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Military Retiree Council Chairmen Meet with DoD Health Officials on Retiree Healthcare Issues

The chairmen of the Army, Secretary of the Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard Retiree Councils, met with Mr. Rudy DeLeon, the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, in July and September 1998 to discuss retiree concerns and DoD healthcare initiatives affecting retirees.

The Chairman, Coast Guard National Retiree Council, RADM Bob Hollingsworth, represented the Commandant and Coast Guard retirees at the two meetings. In the July meeting, the Chairmen of the service councils presented a joint report on major issues related to retiree healthcare to Mr. DeLeon. The September meeting with Mr. DeLeon also included Dr. Susan Bailey, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, and the Surgeon Generals of the Army, Navy and Air Force. RADM Joyce Johnson, USPHS,

Director of Health and Safety Directorate (G-WK) of Coast Guard Headquarters participated in the September meeting.

The two meetings focused on issues the Retiree Council Chairmen, in their joint report of 19 June 1998, identified as being of universal concern to military retirees and their fami-



Pictured from left to right are: VADM James F Dorsey, U.S. Navy, Retired – Chairman, Secretary of the Navy Retiree Council, CMSAF James M. McCoy, USAF, Retired – Chairman, Air Force Retiree Council, LTG Ellis D. Parker, U.S. Army, Retired – Chairman, Chief of Staff, Army Retiree Council and RADM Bob Hollingsworth, USCG, Retired – Chairman, Coast Guard National Retiree Council

lies, regardless of their service affiliation. At the conclusion of the September meeting, Mr. DeLeon invited the Chairmen of the service retiree councils to meet again with him and his key advisors in early 1999 to continue the dia-

logue on retiree healthcare issues.

In their report and in discussions with DoD health officials, the Retiree Council Chairmen recognized the reality of the greatly diminished Military Health Services System (MHSS) caused by the closing of fifty-eight military treatment facilities and the reduction in medical personnel staffing by one-third, and uncertainties about the future associated with the continuing restructuring of the military healthcare system. The Chairmen pointed out to Mr. DeLeon and the Surgeon Generals of the military services that TRICARE, in its present form, fails to reach as many as 60 percent of the military retiree beneficiaries and that twenty-six states have no military treatment facilities.

The Chairmen of the Retiree Councils identified four mutually supporting objectives that, if implemented, would address some of the major shortcomings in the present sys-

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tem resulting in less than adequate healthcare for retirees in military treatment facilities or through TRICARE. Of the four objectives, three are focused on retirees over 65 years of age who are not eligible for TRICARE nor care in military treatment facilities on other than a space available basis. The adjacent table summarizes the four objectives of the service retiree councils in their 1998 report. These items will be stressed in future meetings with DoD and Coast Guard healthcare communities who are responsible for establishing policies and implementing programs affecting the quality of healthcare for retirees.



Objective	Recommended Improvement
Improve TRICARE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce annual catastrophic cap from \$7500 to \$3000 • Introduce legislation to require Medicare providers to accept TRICARE Standard (Champus) assignment • Raise TRICARE Standard (Champus) reimbursement levels • Expand TRICARE Prime outside MTF catchment area in CONUS where significant densities of military retirees exist • Establish an effective TRICARE Ombudsman Program in every TRICARE region
Fully implement Medicare Subvention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conclude current demonstration tests as soon as data is available, and expeditiously implement subvention to reach the 30-40 percent of Medicare-eligible beneficiaries who reside within the catchment areas of military treatment facilities
Establish Federal Employees Health Benefit Program for Medicare-Eligible Retirees (FEHBP-65)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide FEHBP-65 an option for the Medicare-eligible beneficiaries who reside in areas outside the catchment areas of the TRICARE health care network
Authorize a National Mail Order Pharmacy Program for Medicare-Eligible Retirees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the evaluation of the feasibility, advisability, and cost of expanding the Mail Order Pharmacy Program to all Medicare-eligible military beneficiaries and vigorously press for its prompt implementation

MCPO selected as Co-Chairman of Retiree Council

MCPO William C. Phillips, USCGR, Retired, has been selected as Co-Chairman of the Coast Guard's National Retiree Council by the Commandant. This is the first time an enlisted member has held this position.

Previously MCPO Phillips had a variety of assignments. He was installed as Command Enlisted Advisor, Reserve Forces at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington D.C. on 31 August 1994. Prior to this assignment, he served as the Reserve Command Enlisted Advisor of the 13th Coast Guard District from January 1989 until August of 1994.

Master Chief Phillips enlisted in the Coast Guard in September of 1969 and attended basic training at Alameda, California. He served at Governors Island, Quoddy

Head, Maine and South West Harbor, Maine, Loran Station Iwo Jima and aboard CGC Point Richmond in Anacortes, Washington.

A CG reservist since September of 1973, he attained the rank of Master Chief in March 1984. MCPO Phillips has had several collateral duties while assigned to Group MSO Portland, Oregon including the RK Coordinator, Chief Master at Arms, Boarding Officer, Career Counselor, Administration Assistant and Small Arms Instructor.

A police officer, MCPO Phillips earned an Associates in Criminal Justice in 1975 from Portland Community College; a Bachelors Degree in Administration of Justice in 1977 from Portland State University; and a Masters Degree in Administration of Criminal Justice in 1980 from the University of Portland.



Master Chief William C. Phillips
Co-Chairman, USCGR, Retired
Retiree Council

Being Prepared: Helping your survivors deal with your personal affairs after your death

The following article was submitted by Captain Kirk Greiner, USCG, Retired, of Vancouver, WA.

There are two facts of life. We will all die; and the life expectancy of women is longer than that of men.

With this in mind, and triggered by the death of a fellow officer whose widow I assisted; I set about organizing my financial and legal affairs so that my survivors would have my records and instructions in one place.

I chose a loose-leaf notebook to keep my records assembled. If you have a fireproof safe in your house, you can put original documents in your notebook in the safe. Otherwise, put copies in the notebook and keep the originals in a safe deposit box where they will be safe in the event of a fire.

I divided the notebook with numbered dividers and created a table of contents. The notebook cover states: "This book contains instructions and information in the event of the disability or death of one or both of us. It contains originals of wills, trusts, living wills, powers of attor-

ney, titles to property and vehicles, personal and net worth information. This book should be the starting point when handling our affairs in the event of disability or death."

My wife and I began by writing a personal letter to our children which set forth our hopes for them in dividing our estate and for their relationship throughout life.



The Table of Contents lists the following:

- 1) Notification of Death
 - * Immediate
 - Police
 - Coroner
 - * As soon as Possible
 - USCG HRSIC
 - Bank
 - Social Security
 - Veterans Administration
 - Relatives & friends
- 2) General Instructions and handling of remains
- 3) Assets
 - * Net Worth
 - * Information on Assets
- 4) Living Wills
- 5) Powers of Attorney
- 6) Trusts & Titles
 - * Living trust
 - * Real Estate
 - * Stocks
 - * Personal Property
 - Vehicles
 - Other
- 7) Wills
- 8) Spouse's Survivor Benefits
 - * Effects of Social Security Offset
 - * Designation of Beneficiary Form CGHRSIC 3600
 - * Survivor Benefit Plan Election Certificate DD 1883
 - * Application for Final Retired Pay by Designated Beneficiary CGHRSIC 3867
- 9) Insurance – Life
 - * Policy list
 - * Lists with special insurance that may apply
 - Credit cards carry insurance on trips paid for with the card
 - AAA has free accidental insurance for their members
 - Travel agents have life insurance on trips purchased through them
 - Workman's Comp (if

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death is work related)

- 10) Insurance – other
 - * Automobile
 - * Property
 - * Umbrella policy
 - 11) People
 - * Estate Attorney
 - * Doctor
 - * Clergy
 - * Attorneys
- (if death is not natural-civil litigators)
- 12) Passwords
 - 13) Certificates
 - * Birth
 - * Marriage

This list was my idea of what I thought would be needed.

Some of it needs more explanation.

In Section One, I listed the phone numbers and if applicable the addresses of people or agencies. In addition, I included some plastic folders in this section and placed in them the paperwork that would be needed to communicate with some of the agencies. In one plastic folder, I placed all of the papers from the VA. These included my VA Certificate of Eligibility, a blank application for VA benefits (VA-Form 21-534), and papers relating to my VA disability. Another plastic folder contains my DD 214 from the Coast Guard.

Semi-annually, I prepare a net worth statement on a computer spreadsheet program and I place it in Section Three. It contains a listing of all assets such as cash, stocks & bonds, cash value of insurance, accounts receivable, real estate, time shares and other assets. It also lists outstanding liabilities which are broken down very specifically with the account number, institution and address, if applicable.

Section Four contains the original living wills. These are also called Natural Death Directives. They set forth instructions for each spouse,

under our states law, allowing or withholding certain medical procedures in the event either spouse becomes incompetent due to illness or is certified terminally ill.

Section Five contains durable powers of attorney giving the other spouse or our children the authority to act in the event that one spouse becomes incompetent. It also contains specific powers of attorney.

Section Six contains the Revocable Trust Agreement, also known as a living trust, into which most of our assets have been transferred, and any amendments to it. The assets then pass to the survivor or beneficiary in accordance with the terms of the trust.

The purpose is to avoid probate, a process which can take a year or more during which the title to assets is in the hands of a personal representative. It does not avoid any taxes, but expedites the processing of your estate. This section also contains copies or originals of all titles to real estate and cars. The account in which you have your stocks & bonds is also changed to reflect them as an asset of the trust.

Section Seven contains the wills of both spouses. A will is necessary in the event any assets are not in the trust. Ideally, everything would be in the living trust.

Section Eight contains your last Leave and Earning Statement as well as any instructions on what the spouse is entitled to under any survivor benefit plan that was selected upon retirement. Call HRSIC at 1-800-772-8724 for the Benefits Package for survivors and fill out the forms except for the date of death. The forms should be discussed with the spouse so that he/she understands the entitlements. Although the forms may change over time, this will gather the needed information so that the survivor does not have to try and figure out what is required.

Section Nine contains all life insurance policies, and the address and phone numbers of the agent or company to contact. It also has all of the information on blanket policies including extracts of the AAA policy and the Certificate of Coverage from the State for Workman's Compensation.

Skipping to Section Twelve, there are a myriad of passwords and combinations we now use in this computerized world. I have listed them all here. They include the house security number to turn on and off the alarm as well as luggage and briefcase combinations.

The last section contains our passports, any naturalization certificates, marriage certificates, baptismal certificates and other important papers.

This notebook will provide any survivor with an excellent starting point for handling your personal affairs. Some of these matters should be discussed with and drafted by an attorney, particularly with respect to wills, trusts, living wills, and powers of attorney.

While creating this compilation of records is an excellent method of helping your survivors, periodic review and updating of the information should be undertaken as the titles to property change, and net worth changes.

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*Those who have
access to the internet
can view the
homepage of HRSIC
at:*

www.uscg.mil/hq/hrsic

Congress passes key defense bills

With most of the contentious issues already negotiated successfully, it was almost anticlimactic when Congress passed both the FY 1999 Defense Authorization Act and the FY 1999 Defense Appropriations Act in October. The Authorization Act provides statutory guidelines for defense activities, including force strengths, and prescribes new changes in compensation and other authorities. The Appropriations Act provides the money to fund defense operations, including the new provisions in the Authorization Act.

The House approved the Appropriations Act on 28 September 1998, and the Senate followed suit the next day, both by lopsided majorities. 1 October 1998, the Senate voted 96-to-2 to pass the Authorization Act, which had already won House approval.



Service Chiefs push Pay & Retirement fixes

In a special hearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee on 29 September 1998, the Joint Chiefs of Staff asserted that the Services will need another \$20 billion a year in FY2000 and beyond to maintain needed readiness levels.

General Henry H. Shelton, USA, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, testified that meeting the national objective of carrying on two simultaneous regional conflicts would entail "high" risk. That assessment means the job would get done, he said, but it would take longer and entail higher casualties.

All Service Chiefs and the Chairman testified that their greatest concern is declining retention of quality personnel. "Our forces are showing increasing signs of serious wear," said Shelton, and several of the Joint Chiefs told senators that without substantial defense budget increases in the coming years, the services will face a return to the "hollow force" of the 1970's. The Joint Chiefs attributed the personnel problems to oppressively high mission deployment rates, an "over-reformed" retirement system that offers current servicemembers an inadequate career incentive, and a long succession of pay raise caps that have left military pay nearly 14

percent behind private sector pay growth.

The Joint Chief's first priority to address the growing readiness problem is repealing the 1986 Military Retirement Reform Act (MRRA), which cut the retired pay formula and capped future retired pay COLAs for members first entering service after 31 July 1986. Under MRRA, a 20-year retiree will receive 40 percent (vice 50 percent) of high-three-year-average basic pay and will have COLAs capped one percentage point below inflation.

The Joint Chiefs second priority is a series of higher pay raises aimed at closing the current pay gap. Finally, the Joint Chiefs' unanimously agreed that billions more per year would be required for modernization and other needs that have been neglected for the past decade or more.

Having warned since the 1980's that the Services must eventually face a retention and readiness "train wreck" as a result of compounded retirement and health care cutbacks and institutionalized pay caps, Congress and the Pentagon are now talking about how to fix these long-standing inequities that will cost billions of dollars to turn around.

Veterans Preference Bill passes

Veterans Preference Bill S.1021 opens most non-appointive federal jobs to veterans preference, including positions in the legislative and judicial branches. It also creates a new appeals option for preference-eligible veterans dissatisfied with agency hiring or layoff actions and allows financial damages for veterans who prevail in a claim that a federal agency violated their veterans preference rights. (Preference-eligible retirees are those who are disabled or who served on active duty during specific military cam-

paigns – Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf conflicts etc).

The new system establishes a "one-stop-shopping" mechanism under the Labor Department. Labor will have to set up a process to handle the new claims uniformly and authorize appeals to the Merit Systems Protection Board and federal district court. S.1021 also prevents federal agencies from doing business with contractors who fail to comply with veterans' employment reporting requirements.

S.1021 was sponsored by Senator Chuck Hagel (R-Neb) a Vietnam veteran. The earlier House-passed version (H.R.240) was championed by Representative John Mica (R-Fla).

The legislation was sent to the President on 20 October 1998 for signature.

"We cannot solve today's problems with the same level of thinking that created them."

Albert Einstein
Physicist

Will I get paid on 3 January 2000?



With all the publicity about potential year 2000 (Y2K) computer system problems, you can be sure this question is going through everyone's mind, or will in the near future. We would like to pass along some information to the Coast Guard military family about actions that have been taken or are being taken to make sure that pay delivery is not interrupted at the turn of the century.

The Coast Guard Human Resources Service & Information Center (HRSIC) has responsibility for the operation of the automated systems that provide personnel and payroll support for the Active Duty, Reserve, Retired and Annuitant communities. These systems have been modified to be Y2K compliant, undergone extensive parallel testing, and are currently producing monthly payrolls. While our personnel/payroll systems have been dealing with some dates past 2000 for quite a few years, HRSIC's staff is continuing to extensively test the system with future dated data, on a computer certified to be Y2K compliant. This final phase of testing will be completed by the end of January 1999. In addition to efforts on Coast Guard internal systems, HRSIC has coordinated with all its external customers to ensure data exchanges are not effected by the century change.

While there are many external data suppliers/receivers, the most critical from a payroll delivery standpoint are the U.S. Treasury and the Federal Reserve System. Both of these organizations have very active Y2K compliance programs. In fact, financial institutions such as banks that are members of the Federal Reserve System are being inspected by Federal Reserve Bank Examiners to ensure their systems are Y2K compliant – this is a requirement to remain under the Federal Reserve System.

The Coast Guard is confident of its ability to produce a payroll and of the Treasury and Federal Reserve System's ability to deliver the payroll

data. Even though we feel confident, we are continuing to evaluate and develop contingency alternatives if there are financial system infrastructure problems due to the century change.

SBP Open Season

Pubic Law 105-261 signed into law on 17 October 1998, provides for a one year open enrollment period for the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) beginning 1 March 1999. Implementing instructions are being drafted and should be available in early January. Although we don't have all the specifics at this time, the following is the early information we have available:

- This open enrollment will require repayment of the total amount of premiums that would have been paid had the member elected to participate in SBP at the first opportunity afforded, plus all associated interest. The total amount due will be computed using Actuary Tables, with 6.5% interest added to the total. The total must be repaid within 24 months, in one of the following 3 ways:
 - 1) Full payment
 - 2) Partial payment with the remainder deducted from retired pay in 24 equal monthly installments
 - 3) Full amount from retired pay in 24 equal monthly installments
- A person who was a participant in SBP, but who disenrolled under Public Law 105-85 may not make an election to re-enroll under this program. Public Law 105-85 enacted into law 17 May 1998, provided for a one-year period, beginning two years after the commencement of retired pay, during which SBP participants may choose to discontinue participation in the Plan.
- The member must survive for two years following SBP election in order for beneficiary to become eligible for an annuity. If member does not survive, premi-

ums will be refunded to the beneficiary.

Detailed information and SBP Open Enrollment Election Form will be included in the April 1999 Retiree Newsletter. If you are considering enrollment in SBP, or increasing the amount of your coverage, we will be prepared to provide an estimate of back costs, plus interest, in late January. Please write us if you would like to request an estimate.

In addition to putting the Form and detailed information in the April 1999 Newsletter, our web page will be updated as soon as we have more information.

For an SBP Open Season entry cost estimate, please write or FAX your request to:

**CG HRSIC (RAS)
444 SE Quincy Street
Topeka, KS 66683-3591**

OR

FAX : (785)295-2639

**Visit our
HRSIC
website at:
www.uscg.mil/hq/hrsic**



Computing Federal Income Tax Withholding (FITW)



The following charts show how federal income tax withholding (FITW) is computed and contain the revised 1999 federal withholding rates.



Step	Procedure	Result
1	Enter monthly taxable Income from your Retiree & Annuitant Statement of Monthly Income (RASOMI)	A =
2	Multiply Allowances from RASOMI by \$229.17	B = \$229.17 X ? =
3	Subtract B from A to get Monthly Nonexempt Income	C =

Step 4 – If Member is claiming “married” on RASOMI:

If C is over	But C is not over	Compute Monthly FITW by	Amount
\$0	\$538	Member has no FITW	\$0.00
\$538	\$3,958	$(C - \$538) \times 15\%$	\$
\$3,958	\$8,208	$[(C - \$3,958) \times 28\%] + \513.00	\$
\$8,208	\$13,583	$[(C - \$8,208) \times 31\%] + \$1,703.00$	\$
\$13,583	\$23,967	$[(C - \$13,583) \times 36\%] + \$3,369.25$	\$
\$23,967		$[(C - \$23,967) \times 39.6\%] + \$7,107.49$	\$

Step 4 – If Member is claiming “single” on RASOMI:

If C is over	But C is not over	Compute Monthly FITW by	Amount
\$0	\$221	Member has no FITW	\$0.00
\$221	\$2,275	$(C - \$221) \times 15\%$	\$
\$2,275	\$4,875	$[(C - \$2,275) \times 28\%] + \308.10	\$
\$4,875	\$10,983	$[(C - \$4,875) \times 31\%] + \$1,036.10$	\$
\$10,983	\$23,725	$[(C - \$10,983) \times 36\%] + \$2,929.58$	\$
\$23,725		$[(C - \$23,725) \times 39.6\%] + \$7,516.70$	\$

New COMDTINST 1800.5C revises and revives the Coast Guard Retiree Council Program

Written by RADM Bob Hollingsworth, USCG, Retired, Chairman, Coast Guard National Retiree Council

Commandant Instruction 1800.5C recently distributed to all major Coast Guard active duty commands, recognizes the retired community as an integral part of the Coast Guard family and a valuable resource in representing Coast Guard interests. It confirms the Commandant's commitment in supporting retired members and the retired community as a whole. The instruction recognizes the importance of communications between the active duty Coast Guard and the retired community and establishes the Retiree Council Program as the primary means of receiving feedback on the effectiveness of support provided to the Coast Guard military retiree community.

The major provisions of the revised instruction states that the Commandant will provide funding and support for the National Retiree Council and charter local retiree councils upon request from field commands. The Commandant (G-W) has overall responsibility for executing the retiree council program.

COMDTINST 1800.5C tasks the district commanders and commanding officers of integrated support commands with the responsibility for supporting local retiree councils and providing administrative support to local councils, including the use of meeting space, office equipment, and supplies for newsletters, minutes, and other correspondence. Active duty commands are encouraged to stimulate interest in the program with the local retirees.

The instruction identifies a number of purposes for the national and local retiree councils, including but not limited to:

- Foster improved communications between the active duty and retired components
- Provide insights into problems and needs of all retirees, their

dependents, and widows/widowers at local and national levels

- Assist in development of public support of retirees for Coast Guard programs
- Assist retirees in resolving problems associated with the active-retired relationship
- Provide a forum to discuss items of major interest to retirees
- Hold group sessions with retirees to discuss and make recommendations that enhance the relationship between the active duty and retired communities

The organization of Retiree Councils consists of a National Retired Council under a Chairperson appointed by the Commandant for a period of 3 years. Local Retiree Councils chairpersons are appointed for 3 year terms by District Commanders, Commanding Officers of Maintenance and Logistics Commands, and Commanding Officers of Integrated Support Commands, major District units, and major Headquarters units.

Under the concepts outlined in the revised instruction, the Coast Guard National Retiree Council is to meet annually to address national issues of concern to retirees. Local Councils are to meet at least twice a year to address local topics of interest and obtain input on issues that should be brought to the attention of the National Retiree Council for consideration by the Commandant.

The Chairperson of the National Retiree Council will also represent Coast Guard retirees at annual meetings of the Army, Navy, and Air Force retiree councils and maintain liaison with organizations such as TROA, FRA, ROA, NAUS, CWOA, CPOA, NDOA and other service affiliated organizations that support the interests of retirees.

A number of initiatives are underway to improve the effectiveness of the Retiree Council Program. The Retiree Newsletter will include articles on na-

tional and local Council activities in future editions. Local Councils are encouraged to submit articles on their activities to the Editor of the Retiree Newsletter.

1st Annual Coast Guard Retiree Council meeting held

The first annual Retiree Conference was held 12-14 August 1998 at the Human Resources Service and Information Center (HRSIC) in Topeka, KS. The purpose of the conference was to provide the opportunity for the exchange of ideas and team-building between the Retiree Councils, Headquarters staff and Retiree and Annuitant Services (RAS) at HRSIC. The group examined various issues facing retirees, what actions are in place to assist retirees with these issues, and what steps need to be taken in the future. The group was comprised of members from the Retiree Affairs program at Headquarters, the Retiree and Annuitant Services Businessline at HRSIC, Chairmen of the 1st and 5th District Retiree Councils, and the National Retiree Council Chairman.

CAPT Starkweather (D13 Council) and CAPT Depperman (D1 Council) briefed the group on the activities within their local chapters. They explained the history of their respective chapters and what projects were currently underway. RADM Hollingsworth (National Chairman) gave an overview of the other service branches' Councils and Programs. This was followed by a discussion of current concerns such as health care, COLA, military base closures and dissemination of information. Current communication avenues were explored and evaluated for effectiveness. The conference concluded with development of an action plan for the Council over the next six months.



Retirements



RETIREMENT

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	RANK	DATE
ACUFF	MICHAEL	CWO2	981001
ADAMEK	JEROME	LCDR	980728
AITKEN	JACK	FSC	980901
ALBRECHT	GREGORY	CWO4	980901
ALHEIM	DEIRDRE	BM1	981001
ALLEN	EDWARD	CWO4	980901
ALLEN	SCOTT	CAPT	981001
ALLEN	WILLIAM	CDR	980905
ALMOND	RONALD	SKCM	980901
ANDERSEN	RICHARD	IV2	980803
ANDERSON	WALTER	AM1	980901
ANKENY	ROLLIN	MKC	980901
ANSANITIS	EDWARD	AE1	980901
ANTONOWICZ	WILLIAM	BMCS	980908
ARMSTRONG	JAMES	LCDR	981001
ARNOLD	HAROLD	CAPT	980901
BAILEY	CONNIE	CWO4	980901
BAQUIRAN	CORNELIO	EMC	980901
BARNETT	LEROY	LCDR	98 0801
BARNETT	MONTE	CWO3	981001
BARRETT	ERIC	CWO4	981001
BAZZI	MAJID	YN1	981001
BEAM	GARY	BMC	980901
BEATTY	KENNETH	BMC	98090 1
BEAUCHAMP	DONNIS	YN1	980909
BELL	CECIL	MK2	980901
BERRY	WILLIAM	HSC	980818
BETLEJ	MICHAEL	CWO4	980901
BICKFORD	MARK	CWO2	980901
BOATWRIGHT	GREGORY	GM1	980901
BOEHM	MARK	LCDR	980901
BOND	CLYDE	EMC	980829
BOUCHER	PAUL	FSCS	980901
BOWERS	DAVID	MKC	981001
BOYER	CHRISTOPHER	MKC	980901
BRADLEY	JAMES	DC1	980901
BRAYMILLER	NORMAN	YN1	981001
BRENNAN	GEORGE	IVCM	980919
BRIERE	LYNN	CWO3	980901
BROOKS	MICHAEL	CWO3	981001
BROWN	BRADY	DC1	980804
BROWN	EDWARD	BMC	981001
BROWNE	THOMAS	DCC	980901
BRYANT	ELLEN	SK1	980830
BUTCHER	RONALD	CWO3	980901
BYRD	THOMAS	MK2	981001
CAHOON	RAYMOND	HS1	981001
CAMIRE	MICHAEL	BMCS	980901
CAPOBIANCO	CHRISTOPHER	SN	980924
CARNAT	DANIEL	AM1	980901
CARSWELL	KAROL	QM1	980810
CARTER	CLYDE	ET2	980915
CASEY	FRANK	AMCS	980901
CHAPMAN	ARCHIE	MKC	981001
CHUNN	MICHAEL	MKCS	980901
CLEGG	RONALD	MK 1	980923
CLEVELAND	DOROTHY	CWO2	981001
CLEVELAND	MILTON	DCC	980901
CLONTZ	STEVE	GMC	981001
COACHMAN	LISA	ET1	9 80908
COARSEY	JOSEPH	MKC	981001
COLBURN	REBECCA	CAPT	981001
CONAGE	WILLIE	FSC	980901
CONKLIN	DAVID	LCDR	981001
COTUGNO	PASQUALE	YNC	9809 06
CROW	LONNIE	DCC	980828

CULKIN	JOSEPH	BM2	981001
CYGANEK	LOUIS	LCDR	980901
DALRYMPLE	CLAUDE	AMCM	980901
DARMER	KENNETH	HS1	980901
DAVID	KING	ADCM	980901
DAVIES	NEIL	FA	980901
DAVIS	GERALD	ETC	981001
DAVIS	KELSIE	CWO2	980901
DEMAS	JOHN	L CDR	980908
DERINGER	GEORGE	RDC	981001
DERR	NATHAN	LCDR	981001
DERY	DAVID	AD1	980901
DEVRIES	RICHARD	CDR	980807
DEYO	JAMES	LT	980920
DICKMANN	ROSS	QMCM	981001
DINDA	JAMES	CWO4	980901
DIZE	CARL	CWO4	981001
DREYLING	MICHAEL	QM1	981 001
DUCHARME	CHARLENE	SA	980825
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ZIMMERLE	MARY	ET2	981001



USS CAVALIER(APA-37)WWII – A reunion is planned for April 22-25, 1999 at the Best Western Olympic Inn in Groton, Connecticut. For more information contact: CWO4 John E. Giles, USCG, Retired at PO Box 325; Pacific City, OR 97135; phone: (503)965-6732 or email: jegiles@oregoncoast.com

Coast Guard Air Reunion – Aircrews and Support Personnel are invited to a reunion scheduled for May 16-18, 1999 at the Riverside Hotel in Laughlin, NV. For more information contact: Mr Hugh Dayton at 5401 Locust Ave; Carmichael, CA 95608-6643; phone: (916)486-1319

USCG National Association of Former Stewards & Stewardmates Inc – Will be celebrating their 10th reunion August 13-15, 1999 at the Holiday Inn Olde Towne, 8 Crawford Parkway, Portsmouth, VA. For more information contact: CPO Roosevelt Lester, USCG, Retired at 735 Hillside Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060; phone: (908)757-8224 or (718)341-2450

USS CAMBRIA(APA-36) - Will hold a reunion April 29-May 2, 1999 in Lancaster, PA. For more information contact: Mike Neumann at 1411 SW Greens Pointe Way; Palm City, FL 34990-7772; phone: (561)288-0545

USCGC EASTWIND(WAGB-279) - Will hold a reunion May 28-31, 1999 at the Ramada Inn – Boston. For more information contact: Earl T. Ellis, Jr. at 37-C Jefferson Drive; Maple Shade, NJ 08052; phone: (609)304-4761; FAX: (609)234-2592; email: eellis@voicenet.com OR Allan K. Brier at 238 Lincoln Street; Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922; phone: (908)464-1437

USS/USCGC LANSING(DE/DER-388, WDE-488) - Will hold a reunion October 21-24, 1999 in New Orleans, LA. For more information contact: Terry A. Moberg at 902 Cindy Street; Brainerd, MN 56401-3959; phone: (218)829-3288; email: tmoberg@brainerd.net

USCGC BURTON ISLAND(WAGB-283) - Will hold a their 3rd reunion May 31-June 1, 1999 in Louisville, KY. For more information contact: Greg Reel at (816)454-7991

White House Medical Unit(72-93) - Will hold a reunion August 27-29, 1999 in San Diego, CA. For more information contact: Karen Ott, c/o ML&RS Inc at PO Box 5310; Hickory, NC 28603; phone: (828)256-6008; email: dinamirs@aol.com

USS RAMSDEN(DE/DER-382, CGC WDE-482) - Will hold a reunion September 30-October 3, 1999 in Springfield, MO. For more information contact: Ed Toczykowski at PO Box 115; Ipswich, MA 01938; phone: (978)356-2318

Submit reunion publication requests to:

USCG Human Resources Service &
Information Center (RAS)
444 SE Quincy Street
Topeka, KS 66683-3591
Attn: Retiree Newsletter Editor





Notes from the Editor

I received a letter recently from the CGC Eastwind Association and felt that it warranted reprinting :

“The members of the CGC Eastwind Association request recognition of the 50th anniversary of the unfortunate collision at sea on 19 January 1949 between the CGC EASTWIND and SS GULF-STREAM, off the coast of New Jersey, whereupon thirteen Chief Petty Officers perished. In memory of that occasion, we offer the following prayer for our shipmates, and all Coastguardsmen who have perished at sea.

Allan K. Brier
Capt, USCG (ret)
Leader, Eastwind
Association”

“Memorial Days”

Almighty God, we pause amidst our duties to honor those who have laid down their lives in the service of our Country and to dedicate ourselves again to the great task of perfecting Thy kingdom of peace and righteousness among all the nations. Endue us with courage that we may quit ourselves like men in all our tasks that we may not break faith with the fallen.
Amen

from “Prayers at Sea”
by CH Joseph F. Parker, USN

In the October Retiree Newsletter I listed some sources of CG logo materials. I received a letter from another company that specializes in CG material:

VIDTAG
PO BOX 19164
Oklahoma City, OK 73144
phone: (405)672-7315

They specialize in various engraved materials such as; desk plaques, name tags, door/wall signs as well as CG license plates.

We received several calls requesting information or a story on Arnold Palmer. The following CG press release from 25 September 1952 was forwarded to me on this subject by the CG Historian’s office in Washington D.C.:

“Arnold C. Palmer, YN3, attached to the Ninth Coast Guard District in Cleveland, Ohio, is one of the amateur hopefuls of the future who will try to dethrone Professional Johnny Bulla in the Pennsylvania Open Golf Tourney at St. Davids and Gulf Mills courses near Philadelphia on October 6th.

Palmer at present holds the Western Pennsylvania Amateur Championship (This is his fourth straight year as Champion. He has won this title 5 out of 6 times). Greensberg Country Club Invitational Champion and the Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio Amateur Invitational Championship (Par for this course is 73. Palmer shot the first 18 holes in one under par and in the afternoon tied the course record with a 67).

In Cleveland he has shot under par on three courses; Ridgewood – par 72, Arnold shot a 67; Seneca – par 72; Arnold shot one under par; and Highland – par 71, Arnold shot a 66.

Prior to entering the Coast Guard, Arnold attained three titles while attending Wake Forest College: Southern Conference Champion, 1948-49; Southern Inter-collegiate Champion, 1950; and Medalist in the Inter-collegiate Championship, 1949-50.”

We all make mistakes, and here are mine from October’s issue:

- On page 6 – “What are they doing Now? on QMC William E. Knight: his correct address is – 1052 E. Timber Lane; Freeland, WA 98249-9417;

phone: (360)331-7220. Additionally the cost of his book, “The Coast Guard Navy of WWII” is \$30.00...call or write him for more information.

- On page 10 – “Social Security”, the correct toll-free number for SSA is 1-800-772-1213.

I’m sorry for any inconvenience these errors may have caused.

We love to get your photos, letters and submissions:

Feel free to send in submissions and items of interest or requests for the Newsletter, but please always ensure the following -

- Include the information needed to identify you such as your full name, social security number, rank.
- Include a complete address and telephone number in case we need to contact you for additional information.
- Ensure written entries are legible. Typed or printed is preferred – be sure proper names are readable!
- Ensure any photos you send are sharp and clear. Provide as much written information about the photo as possible.
- Send your submission at least 45 days in advance of the month you want it published. We publish in Jan, Apr, Jul & Oct. Send your submission to:

USCG HRSIC (RAS)
444 SE Quincy Street
Topeka, KS 66683-3591
Attn: Retiree Newsletter Editor



Military travel club seeks members

"SMART" is short for Special Military Active Retired Travel Club. It is a unique organization of retired and active duty personnel from the five uniformed services of the United States, including the ready Reserves and the National Guard components. Members of SMART are people with an avid interest in travel via recreational vehicles. In addition SMART extends membership to include Active and Retired members of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association. SMART also extends associate membership to Medal of Honor Awardees, former POW's and 100% service disabled veterans. And not to forget those who also served, SMART allows surviving spouses of persons who were eligible for membership to join. All of these members share a common background, that of service to our country, and a common interest in recreational vehicle travel.

There are other RV and travel clubs in the United States, but none that has as its primary objective "To promote comradeship among Retired and Active Military persons who are interested in Recreational Vehicle traveling and living".

SMART currently has 45 chapters located in eight regions of the United States. There are also five at large chapters organized around some specific interest of their members. For example, there is the Computer Users Chapter dedicated to helping others with computer applications. Each Region is managed by a Regional Director who also sits on the Board of Directors. All Regional Directors and other officers serve as volunteers.

Within SMART there are approximately 3600 former enlisted and officer members representing all service branches. Rank and grade are never mentioned. Everyone is equal within SMART.

SMART holds one National Muster each year rotating among regions. Each region holds one Regional Muster a year and every chapter holds a minimum of four musters a year. Chapter membership is not compulsory, but does enhance the establishment of long-time friendship and a basis for camaraderie and rapport. These friendships extend far across state boundaries as your neighbor at the next muster may be from other states or a full-time RV'er.

SMART also sponsors organized caravans open only to members for travel in the United States, to include Alaska, and to such destinations as Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Germany, and the British Isles. Because these activities are staffed by volunteers, the costs per person is often greatly reduced.

SMART chapters often "adopt" a military family campground, (FAMCAMP), in their area helping the MWR Office on a base to accomplish tasks to improve their facility and/or perform maintenance chores. Some members function as "Campground Hosts" at a FAMCAMP. At times members are asked to serve as consultants to local MWR Offices in the design and development of a new facility. Both of these enhance the bond between active and retired members of the uniformed services.

SMART is open to you! If you would like more information, call SMART Headquarters at 1-800-354-7681, or write SMART Inc at: 600 University Office Blvd – Suite 1A; Pensacola, FL 32504.



CA Vets Board lowers vets home loan interest rate

California Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Lee Bennett, recently announced that the California Veterans Board has approved lower interest rates for the Cal-Vet Home Loan Program. Bennett anticipates that the new Cal-Vet loans for veterans who are first-time home buyers, or who otherwise qualify for revenue bond financing, will be at an interest rate of 5.95 percent effective 1 January 1999.

Bennett said veterans using general obligation bond financing should also see lower rates for a new Cal-Vet loan estimated at 6.65 percent, also effective 1 January 1999. Prior to their implementation, the interest rates must first be approved by the Veterans Finance Committee. The committee includes the governor, state VA secretary, finance director, state treasurer and the comptroller.

House passes H.R.4110

The U.S. House of Representatives approved the Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 1998, H. R.4110, on 3 August 1998. Section 404 of the bill proposes to increase the Department of Veterans Affairs share to establish, expand or improve state veterans cemeteries from the current 50 percent up to 100 percent, including the cost of initial operating equipment. The section further proposes to reauthorize the State Cemetery Grants Program for an additional five years to the year 2004. The Senate Veterans Affairs Committee favorably reported similar provisions in S.986 – but the full Senate has not taken any action to date.

Executive roundtable on military honors

The Department of Defense (DoD) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) hosted a Military Funeral Honors Executive Roundtable on 17 November 1998, at the National Guard Association Building in Washington D.C. National Cemetery Administration (NCA) Acting Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, Alma B. Moore, and Office of Operations Support Director, Vincent L. Barile attended the briefing along with other NCA representatives. The Honorable Rudy DeLeon, DoD Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), and the Honorable Hershel Gober, VA Deputy Secretary, led the briefing and discussion for 40 Roundtable participants who considered options and identified ways to improve the availability of military funeral honors for veterans. An additional 100 persons attended the Roundtable as observers

including members of the media: *The Washington Post*, *Armed Forces Journal*, *Army Times* and WUSA-TV (CBS). Also attending and making remarks at the Roundtable were Senators Strom Thurmond (R-SC) and Paul S. Sarbanes (D-MD).

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (FY99 NDAA), Public Law 105-261, required the Secretaries of Defense and Veterans Affairs to hold the Executive Roundtable and then to provide a report on the conference to Congress not later than 31 March 1999. The report shall include information on modifications to DoD policy adopted as a result of the conference, and recommended changes in legislation. Public Law 105-261 mandates a three-person honor detail on demand, effective 1 January 2000.



Medal of Honor Memorial planned

Riverside, California National Cemetery will be home to the Nation's first Medal of Honor memorial through a \$1 million project to honor the 3,409 Americans who received the country's highest combat medal for valor. With a \$100,000 contribution from BF Goodrich Aerospace, organizers hope to raise the remaining funds so construction can be completed in time to dedicate the memorial when the Congressional Medal of Honor Society holds its convention in Riverside, CA, in November of 1999. Plans for the flagstone memorial include a covered enclosure with the names of all the medal recipients engraved in polished granite. These engraved panels will surround a rectangular pool and fountain. Planted outside the memorial structure and throughout the cemetery will be 3,409 Italian Cypress trees. Buried at the cemetery are two Medal of Honor recipients, World War I Navy Corpsman John Henry Balch and World War II Army Sergeant Ysmael Villegas.

A blast from the past.....



The photo at left was provided by ATCS (Retired) George L. Richards of St. Petersburg, FL. According to ATCS Richards, the photo was taken in Jan/Feb of 1958 at a "special offering" course on HF/VHF equipment for CG aviation personnel in Dallas, TX. I was able to determine that at least 4 of the 7 students pictured went on to make the Coast Guard a career and retired.

Editor

Front Row (left to right): AL1 Albertson (Miami, FL), AT1 Barchard (Elizabeth City, NC), AT1 Rugar (Salem, MA), AT1 Talley (New Orleans, LA)
Back Row (left to right): Mr. Gaines (course instructor), AL1 Krueger (Port Angeles, WA), AL2 Richards (St Petersburg, FL), AT2 O'Brien (San Francisco, CA)

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TOTAL ENTITLEMENTS			1535.00	1535.00						
ALLOTMENTS			TOTAL DEDUCTIONS							
			OLD	NEW	OLD	NEW				
NYLIC			65.93	65.28	75.09	75.09				
TOTAL ALLOTMENTS			1469.07	1469.72						
YOUR NET PAY		Mailing Address:		ROUTE NBR 99999999-9						
Old Amt: 1393.98		JOHN B. DOS		ACCT NBR 0000000-000						
New Amt: 1426.68		444 S. E. QUINCY ST.								
		TOPEKA KS 66683-3591								
FEDERAL TAXES					STATE TAXES					
Exemptions	No. Tax Income	Income YTD	Withhold YTD	Tax Exclusion	State #1	Withhold YTD	State #2	Withhold YTD		
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**New for 1999:
Your Retiree/
Annuitant Statement
of Monthly Income
(RASOMI)
has a new look**

As promised in the October 1998 Retiree Newsletter the Retiree/Annuitant Statement of Monthly Income (RASOMI) form has been revised for 1999 and will be issued starting 1 February. At left is a picture of what your new RASOMI will look like. Hopefully you will find it's new look "user-friendly". Please note that the copy pictured at left is smaller than your actual RASOMI. It is meant to familiarize you with it's new format.

REMARKS:	
ALLOTMENT(S) DECREASED PER YOUR REQUEST	
<p>*UPON SURVIVING SPOUSE REACHING AGE 62, THE SBP ANNUITY IS SUBJECT TO RECOMPUTATION. IN MOST CASES, ANNUITY WILL BE REDUCED TO 35 PERCENT OF SBP BASE AMOUNT.</p>	
<p>IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CONTACT</p> <p>COMMANDING OFFICER (RAS) USCG HUMAN RESOURCES SERVICE & INFORMATION CENTER 444 SE QUINCY ST TOPEKA KS 66683-3591 PHONE: 1-800-772-8724</p>	<p>NOTE 1: RETIRED PAY RECORDS ARE COMPUTER MATCHED WITH OTHER FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT AND BENEFIT RECORDS FOR DUAL COMPENSATION AND DEBT PURPOSES.</p> <p>NOTE 2: CHAMPUS/TRICARE ELIGIBILITY STOPS AT AGE 65. BE SURE TO VERIFY ALL DATES OF BIRTH LISTED ABOVE FOR DEERS PURPOSES.</p>



Understanding Your TRICARE Benefits

How to get help in solving TRICARE problems

You're not happy.

Maybe you called a TRICARE Service Center (TSC), and the person who answered the phone gave you incorrect information. Or, maybe your TRICARE Prime primary care manager referred you to a specialist who's not in the Prime network, and the claims processor handled the resulting claim as a more-expensive "point of service" claim.

Or, maybe you went to a provider who you thought was authorized to render care under TRICARE Standard, only to find out afterward that the contractor hadn't processed the provider's certification request in a timely fashion. Result: You got care from an "unauthorized" provider – and now the government won't pay the bills.

There are other kinds of problems that can occur – lost claims, incorrect processing, and so forth. But the bottom line is, you've got a complaint – so what should you do about it? Speak up. Let someone know what the problem is. Give the system a chance to help you solve it.

One place to start is your nearest TRICARE Service Center (TSC), with whose staff members you can discuss the problem, or possibly file a grievance. TRICARE contractors have established TSC's throughout the regions they serve, and TSC staffers may be able to help you resolve the problem at that level, with only a phone call on your part. Depending on the problem, you might want to write a letter instead of phoning, so a paper record of your attempts to resolve the difficulty will be established. Include all documents that are relevant to the problem – and be sure to keep copies of everything for your own records.

Whichever method you choose, keeping the communication process civil and rational can help expedite the process of getting your problem solved.

If your efforts at the TSC level fail, try writing a letter to the contractor's headquarters. Explain the problem, and state what sort of resolution you'd like to see.

Another option – if you live near a uniformed services medical facility – is to raise unresolved issues to the service hospital's point of contact. It may be a patient advocate, or someone in the managed care office, or the hospital's contracting officer's technical representative. Military hospitals welcome the chance to work with TRICARE contractors and help get TRICARE issues resolved to everyone's satisfaction.

If other means fail, you may call or write the TRICARE Management Activity's (TMA) Benefit Services office, in Aurora, Colorado. Staff members in this office are government employees who help TRICARE-eligible persons with problems they haven't been able to resolve with their regional TRICARE contractor.

You can reach TMA's Benefit Services office by phone at (303)676-3526. Or, write to them at : TRICARE Management Activity, Benefit Services Branch, 16401 East Centretech Parkway, Aurora, Colorado 80011-9043. Again – be sure to include copies of all documents that are relevant to your problem – and make sure you keep either copies or originals of each document for your own records.

TRICARE contractors process 25 million claims per year – nearly half a million claims every week. Standards for the contractors require that, to perform satisfactorily, they must process at least 75 percent of all claims within 21 days after receipt. Claims processing contractors for all TRICARE regions are currently meeting or exceeding the standards.

Accuracy in the processing of claims is also a high priority for contractors. If even one percent of all claims received is processed incorrectly, that's 250,000-plus claims per year. Perfection may not be possible, but each contractor strives for the highest levels of accuracy in claims processing.

To get profit without risk, experience without danger, and reward without work is as impossible as it is to live without being born.

A. P. Gouthey

TRICARE update from your Coast Guard Health Benefits Advisor:

TRICARE is still in a state of adjustment. Providers are being signed up while still others are dropping from the system. It is important, if possible, to get as much information prior to needing services. For example, your provider tells you about a procedure that is needed; you call your TRICARE Service Center (TSC). If you have what is called a CPT code (you can get the code from your doctor) then the TSC can tell you if 1) it is an approved procedure, 2) pre-authorization is needed. Remember, if your doctors office tells you they don't have that information, to ask them "Who can?"

Also, if you get conflicting information, don't hesitate to contact the Coast Guard Health Benefits Advisor Helpline at **1-800-9-HBA-HBA**. Remember, if in doubt "**check it out**".



Glenn Miller of Runnells, IA is looking for Richard P. White, last known to be in Forest Park, GA and a shipmate of his cousin, Clayton Eugene Miller who passed away in 1973. If you have information, please contact: Glenn Miller at 9033 SE 56th Avenue; Runnells, IA 50237



The USCG Museum needs your help. The museum is looking for USCG unit patches to develop into a display: ships, stations, districts, special ops, etc. Check your old shoe boxes and attics to see what you have lying around (please don't strip them off your old work jackets). Please include your name, address, phone, your connection to the service, and a brief description on the background of the patch(es). A deed of gift will be provided for all contributions. Donations may be sent to: USCG Museum; USCG Academy; 15 Mohegan Ave; New London, CT 06320. For further information, contact the Curator Cindee Herrick at (860)444-8511



MKC(Retired) Dwight D. Townsend would like to locate the following individuals: Carol & Kelly Smith and Al Weirich – last known location was USCG Ant Berwick, LA 1977-79. DC1 George Briggs – last known location USCGC Winona(WHEC65) Port Angeles, WA 1972-74. MK1 Cliff Barnes and Gary & Mary Marshal – last known location USCGC Citrus(WLB300) Kodiak, AK 1974-76. You can write MKC Townsend at 9095 Crawford Street; Culver, OR 97734-9778 or call (541)546-2838



CSC(USCGR, Retired) Rodney K. Myers would like to contact any of his former shipmates from the CGC Balsam(WAGL062) out of Eureka, CA and USCG WPB-95311 out of Alameda, CA. He was in service on these vessels in 1955-57. You may contact him at 5900 Lone Pine Road; Sebastopol, CA 95472

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Fern Sauve was one of four survivors when the fishing boat MISS ARLENE sank in Saginaw Bay, MI on 2 August 1942. She would like to hear from Jim Immers or any other person who was a part of the search and rescue. Contact her at (517)892-3591 or write her at Bay Medical Care Facility; 564 West Hampton Rd; Essexville, MI 48732



CWO(Retired) Joseph Hoffman, Jr would like to hear from CWO (Retired) Mel Herman. Please write CWO Hoffman at 15809 SE 23rd Street – Apt 111; Vancouver, WA 98683-5124



SBP Withdrawal

Public Law 105-85 provides for a one-year period, beginning two years after the commencement of retired pay that SBP participants may choose to discontinue participation in the SBP. If you would like further information, please contact your pay technician at 1-800-772-8724

Hindsight is good.
Foresight is better.
Insight is best.

Vacationing in Europe?



Have you considered taking a vacation to Europe this year? If so, the Armed Forces Recreation Centers(AFRC) in Chiemsee and Garmisch, Germany, are the perfect places to vacation.

Both resorts are centrally located, offering a wide variety of tour destinations and recreation activities in the Bavarian Alps. King Ludwig II's Nueschwanstein Castle and Munich's Oktoberfest top AFRC's list of most popular attractions. Military retirees (and widows/widowers) from all five branches of service are welcome to take advantage of these comfortable American style resorts. The best time for retirees to visit the AFRC Resorts in Germany is during the Spring and Fall months. Rooms are more readily available and traveling within Europe is less hectic. This also happens to be the best time for Space-A travel opportunities from

CONUS to Germany.

The AFRC Resorts accept U.S. currency and most major credit cards for lodging, tours, recreation and meals. AFRC Europe now has a newsletter just for retirees. It is called "RSVP" and is published bi-annually. This newsletter updates retirees on current AFRC Europe happenings and provides tips to simplify traveling to and from the resorts. If you have not already signed up on the mailing list, you can do so by contacting AFRC by writing to: Vacation Planning Center; AFRC Europe; Unit 24501; APO AE 09053. email: "afrc.garmisch.army.mil"; phone: 011-49-8821-729841; fax 011-49-8821-3942.



DATE OF

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	RANK	DEATH	CITY	STATE
ANDREASEN	JACK	BMC	980712	BOULDER CITY	NV
ARRUDA	EDMOND	BMC	980906	N KINGSTOWN	RI
ASHBA	MARTEN	LT	980905	JUNEAU	AK
AUSTIN	HAROLD	GM1	981003	SOMERSET	MA
BARE	JOHN	ENCS	981030	LAS CRUCES	NM
BELT	ROBERT	CWO4	980601	HUNTINGTOWN	MD
BIRCH	ROBERT	BMCS	981110	CHINCOTEAGUE	VA
BLATT	PETER	SSC	981023	CLEARWATER	FL
BOONE	JAMES	ADCM	980924	MANCHESTER	NH
BORSKY	PAUL	LT	950919	WESTWOOD	NJ
BOWEN	KENNETH	SS2	980919	WILLIS WHARF	VA
BREMER	RODGER	YN1	981006	KELS O	WA
BROWN	RONALD	ADC	981019	KODIAK	AK
BULLARD	ROBERT	CDR	980915	ST PETERSBURG	FL
BURKE	DUDLEY	LCDR	980906	HINGHAM	MA
BUSSART	HARLEY	BMC	981021	VANCOUVER	WA
CAMPBELL	FRANK	BMC	98 0813	LAS CRUCES	NM
CAVANAUGH	JAMES	CDR	980704	HOUSTON	TX
CHAMBERLAIN	CURTIS	CWO3	980818	QUINCY	MA
CLARKE	JULIAN	SD1	981015	COLONIAL HTS	VA
DAVIS	MILES	CDR	981011	CUYAHOGA FALL	OH
DENNEAU	CHARLES	BMC	980904	BAYFIELD	WI
DRULARD	ROY	CDR	981030	PALM BAY	FL
DUGAN	JACK	CWO2	980730	PUEBLO	CO
EDGE	RICHARD	ENC	980915	SURFSIDE BE AC	SC
EDNEY	JOHN	BMLC	980922	FORT PIERCE	FL
EPSTEIN	DOUGLAS	CWO2	980908	LEDYARD	CT
EVANGELISTA	NICANOR	TR	971101	PHILIPPINES	RP
FARMER	JAMES	SKC	981108	PORTSMOUTH	VA
FARROW	ELDON	BMC	980930	HATTERAS	NC
FEICK	KENNETH	YNC	981102	PHOENIX	AZ
FORMOE	DAN	EN1	970907	TRACY	CA
FROST	LEONARD	CWO3	980826	ANACORTES	WA
GAIDA	VALENTINE	LCDR	981015	MECHAN ICVILLE	NY
GARRETT	GEORGE	BMCS	980904	BEAUFORT	NC
GATES	JASPER	LCDR	981012	APOLLO BCH	FL
GILLIVER	ROGER	CWO3	981104	PLEASANT PRAR	WI
GINN	MARVIN	CWO4	981029	MOBILE	AL
GIVENS	JOHN	GM1	9809 20	JACKSONVILLE	AR
GOODMAN	ESMERALD	LTJG	980907	PONDERAY	ID
GRACIA	ARTHUR	CSC	980925	NEW BEDFORD	MA
GRENLEY	JOHN	HMCM	980816	LAKEWOOD	NJ
HANNES	DONALD	BMC	980818	L UDINGTON	MI
HAUGEN	ROBERT	RDC	980902	HONOLULU	HI
HEADRICK	DONALD	BMCS	980912	RUSSELL	PA
HEFFNER	IRVING	CWO4	981031	SOUTHHAMPTON	NY
HIDINGER	WILLIAM	LT	981111	EL PASO	TX
HUNTER	THOMAS	ENC	980911	PINELLAS PARK	FL
JESTER	MAURICE	LT	980831	HOMOSSASSA	FL
JOHNSON	ALVIN	LT	980820	KILL DEVIL HILL	NC
JOHNSON	EDWIN	BMC	980918	NORTHPORT	MI
JOHNSON	ROBERT	LT	980814	COLOMA	MI
KAMP	PAUL	HSCM	981018	YAMOUTHPORT	MA
KELZ	GERHARD	CDR	980919	MEDFORD	OR
KNOWLES	JOHN	RMCS	981102	VIRGINIA BEACH	VA
KRUMKE	KARL	CAPT	981114	PINEY PO INT	MD
LANGLEY	DONALD	MMC	981115	PROVINCETOWN	MA
LANGOHR	DONALD	BM1	980910	BAILEYS HARBOR	WI
LEMON	EUGENE	CWO3	980829	MONONA	WI
LEMON	LYLE	CDR	981113	WILMINGTON	NC
LESLIE	LOUIS	HMC	980824	HONOLULU	HI
LINCOLN	PHILIP	ENC	980823	OWLS HEAD	ME
LINGENFELTER	ALBERT	CWO4	981012	BROOKFIELD	WI
LINK	ROMAN	LCDR	980813	POYNETTE	WI
LIULAMAGA	JOHN	BMC	980901	PAGO PAGO	AS
LOMAN	HERMAN	YNC	980820	KIMBERLING CITY	MO

LOVELACE	HARRELL	ENC	980909	CROWLEY	TX
LYONS	JOHN	SKC	980828	NORTH ANDOVER	MA
MABRY	WILLIAM	MK1	980904	SAN ANTONIO	TX
MACHULIS	GEORGE	BM1	981010	SEBRING	FL
MARSH	JACK	ENC	980830	EL CAJON	CA
MASON	ALVIN	BM1	980912	ATLANTIC	NC
MAYS	AUBREY	CWO3	981006	SINGER ISLAND	FL
MAYTAN	ERNEST	GM1	980902	APACHE JCT	AZ
MCCARTY	JAMES	CAPT	980912	DELAPLANE	VA
MCCORMICK	JOHNNY	CS2	981027	NEW ORLEANS	LA
MCGEARY	KEVIN	BMC	980917	STUART	FL
MCKINNEY	MILTON	CS3	981107	MURFREESBORO	TN
MESSIER	JOSEPH	BMC	980904	TAMARAC	FL
MICHAELS	SAMUEL	CWO2	980918	MILLINGTON	TN
MILLS	CHARLES	CWO4	981016	COCOA BEACH	FL
MINER	WILLIAM	CWO4	980905	DELRAY BCH	FL
MOORE	NORMAN	RM1	981020	SEBASTIAN	FL
ODONNELL	DONALD	BMC	980913	GRAND LEDGE	MI
ORMSBY	RALPH	BMC	981027	EASTHAM	MA
PARTRIDGE	DONALD	BM1	980822	FT LAUDERDALE	FL
PATTERSON	JAMES	RMCS	981006	GASTONIA	NC
PAUL	WILLIAM	LT	980810	LINCOLN	NE
PAYTON	EMERY	FS3	981010	BOISE	ID
PENNINGTON	PARKER	CWO3	981023	MANASQUAN	NJ
PERDUE	HARRY	LCDR	981108	CHOWCHILLA	CA
PETTY	ROBERT	QMC	980928	LATON	CA
PHILLIPS	ROGER	QMC	981014	WASHINGTON	NC
PLESS	WILLIAM	CWO4	981029	ST LOUIS	MO
PORTIS	ROSA	YN2	981012	MOBILE	AL
PRIDHAM	STANLEY	ENC	980923	BRADENTON	FL
REITER	RICHARD	FN	980710	CHEEKTOWAGA	NY
ROBERTS	HAROLD	CAPT	980924	SEBASTOP OL	CA
ROBERTSON	KENNETH	LCDR	980818	PORTLAND	OR
ROGERS	AARON	LCDR	981004	PANAMA CITY	FL
SALTER	THURMAN	LT	981101	BEAUFORT	NC
SALYER	GORDON	HMC	980726	RED CLOUD	NE
SAMSON	FRANK	CDR	980905	ROCKPORT	TX
SAVAGE	RONALD	MK1	980925	WALLACE	NC
SAXON	JAMES	ATCM	981111	WHY	AZ
SCARBOROUGH	IGNATIUS	BM1	981001	AVON	NC
SCHMIDT	ROBERT	CWO3	981030	OCEAN PARK	WA
SHAFFER	JOHN	AOC	981115	INVE RNESS	FL
SHANKS	JOE	BMC	980820	OCALA	FL
SHANNON	ROBERT	QMCM	981004	TEMPLE HILLS	MD
SHAW	PHILIP	LCDR	980822	SPRING LAKE	NJ
SIEWIERSKI	RICHARD	GMC	981108	DAFTER	MI
SINGLETON	ROY	CWO4	980815	SA LINAS	CA
SPEAR	CHARLES	DCC	981114	MIAMI	FL
STANTON	ROGER	CWO4	980819	STUART	FL
STRETCH	FLOYD	ENCM	980717	KIRKLAND	WA
STRUCK	DANIEL	CDR	981028	STURGEON BAY	WI
SUTHERLAND	RICHARD	CAPT	981110	ANNANDALE	VA
SUTTON	DEWEY	CWO4	980826	CASTRO VALLEY	CA
TACKETT	ROYCE	LTJG	981023	COLUMBIA	MD
TAYLOR	BERNARD	CAPT	980929	CALLAO	VA
TAYLOR	JAMES	ADC	981020	CAPE MAY	NJ
TAYLOR	WILLIAM	LCDR	981105	MARSHALLBERG	NC
TEMPLEMAN	WARREN	GMC	980706	ORMOND BEACH	FL
THIEMEYER	JAMES	CWO4	981008	AVALON	NJ
TURNBULL	HARRISON	CDR	981106	WINCHESTER	VA
WEBER	DARELL	BM1	980821	MARQUETTE	KS
WESTCOTT	RICHARD	CDR	980928	SEATTLE	WA
WESTERGREN	RONALD	BMC	981101	MARINETTE	WI
WHEELER	HOWARD	FN	981101	KNOXVILLE	MD
WILLIS	ASHTON	LCDR	980816	NEW BERN	NC
WISEMAN	RUSSELL	BMC	981005	GRAND BAY	AL
WOOD	DELMONT	CAPT	981103	PRESCOTT	AZ
ZIMPEL	DONALD	TC CM	981014	MARYSVILLE	IL
ZWALD	ARNOLD	ENC	980703	PORTLAND	OR



Dependent TAPS



Name

Date of Death

Jessie Lee Brand, wife of ATCS James S. Brand, USCG, Retired	22 Apr 98
Marion Charlotte Call, wife of LTJG Don J. Call, USCG, Retired	4 May 98
Divina S. Lareza, wife of SS1 Sergio L. Lareza, USCG, Retired	7 Oct 98
Gloria B. Wells, wife of YNCM David H. Wells, USCG, Retired	25 Nov 98
Helene R. Whalen, wife of VADM Mark A. Whalen, USCG, Retired (deceased)	26 Dec 98
Doris L. Birmingham, wife of CWO Edward F. Birmingham, USCG, Retired (deceased)	28 Sep 98

Some time at Eve

Some time at eve, when the time is low
 I shall slip my mooring and sail away,
 With no response to the kindred craft
 And a friendly hail in the busy bay.
 In the silent hush of the twilight pale,
 When the night stoops down to embrace the day.
 And the voices call in the waters flow.
 Some time at eve when the tide is low,
 I shall slip my mooring and sail away.

A few who have watched me sail away,
 Will miss my craft on the busy bay.
 Some friendly barks that were anchored near,
 Some loving souls my heart held dear.
 In silent sorrow will drop a tear,
 But I shall have peacefully furled my sail
 In moorings sheltered from storm or gale.
 And grateful the friends who have sailed before,
 O'er the unknown sea to the unknown shore



DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE

Retired Pay & Annuities



For information on:

- PAY
- DIRECT DEPOSIT
- CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR RASOMI
- CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR NEWSLETTER

Write or Call us at:

Commanding Officer (RAS)
 Coast Guard Human Resources
 Service & Information Center
 444 SE Quincy Street
 Topeka, KS 66683-3591



Toll Free 1-800-772-8724
 Commercial (785)357-3415
 FAX (785)295-2639



You must write or FAX us for requests to:

- Change allotments
- Start allotments
- Stop allotments
- Change SITW
- Change FITW

Write to:

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 Coast Guard Human Resources
 Service & Information Center
 444 SE Quincy Street
 Topeka, KS 66683-3591



Or FAX to:
 (785)295-2639

Report of Death



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

Or write:

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 Coast Guard Human Resources
 Service & Information Center
 444 SE Quincy Street
 Topeka, KS 66683-3591



Commercial: (785)357-3415
 FAX: (785)295-2639



DEERS



Call your local ID issuing office or call:

Toll Free: 1-800-538-9552
 In CA: 1-800-334-4162
 In AK & HI: 1-800-527-5602

TRICARE/Medical Benefits



Call your CG Health Benefits Advisor at:



**1-800-942-2422
TDD: 1-800-327-5273**

Active Duty Pay



For information on Severance Pay, Separation Pay, Disability Severance Pay, LES's, IRS Form W-2, while on Active Duty prior to separation/retirement call or write:

Commercial: (785)357-3550



**Commanding Officer (SES)
Coast Guard Human Resources
Service & Information Center
444 SE Quincy Street
Topeka, KS 66683-3591**



Service Records



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



**National Personnel Records Center
9700 Page Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63132-5200**

Commercial: (314)538-4141



Social Security



For information about Social Security benefits contact your local Social Security Office or call Toll Free:

1-800-772-1213



VA Benefits



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

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



Veteran's Group Life Insurance (VGLI)



For information on VGLI coverage costs and renewal options write or call:

**OSGLI
213 Washington Street
Newark, NJ 07102**



1-800-419-1473



Travel Claims



**For information, call Toll Free: 1-888-872-4885
Or write: Coast Guard Human Resources
Service & Information Center (TVL)
444 SE Quincy Street
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