcement. As you know it is the prerequisite for the Boarding Officer Practical Course (BOPC). The course represents the class room material the Boarding Officer resident (six week) course receives. Time to complete the course really depends on the student's learning type but figure approximately forty five hours.

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Thank you MCPO Sherrill and SCPO McCook, I would advise anyone who wants to advance to E-6 and above to get qualified as a BO. I have a feeling it may soon be an advancement requirement.

I received this information about PS3 Courtney Greer but I did not copy the sender's name. The current RESERVIST MAGAZINE (on line now) has a good photo and a short comment in Vol 55, Issue 5-2008 on page 17.

PS3 Courtney Greer, USCGR, of MSRON 8 (formerly NCWS 21, Newport, RI) recently earned and was awarded the EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE PIN. For info - PS3 Greer volunteered to deploy with us. She was assigned to NCWS 25 (Williamsburg, VA), with Commodore Broz, USN, as CO. Captain Dave Martin, USCGR took command of Squadron 25 in December 2007. The squadron was decommissioned in February 2008. Obviously - Squadron 25 provided excellent training for PS3 Greer prior to her being transferred to our squadron in July 2007. "Her main assignment while deployed is on watch in the Joint Operations Center - for her to complete all the requirements for the EXW pin - she made outstanding use of her off watch time! Obviously I am very proud of her" stated her Captain Martin.

Two more CGR members are close to achieving the same goal - OS2 Steve Demorat - currently the DOG CGR Sailor of the Year; and OS2 Eden Papineau. I am hoping to see traffic soon indicating they also were pinned.

Great work PS3 Greer!

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION (part of the message, go to Reserve web page to see complete message)

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SUBJ: CY 2008 CG FOUNDATION ENLISTED EDUCATION AND VANDER PUTTEN FAMILY EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAMS 1. THE COAST GUARD FOUNDATION AND MR. ROY VANDER PUTTEN HAVE AGAIN GRACIOUSLY GIFTED SUPPORT FOR OFF-DUTY EDUCATION FOR CALENDAR YEAR (CY) 2008. THE CG FOUNDATION EDUCATION GRANT (CGFEG) AND VANDER PUTTEN FAMILY EDUCATION GRANT (VPEG) PROGRAMS PROVIDE ACTIVE DUTY ENLISTED PERSONNEL, AND RESERVISTS ON ACTIVE DUTY ORDERS OF AT LEAST ONE YEAR, ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES.

2. IN AN EFFORT TO STREAMLINE AND IMPROVE MANAGEMENT OF THE TWO GENEROUS GRANT PROGRAMS, THE CY08 CGFEG AND THE VPEG APPLICATION AND PROCEDURE PROCESS HAVE BEEN COMBINED AND MEMBERS MAY APPLY FOR BOTH GRANT PROGRAMS AT THE SAME TIME. THE CGFEG CAP FOR CY 2008 WILL REMAIN AT 350 DOLLARS AND THE VPEG CAP FOR CY 2008 REMAINS AT 500 DOLLARS PER ENLISTED MEMBER, FOR A COMBINED TOTAL OF 850 DOLLARS. THIS CHANGE ALLOWS MEMBERS TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS AND RECEIVE BOTH GRANTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

3. THE GRANTS COVER EDUCATION COSTS NOT COVERED BY THE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OR OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING SUCH AS THE CG MUTUAL ASSISTANCE SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION GRANT, PELL GRANTS, MGIB/VEAP, MGIB TOP-UP OR OTHER GOVERNMENT EDUCATION FUNDING PROGRAMS. SOME EXAMPLES OF WHAT THE GRANT COVERS CAN BE FOUND AT THE CG INSTITUTE WEBSITE: WWW.USCG.MIL/HQ/CG1/CGI. NAVIGATE USING THE FOLLOWING PATHS: HOME - COLLEGE FUNDING ASSISTANCE TAB - USCG FOUNDATION EDUCATION GRANTS. CLICK ON THE COMMONLY CLAIMED EXPENSES LINK. THIS LIST IS NOT ALL-INCLUSIVE. NEW TO THE WEB SITE AND THE APPLICATION FORM ARE EXAMPLE APPLICATION SCENARIOS TO HELP MEMBERS AND COMMAND REPRESENTATIVES 4. CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY:

A. ACTIVE DUTY STATUS OR RESERVISTS CURRENTLY SERVING ON ACTIVE DUTY ORDERS FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR, SERVING IN PAY GRADES E-3 TO E- 9. SINCE CY07, THERE IS NO TIME IN SERVICE REQUIREMENT.

Note: this grant was under utilized in 2007 and funds were returned to the Vander Putten family. Lets honor this families gift by using the funds to further your education.

Other ALCOAST of interest:

Subject: FW: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COAST GUARD COMBAT ACTION RIBBON, R 291518Z
JUL 08 COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC//CG-12//

One drawback to working on the new rating is that I need to be here in Washington, D. C. to attend many meetings and group discussions during the LETSGO Phase III. This may means less travel in 2009 to visit units across the country. I have tried to travel a lot this year and visited many of you in 2008 but I wanted to travel more. Please remember that I will travel on the weekends to ALL HANDS and get back to Washington to make sure we are represented in all LETSGO III endeavors.



Left to right: Mat Allred, MCPO Sam Allred and John Allred

PSCM Sam Allred and two of his sons competed in the National Bar-B-Que battle held in Washington, DC in June '08. MCPO Allred's both was decorated with Coast

Guard colors and red, white and blue bunting. The team, SAM'S HAMS finished 20th out of 40 competitors.

Stay safe, do the right thing, and feel free to call or email me anytime.

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