



# Retiree Newsletter

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### Special points of interest:

- VA-Some dental conditions service-connected
- COLA increases
- Special Disability Compensation
- SBP Enrollment ends



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## “Crossing the Bar”

An account of the events involving the USCGC BONHAM on 28 February 1955  
by Capt. R. E. Anderson, USCG, retired

In 1955, as a LTJG, I was the Executive Officer of the CGC BONHAM (W-129), a 125 foot CG Cutter out of Coos Bay, Oregon. I am relating the events that occurred on a very stormy day with extremely heavy seas on 28 February 1955, when the BONHAM crossed the Yaquina Bay Bar off Newport, Oregon. During this passage, BONHAM was hit by large seas broadside, causing her to roll so far to port that her wheelhouse was under water and her bottom screws were visible to observers on the beach.

In February 1955, we departed Coos Bay for Seattle, Washington to undergo our annual shipyard overhaul. Enroute our Commanding Officer, LT E.W Payne, decided to stop overnight at Newport. We crossed the Yaquina Bay Bar inbound with no problem and moored at Newport with sailing orders to depart the next day, the 28th of February for Seattle.

The morning of the 28th, unfortunately, brought a very severe storm with wind speeds raging up to 75 mph. The CO decided to delay our departure to await moderation of the

weather. At about 1300, we received a message from the 13th CG District to proceed and assist a reported vessel in distress. The vessel, the MILMAR, sent out a distress message saying that she was taking on water and was sinking.

Preparations were made to get underway, and conditions set for heavy weather. We got underway,

the seas were running 20-30 feet, breaking across the channel and extending out to the deeper water. We paused at the entrance to observe the frequency of the highest seas. The CO was at the conn. I was on the port side of the wheelhouse to keep track of the buoy on the port side and another officer was



and as we proceeded out of the harbor, three young seamen came up and asked permission to go on the exposed flying bridge to watch the crossing of the Yaquina Bay Bar. Permission was denied and the men were told to go below and stay there; an order that, without doubt, saved their lives.

At the entrance, we found

on the starboard side to track the channel buoy on that side of the channel. At what we considered was the appropriate time between seas, we made a run for it.

As we proceeded out of the channel entrance, we encountered very heavy seas. The BONHAM was pitching heavily with seas

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breaking over the bow. The larger ones would slam against the wheelhouse, and it felt like they stopped the ship in her tracks. The ship would shutter and shake when rising and throwing off the seas that inundated the forward portion of the vessel from the bow to the wheelhouse. We were also rolling heavily from side to side, but we were still making forward progress, slowly but surely. The CO, who had a fresh cigar clamped in his teeth, was holding on to the grip rails to maintain his position. Also, I was holding on tightly to the hand rails on the port side of the wheelhouse to keep from being thrown around by the sea action.

The wind at the time was still blowing at about 75 mph and the seas seemed to be getting more violent.

Suddenly, I heard the Captain shout, "Right full rudder, all engines ahead full!". The quartermaster on watch rang up full speed on all engines, and the rudder was shifted to right full. Next the Captain ordered "All engines ahead flank speed".

I looked to starboard to see the reason for these rudder and engine commands. Then I saw the "why" - cross seas! There were three huge seas to starboard heading directly toward the starboard side of the BONHAM. Each sea was larger than the one preceding it, and the first one was about 20 to 25 feet from trough to crest. The ship was slowly coming right to stem the approaching seas.

The first sea struck us and caused us to roll heavily to port. Almost all that we had gained coming around to the right was nullified by this sea, but the head of the ship was still slowly coming to the right. The next sea slammed into us and we rolled violently about 65 degrees to port. The force of the roll slammed my body tight against the port side of the wheelhouse, but we slowly started to right ourselves.

I now looked to starboard again and could see a huge sea coming directly toward us. I squatted down to get a better look at the size of it.

When we were in the trough, the height appeared to be the same as the height of our mast, approximately 50 feet. The crest was a solid mass of sea foam curling and breaking just as they do when they break on the shore. But due to the other two seas, the bow had not come around to the right, and we were now physically broadside to the sea.

The sea struck us with tremendous force, water rushed in through the starboard door and completely flooded the wheelhouse. I was pressed tightly against the port side, but someone slammed into me, causing me to lose my grip on the grip rail. The force of the water running from starboard to port through the wheelhouse washed me out of the wheelhouse. The last thing I remembered seeing was the port bridge wing go under water as we rolled rapidly to port. I was completely under water, and my body pushed against something solid. It was the gyro-repeater stand on the port bridge wing. I grabbed it and held on for dear life.

I was so deep under water that everything was pitch black. I thought the ship had capsized and I was under it. I figured that I had better make a move to free myself and get to the surface. Then I noticed the water started to get brighter, meaning I was coming to the surface. Finally, after what seemed to be an eternity, I stuck my head above the water and took a deep breath. I was still on the port bridge wing. Sea water was swirling around me and was coming out of the wheelhouse with a lot of force.

I knew that I had to get back into the wheelhouse. The sea water was pouring out of the wheelhouse, and we still listed to port as I crawled backwards with water cascading over my body to the wheelhouse. When I got to the door coaming, I put my right hand on it, and at that moment the door slammed shut on my hand.

Inside the wheelhouse, I came to my feet, with the water still almost knee deep. As I glanced around,

saw the Captain, he was still standing, facing forward, white knuckled hands still hanging on to the grab rail. He still had his hat on, and his glasses had slipped down to his nose. And there was that cigar, so large and fresh just moments ago. Now, it was still clinched between his teeth, only it was no longer straight. It was hanging like a piece of wet rope. For only a split second, in this dire situation, I chuckled.

Water was still pouring out of the wheelhouse, and I noticed that the rudder was no longer at right full. I grabbed the wheel, with the quartermaster, and brought it back to right full. It was at this time that I saw blood on the wheel and yelled "Someone is hurt!"

About this time, the Captain yelled "Give me a course to get out of here". The gyro was out, so I went to the chart table and grabbed the parallel rulers to plot a course. My right hand collapsed in a pool of blood, my right index and middle fingers were 3/4 severed at the first digital. The other officer came over and gave the Captain a magnetic course.

We slowly crept out into deeper water where the seas were not so high and we made our way northward. All of the radios were inoperative due to salt immersion, except a small radio at the upper starboard corner of the radio shack. We learned from the Coast Guard Station at Newport that the MILMAR no longer required assistance. We advised Newport that we were alright, and continued on our way.

The Captain put me ashore at Neah Bay, Washington to be hospitalized at the U.S. Marine Hospital, Seattle. I was treated and the doctors were able to save my fingers. After a short inpatient stay I was released.

Enroute to Neah Bay, I made a tour of the vessel. I found that all of our lifeboats and life rafts were gone, as well as the after deck lockers. The port running light was missing. Below, I found steel deck

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plates in the engine room had been tossed about and some had stuck in the insulation on the hull sides.

Also, I saw footprints high on the port side of the engine room where the engineers stood during the last roll. But during all this they answered all bells.

When undergoing repairs, I learned that they found salt water in the radar dome at the top of the mast and also in the yardarm blinker lights. An investigation of the foregoing events was conducted, and if I remember correctly the final roll of the BONHAM was officially listed as 80 degrees.

The local Coos Bay newspaper reported that a Coast Guardsman at the CG Station Newport said he saw BONHAM's mast touch the water when she rolled on her side while crossing the bar.

There is an old Coast Guard saying "you have to go out, but nothing says you have to come back"....but that old "buck and a quarter" the BONHAM, commissioned in 1927 took us out and brought us back until she was decommissioned in 1959.

*You can find the Retiree  
Newsletter on our web site*

*first at:*

*"www.uscg.mil/hq/hrsic"*

## Web sites continue to provide valuable information at the touch of your fingertips



More and more people have access to the internet through home computers. As that number grows, so does the availability of valuable information. The following web site addresses are provided to assist you in finding interesting and helpful information on the web in a variety of areas.



**www.uscg.mil/hq/hrsic** – Information from the Coast Guard Human Resources Service and Information Center, including the *Retiree Newsletter*

**www.bupers.navy.mil** – Various information from the Navy, including access to the Navy's retiree publication *Shift Colors*

**www.afpc.randolph.af.mil** – Various information from the Air Force, including access to the Air Force's retiree publication *Afterburner*

**www.ddpdelta.org** – Up to date information on the retiree dental plan, its benefits, or assistance with claims or filing claims

**www.uscg.mil** – Up to date information on all facets of the Coast Guard, its Units, publications, and mission

**www.tricare.osd.mil/** - Information on TRICARE programs, new services available, claims, and how to get help or find a service provider

**www.nara.gov/regional/mpr.html** – Information on how to request copies of your service records from the National Personnel Records Center

**www.ssa.gov/SSA\_home.html** – Information on Social Security, who to contact for assistance, and benefit information

**www.va.gov/** - Information from the Department of Veterans Affairs on a variety of veterans benefits programs as well as who to contact for assistance.

**www.dmdc.osd.mil** – Information on DEERS and RAPIDS

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## Notes from the Editor

In the January and April 1999 editions of the Retiree Newsletter I ran stories and information on the CGC EASTWIND and it's tragic collision with the SS GULFSTREAM on 19 January 1949. It is a year later and I continue to receive photos and recollections from you pertaining to this tragic loss of CG personnel. Recently, I received the following letter and photographs from Capt R.E. Anderson, USCG, retired, of Pittsburg, PA; and thought that my readers would find them of interest:

*"Dear Ms. Klein:*

*When I read the Notes to the Editor in the April issue concerning the tragic EASTWIND collision 50 years ago in January 1949, it revived my memory cells of that incident.*

*I found some photographs showing the damage to the EASTWIND as a result of the collision. I am enclosing them for your use in the Retiree Newsletter, if you so desire.*

*As you can see, the impact of the collision was at the location of the Chief's quarters, hence the high fatality rate for the Chief Petty Officers.*

*At the time of this tragic incident, I was a YN1 and assigned to the staff of the Military Morale Section, Third Coast Guard District, New York. As such, I handled many of the sad arrangements resulting from the collision. I was given these photographs as a result of my involvement with many of the necessary arrangements.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*R.E. Anderson"*



Damaged section of the CGC EASTWIND with the CGC GENTIAN & CGC SASSAFRAS standing by



View of damage to the starboard side of the CGC EASTWIND as a result of its collision with the SS GULFSTREAM



Fire damage to the Radio Shack

**Notes from the Editor  
(continued)**



View of damage to the starboard side of the CGC EASTWIND



Fire damage to the Pilot House



Fire damage to the Chief's Quarters

**More "Notes from the Editor:**

**Recently I received the following sad news from the family of William L. Rushing, SK1, USCG (retired):**

*Regarding the death of the daughter of SK1 William Rushing, USCG, retired:*

*His daughter, Amanda (Rushing) Roberson was killed in a tragic automobile accident on 9 October 1999 in Vicksburg, Mississippi. She was buried at Lakewood Memorial South in Jackson, Mississippi on 11 October 1999. Amanda was 21 years old. She leaves behind a 19*

*year old husband and an 18 month old son. They were in the process of moving into their new home the weekend of her accident. She was killed on her way to their new home after leaving work. Amanda was a freelance graphic arts and commercial print designer. She was a member of Davis Road Baptist Church in Byram, Mississippi and was a graduate of Hinds Community College in Raymond, Mississippi. Her parents are retired CG SK1 William L. & Patricia Rushing currently residing in Jackson, Mississippi.*

*Currently William Rushing is employed with MEPS in Jackson, Mississippi.*

**Our hearts go out to the Rushing**

**and Roberson families as they mourn this tragic loss, along with all of those in our Coast Guard Family who have lost a loved one.**



*Review your  
financial needs*

*NOW!!*

*SBP Open  
Enrollment Season  
ends  
29 February 2000*

## Advantages of SBP participation

- **Peace of Mind** – Retired pay stops at your death. SBP gives you the assurance of potentially continuing a portion of your retired pay to your spouse (including former spouse) or insurable interest for life.
- **Tax advantages** – SBP premiums withheld from retired pay are not taxed. For example, if your monthly retired pay is \$2,000, your SBP costs of \$130 are not taxed, thus your real SBP cost (assuming a 28% marginal tax bracket) is \$93.60. Also, it may be a wise financial strategy to receive SBP's tax advantage when the retiree is in a higher marginal tax bracket, rather than when the survivor may be in a lower one.
- **Government subsidy** – The government pays for a portion of the SBP costs. Your premiums pay for only part of your SBP benefit and the government subsidizes the remainder.
- **Ratio of costs to benefits** – Generally, SBP premiums are 6.5% of your covered retired pay, and your spouse will ultimately receive at least 35% of that amount, resulting in a 1 to 5 ratio of monthly costs to monthly benefits (1 to 8 if your surviving spouse is under age 62).
- **Inflation protected benefits** – SBP benefits are inflation-protected due to cost-of-living-adjustments (COLA). Over the years of retirement, inflation can result in substantial changes in the value of annuity payments.
- **Amount of risk** – In most cases, SBP premiums will be recouped as benefits within three years after the retiree's death. You must weigh the higher risk of leaving your survivor with insufficient income without SBP against the smaller risk that your survivor might not get back every cent paid for SBP. A spouse may receive SBP payments for many years, receiving several times the amount paid in premiums.
- **Resumed coverage** – Even if your spouse dies first, you may resume coverage for a subsequent spouse without any penalty based on advanced age, deteriorated health, or other risk factors.

We live in the present.

We dream of the  
future.

But we learn eternal  
truths from the past.

Madame Chiang Kai-Shek  
Nationalist Chinese  
spokeswoman

**For more information on SBP Open Enrollment and enrollment forms, refer to your April 1999 issue of the Retiree Newsletter, or contact your Retired Pay Technician at:  
1-800-772-8724  
and follow the menu instructions.  
For your convenience, additional enrollment forms are provided on pages 8 – 11 of this issue**



# SBP Open Enrollment What are your options?



Public Law 105-261 provided for a Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) Open Enrollment period from **1 March 1999** through **29 February 2000**. The following charts provide a summary of what you can and cannot do during this open enrollment period. For additional SBP Open Enrollment information and applicable forms, visit our website at [www.uscg.mil/hq/hrsic](http://www.uscg.mil/hq/hrsic).

## Regular Retirees

If you have this now.....	You may do this.....
Full SBP & full SSBP	Nothing
Full SBP & no/partial SSBP	Add/Increase Supplemental SBP (SSBP) (up to 20%)
Spouse/Former Spouse only (full base amount)	Add child*/ add SSBP
Child only (full base amount)	Add Spouse/Former Spouse/add SSBP
Spouse/Former Spouse (reduced base amount)	Add child*/raise base/if raised to full base, add SSBP
Child only (reduced base amount)	Add spouse/Former Spouse/raise base/if raised to full base, add SSBP
Insurable Interest	Nothing
No coverage Former	Cover any eligible beneficiary, at any base amount; if for full Spouse or Spouse, add SSBP

\*Child coverage when with a former spouse election covers only children of the retiree's marriage to that former spouse.

## Reserve (Ret 2) Retirees

(those qualified for retired pay, but not yet

If you have this now...	You may do this...
Option A (decline)	Option B or C *
Option B (defer)	Option C*
Option C (immediate)	Option C*

\*Note: The same election, base amount & SSBP options listed above are also available in Reserve Component SBP

- Cannot decrease the base amount
- Cannot decrease the RC-SBP option (C to B or A; B to A)
- Cannot switch spouse to former spouse or former spouse to spouse
- Cannot cover spouse and former spouse concurrently
- Cannot cover the children of a current spouse under the former spouse & child option
- Cannot elect for an insurable interest person if you were married at retirement or at any time after
- Cannot add SSBP without covering full retired pay as the base amount
- Cannot elect SSBP for anyone other than a spouse/former spouse
- Cannot be ordered by a court to participate in the Open Season
- Cannot opt out of making monthly payments of the buy -in premium owed as part of enrollment
- Cannot deem an election, if a former spouse
- Cannot terminate coverage (per P.L. 105-85)
- Cannot benefit from use of the pre March 90 premium calculation, even if more advantageous
- Cannot benefit from the Social Security Offset method of annuity calculation; only the Two-Tiered System is available

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

*(Public Law 105-261) (March 1, 1999 - February 29, 2000)  
(Please read Privacy Act Statement and Instructions before completing form.)*

**SECTION I - MEMBER INFORMATION**

<b>1. NAME</b> <i>(Last, First, Middle Initial)</i>	<b>2. SSN</b>	<b>3. RETIREMENT/ TRANSFER DATE</b> <i>(YYYYMMDD)</i>	<b>4. RANK/PAY GRADE/ BRANCH OF SERVICE</b>	<b>5. DATE OF BIRTH</b> <i>(YYYYMMDD)</i>
<b>6. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS</b> <i>(Ensure your finance center or reserve personnel center is advised whenever your correspondence address changes.)</i>				
<b>a. STREET ADDRESS</b> <i>(Include apartment number)</i>	<b>b. CITY</b>	<b>c. STATE</b>	<b>d. ZIP CODE</b>	<b>e. TELEPHONE</b> <i>(Incl. area code)</i>

**SECTION II - BENEFICIARY INFORMATION** *(This section must be completed regardless of SBP/RCSBP Election.)*

<b>7. SPOUSE</b>			<b>8. DATE OF MARRIAGE</b> <i>(YYYYMMDD)</i>	<b>9. PLACE OF MARRIAGE</b> <i>(See Instructions)</i>
<b>a. NAME</b> <i>(Last, First, Middle Initial)</i>	<b>b. SSN</b>	<b>c. DATE OF BIRTH</b> <i>(YYYYMMDD)</i>		
<b>10. DEPENDENT CHILDREN</b> <i>(Indicate which child(ren) resulted from marriage to former spouse by entering (FS) after relationship in column d.)</i>				
<b>a. NAME</b> <i>(Last, First, Middle Initial)</i>	<b>b. SSN</b>	<b>c. DATE OF BIRTH</b> <i>(YYYYMMDD)</i>	<b>d. RELATIONSHIP</b> <i>(Son, daughter, stepson, etc.)</i>	<b>e. INCAPACITATED?</b> <i>(Yes/No)</i>

**SECTION III - ELECTION OF COVERAGE**

**11. BENEFICIARY CATEGORY(IES)** *(Initial one item only.) (See Instructions.)*  
I ELECT COVERAGE FOR:

<b>a. SPOUSE ONLY.</b>
<b>b. SPOUSE AND CHILD(REN).</b>
<b>c. CHILD(REN) ONLY.</b>
<b>d. NATURAL PERSON WITH INSURABLE INTEREST</b> <i>(Complete Item 13).</i>
<b>e. FORMER SPOUSE</b> <i>(Complete DD 2656-1, "Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) Election Statement for Former Spouse Coverage", or the HRSIC Form CG-4700 (Coast Guard).)</i>
<b>f. FORMER SPOUSE AND DEPENDENT CHILD(REN) OF THAT MARRIAGE</b> <i>(Complete DD 2656-1, "Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) Election Statement for Former Spouse Coverage", or the HRSIC Form CG-4700 (Coast Guard).)</i>

**12. LEVEL OF COVERAGE** *(Initial one item only. Complete UNLESS 11.d. was selected above.)*

<b>a. I ELECT COVERAGE BASED ON FULL GROSS RETIRED PAY.</b>								
<b>b. I ELECT COVERAGE BASED ON A REDUCED BASE AMOUNT OF \$ _____</b> <i>(See Instructions).</i>								
<b>c. I ELECT TO INCREASE MY CURRENT REDUCED BASE AMOUNT TO A HIGHER BASE AMOUNT THAT IS LESS THAN FULL GROSS RETIRED PAY</b> <i>(Enter desired base amount \$ _____).</i>								
<b>d. I ELECT COVERAGE BASED ON FULL GROSS RETIRED PAY PLUS SUPPLEMENTAL COVERAGE OF: (X one)</b>								
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**13. INSURABLE INTEREST BENEFICIARY**

<b>a. NAME</b> <i>(Last, First, Middle Initial)</i>	<b>b. SSN</b>	<b>c. RELATIONSHIP</b>	<b>d. DATE OF BIRTH</b> <i>(YYYYMMDD)</i>
<b>e. STREET ADDRESS</b> <i>(Include apartment number)</i>		<b>f. CITY</b>	<b>g. STATE</b> <b>h. ZIP CODE</b>



**SECTION IV - REMARKS**

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

**SECTION V - MARITAL STATUS HISTORY**

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

**SECTION VI - ENROLLMENT PREMIUM PAYMENT INFORMATION***(Payments under this section are in addition to normal monthly premiums. Use the Premium Tables to determine the amount owed.)*16. ENROLLMENT PREMIUM OPTIONS *(Initial one) (See Instructions)*

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

**SECTION VII - MEMBER OF A RESERVE COMPONENT***(Complete only if you are a member or a former member of a Reserve Component who has completed qualifying service for retired pay at age 60.)*17. I ELECT RESERVE COMPONENT SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN (RCSBP) *(Initial one)*

a. CHANGE MY ELECTION FROM DEFERRED TO IMMEDIATE ANNUITY <i>(from Option B to Option C).</i>	b. DEFERRED ANNUITY UNTIL AGE 60 <i>(Option B).</i>	c. IMMEDIATE ANNUITY <i>(Option C).</i>
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**SECTION VIII - SPOUSE CONCURRENCE FOR RESERVE COMPONENT SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN ELECTION ONLY***(Required when a Reserve member is married and elects child(ren) only coverage or does not elect full spouse coverage.)*

18. SPOUSE.

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

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

**SECTION IX - CERTIFICATION**20. Under penalties of perjury, I certify that all statements on this form are made with full knowledge of the penalties for making false statements. *(18 U.S. Code 287 and 1001 provide for a penalty of not more than \$10,000 fine, or 5 years in prison or both.)* I further understand that my enrollment in the SBP/RCSBP is contingent upon payment of all premiums due. I understand this election is irrevocable, except as described in the instructions, and that the election is void if I do not live for 24 months from the effective date of the election.

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

*(Public Law 105-261) (March 1, 1999 - February 29, 2000)*

**PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT**

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

**PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(S):** To permit eligible individual to make Survivor Benefit Plan, Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan and Supplemental Survivor Benefit Plan elections during the open enrollment period (March 1, 1999 through February 29, 2000).

**ROUTINE USE(S):** None.

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

**INSTRUCTIONS**

**GENERAL.**

1. Read these instructions carefully before completing the form.

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

3. For retirees who are receiving retired pay, mail your election (use of certified or registered mail with return receipt requested is strongly recommended) to the appropriate Uniformed Service designated agent. The Uniformed Services' designated agents are:

(a) **ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE AND MARINE CORPS:** Director, DFAS-Cleveland Center, 1240 East 9th Street, Code FTBCB, Cleveland, OH 44199-2056;

(b) **COAST GUARD:** Commanding Officer (RAS), Coast Guard Human Resources Service and Information Center, 444 SE Quincy St., Topeka, KS 66683-3591;

(c) **PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE:** Department of Health and Human Services, Human Services Compensation Branch, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 4-50, Rockville, MD 20857;

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

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

(a) **ARMY:** Commander, AR-PERSCOM, Attn: ARPC-PSP-T, 9700 Page Ave., St. Louis, MO 63132-5200;

(b) **NAVY:** U.S. Naval Reserve Personnel Center (Code N222), 4400 Dauphine Street, New Orleans, LA 70149-7800;

(c) **AIR FORCE:** Headquarters, ARPC/DRSE, 6760 E. Irvington Place, #3800, Denver, CO 80280-3800;

(d) **MARINE CORPS:** Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Code MMSR-6, 3280 Russell Road, Quantico, VA 22134-5103;

(e) **COAST GUARD:** Commanding Officer (RAS), Coast Guard Human Resources Service and Information Center, 444 SE Quincy St., Topeka, KS 66683-3591;

(f) **PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE:** Department of Health and Human Services, Human Services Compensation Branch, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 4-50, Rockville, MD 20857.

**SECTION I - MEMBER INFORMATION.**

ITEMS 1 and 2. Self-explanatory.

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

ITEMS 4 and 5. Self-explanatory.

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

**SECTION II - BENEFICIARY INFORMATION.**

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

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

7.b. through 9. Provide the requested information about your spouse. In Item 9, if marriage occurred outside the United States, include city, province, and name of country.

ITEM 10. If you do not have dependent children, enter "N/A" in this item. If you elect coverage for your dependent children, provide the requested information and attach copy of birth certificate(s).

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

### SECTION III - ELECTION OF COVERAGE.

NOTE: Election becomes effective on the first day of the month after the month it is received by your finance center or the reserve personnel center for Reserve Members awaiting retired pay. You must live for 24 months from the effective date in order for the beneficiary to receive an annuity.

ITEM 11. Complete if you retired from active duty or if you are a reservist whose eligibility for retired pay arises under Title 10, U.S.C. Chapter 1223, who declined SBP or made no RCSBP election. You may only select one election option.

11.a. through 11.c. Initial the applicable item that indicates the category of beneficiaries you desire to cover, or add a category of beneficiary to existing coverage. For example, if you have "Child Only" coverage and wish to elect coverage for your spouse, initial Block 11.b.

11.d. Initial if you are not married, or unmarried with one dependent child at retirement and have never married since, and desire coverage for a person with an insurable interest in you, and provide the requested information about that person in Item 13. An election of this type must be based on your full gross retired/retainer pay. If the person is not a relative, is a cousin or is more distantly related, attach evidence that the person has a financial interest in the continuance of your life. Under provisions of Public Law 103-337, you are permitted to withdraw from insurable interest coverage at any time. Such a withdrawal is effective on the first day of the month following the month the request is received by your finance center. There is no refund of SBP premiums collected before the effective date of the withdrawal.

11.e. and 11.f. Initial Item 11.e. if you desire coverage for a former spouse. Initial Item 11.f. if you desire coverage for a former spouse and dependent child(ren) of that marriage, and provide the requested information about these children in Item 10 as appropriate. Provide a certified photocopy of final decree of divorce that includes separation agreement or property settlement which discusses SBP for former spouse coverage. The DD Form 2656-1, "Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) Election Statement for Former Spouse Coverage", or the HRSIC Form CG-4700 (Coast Guard) must be completed and accompany this form.

ITEM 12. You cannot decrease the level of coverage. If you have coverage based on full retired pay and add a category of beneficiary not previously covered, (i.e., if you are adding your spouse to existing child only coverage based on full retired pay), you may not select a reduced amount.

12.a. Initial if you desire coverage based on your full gross retired/retainer pay without Supplemental SBP.

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

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

12.d. Initial if you desire coverage based on your full gross retired/retainer pay plus Supplemental SBP for spouse/former spouse. Mark the appropriate percentage of coverage. The benefits are paid to a surviving spouse/former spouse who is age 62 or older.

ITEM 13. Enter the information for insurable interest beneficiary and provide a copy of the birth certificate(s). (See Item 11.d. above.)

### SECTION IV - REMARKS.

ITEM 14. Reference each entry by item number.

### SECTION V - MARITAL STATUS HISTORY.

ITEM 15. Indicate date(s) of previous marriage(s) and divorce(s), if any.

### SECTION VI - ENROLLMENT PREMIUM PAYMENT INFORMATION.

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

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

### SECTION VII - MEMBER OF A RESERVE COMPONENT.

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

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

ITEM 17.a. Initial this block if you have elected Option B and would like to change to Option C. See Items 17.b. and 17.c. for more detail.

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

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

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

Title 10 U.S.C. 1448 requires that an otherwise eligible spouse must concur if a member elects less than maximum coverage or elects child only coverage. The spouse's concurrence must be obtained and dated on or after the date of the member's election. If concurrence is not obtained when required, maximum coverage will be established for your spouse and child(ren) if appropriate. The spouse and the witness must complete items 18 and 19. The witness cannot be named as the beneficiary in Sections II and III, and cannot be the retiree.

### SECTION IX - CERTIFICATION.

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

## VA rules some dental conditions eligible for treatment as service-connected

*Compiled by Mark H. Olanhoff, CMSgt, USAF (Ret), Electronics Coordinator for The Retired Sergeants Major and Chiefs Association (TRSMCA)*

Effective 8 June 1999, The Department of Veterans Affairs announced in the Federal Register, final rules – VA will consider certain dental conditions service-connected for treatment purposes if they are shown in service after a period of 180 days. 38 CFR, section 3.381 has changed:

- 1) Your dental treatment records must be on file at the VA regional office. If you have never filed a claim for disability, have your local VA regional office request your medical and dental records from the Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, MO. Next, go to the VA Medical Center and fill out VA Form 10-10EZ, Application for Health Benefits and check the block "Dental". If you have computer access available, you may also find this form on the VA's web site at "www.va.gov".
- 2) If you have your dental record, I recommend that you visit your regular dentist and ask for a review and a statement to indicate which teeth would be eligible for treatment. The following rules apply:
  - a. Teeth noted as normal at entry will be service-connected if they were filled or extracted after 180 days or more of active service.
  - b. Teeth noted as filled at entry will be service-connected if they were extracted, or if the filling was replaced, after 180 days or more of active service.
  - c. Teeth noted as carious (cavity) but restorable at entry will not be service-connected on the basis that they were filled during service. However, new caries that developed 180 days or more after such a tooth was filled will be service-connected.
  - d. Teeth noted as carious but restorable at entry, whether or not filled, will be service-connected if extraction was required after 180 days or more of active service.
  - e. Teeth noted as non-restorable will not be service-connected, regardless of treatment during service.
  - f. Teeth noted as missing at entry will not be service-connected, regardless of treatment during service.
  - g. Teeth extracted because of chronic periodontal disease will be service-connected only if they were extracted after 180 days or more of active service.

The 180 day period is based on the fact that the Academy of General Dentistry recommends that a patient visit a dentist at least every six months. Also it is more likely than not that caries or pathology which become apparent within the first 180 days of service pre-existed that service.

For additional information contact your local VA.



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## Legally Speaking:



***(General legal discussions for the military community- by the Law Firm of Shaw, Bransford, Veilleux & Roth)***

One resource military members should not forget when seeking help for personal legal issues is the base legal assistance program. All the branches of the military have legal assistance programs in place. These programs assist service members of any branch and their dependents, as well as overseas civil-

ian employees and their dependents with legal services, such as preparing wills, powers of attorney, notary service, landlord-tenant problems and tax assistance.



The legal assistance program is usually run by the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate on Army and Air Force bases, by the Office of the Station/Base Judge Advocate on Marine bases, and by the Navy Legal Services Office (NLSO) on Navy bases. Depending on resources and the office's

available expertise, these programs may also provide some guidance and assistance to retirees as well.

In general, the legal assistance attorneys will not represent an individual in a court or other formal proceeding; however, they can advise a service member on how to find a qualified private attorney to take such a case, and they may help resolve a case short of litigation.

The military's legal assistance program is a good resource for military members and other qualified individuals needing help on legal matters. Service members should not hesitate to use this valuable resource.



## “Flying Fortress” historian requests reader’s assistance

*The following letter was received requesting our readers assistance:*

Dear Editor:

My name is Donald Keller, and I am a B-17 Flying Fortress historian who hopes to do a book on the B-17.

I have come across a question on USCG B-17's, (PB-1G's), and I'd like to ask your help in finding the answer.

I realized that PG-1G, Buno #77254 had the main crew door removed, and then reinstalled to open from the op-

posite direction. Originally, they opened from left to right. This aircraft then had it open from right to left.

I had a chance to examine the door, and I can tell that it was done properly and with great care.

I am hoping that one of your readers can tell me when and where this was done. I especially want to find out why it was done, and if #77254 was the only one that was modified this way.

I can be contacted by mail at: PO Box 2111, Beaverton, OR 97075-2111, or by phone at (503)646-4176.

## Retirees to receive COLA adjustments for the new year

As part of the FY2000 Defense Appropriations Bill, the following COLA increases were approved for retiree and annuitant accounts:

- 2.4% - applied to retired account if effective date of retirement was prior to 1 Jan 99
- 2.4% - applied to annuitant account if sponsor's effective date of retirement was prior to 1 Jan 99
- 2.0% - applied to retired ac-

count if effective date of retirement was during 1999 and member entered the service prior to 8 Sep 80

- 2.0% - applied to annuitant account if sponsor's effective date of retirement was after 1 Jan 99, and retired pay was calculated using the 1 Jan 99 pay rates; and sponsor's date of death was prior to 1 Dec 99

Those members whose effective

date of retirement was in 1999, and who entered the service on or after 8 Sep 80 will receive a pro-rated cost-of-living adjustment as follows:

- 2.0% - 1 Jan through 31 Mar 99
- 1.7% - 1 Apr through 30 Jun 99
- 0.7% - 1 Jul through 30 Sep 99
- 0.0% - 1 Oct through 31 Dec 99



## Military pension exclusion in New Jersey



Is retirement pay from the U.S. Coast Guard exempt from New Jersey income tax under the new military pension exclusion?

The answer is "yes!" P.L.1997, c.409, effective beginning with tax year 1998, provides a gross income tax exclusion for military pension payments (or military survivor's benefit payments) paid to individuals with respect to services in the Armed Forces of the United States to a person who is 62 years of age or older, or disabled. Military pension payments from the Coast Guard are included within the meaning of P.L.1997, c.409. In this regard, we note that U.S.C.A. sec. 101 defines the Armed Forces to

mean the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. Under title 14 U.S.C.A., the Coast Guard is established as a military service and branch of the Armed Forces of the United States. A 1976 amendment transferred the Coast Guard from a service in the Treasury Department to a service in the Department of Transportation. However, the amendment provides the Coast Guard shall operate as part of the Navy in time of war or when the President directs. 14 U.S.C.A. sec. 3.1.

For Federal tax purposes under IRC sec. 7701(a)(15), the Coast Guard is included under the definition of military, naval, and Armed Forces of the United States. For New Jersey pur-

poses, military means any part of or all of the armed forces. N.J.S.A. 38A:1-1(h). This enables the Coast Guard the same hiring treatment for employment and promotions under the veteran's preference laws as the other branches for the Armed Forces in accordance with N.J.A.C 4A:5.1.1.

For additional information or to inquire about a refund, contact the New Jersey Division of Taxation at one of the following numbers:  
(609)292-5033/5035/7147  
or visit their web site at:  
**[www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/)**



## Locator



**Gordon L. Baxter** would like to hear from "RM2" Kiem, "RM3" Nelson, and "RM2" Scholik. He was stationed at a LORAN Station on the island of Potangeras, Ulithi Atoll in the western Caroline Islands of the South Pacific with them during WWII. Please contact Gordon L. Baxter at 18010 North Park Avenue N., Shoreline WA 98133-4409.

**Comments?**  
You may call the Newsletter Editor at:  
**1-800-772-8724**, select option #6 on the menu

If you would like to seek an old shipmate through the "Locator", please write, fax, or email your request to:

Retiree Newsletter Editor  
USCG Human Resources Service & Information Center (RAS)  
444 SE Quincy Street  
Topeka, KS 66683-3591  
FAX: (785)295-2639  
Email: [rklein@hrsic.uscg.mil](mailto:rklein@hrsic.uscg.mil)

## President Clinton recognizes WWII vet still on duty



On 11 November, President Clinton saluted the last WWII veteran still on active duty during the annual Veterans Day ceremonies at Arlington Cemetery.

Capt. Earl Fox, a Public Health Service doctor attached to the



Coast Guard who served in the Navy during WWII retired one week after the ceremony at the age of 80.

President Clinton said, "I think he has earned his retirement," and went on to thank the Captain on behalf

of the nation for his service. Additionally, President Clinton announced that remains of three U.S. soldiers missing from the Korean War had been recovered and would be returned to the United States.



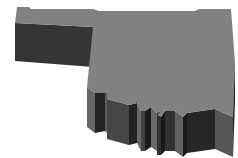
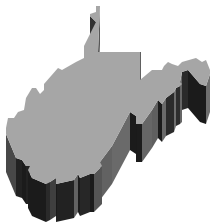
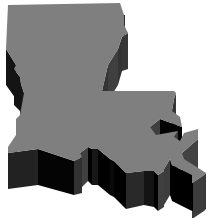


# FYI – Your state tax withholdings



In order to withhold State Tax funds from your retired pay, each individual State must have an agreement with the Coast Guard. Some States that do not tax retired pay will still allow you to have State Tax funds withheld from your retired pay. For your information, the following is a list of States that currently allow the Coast Guard to withhold State Income tax. This does not mean that all of these States tax your retired pay.

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| Alabama              | Mississippi    |
| Arizona              | Missouri       |
| Arkansas             | Montana        |
| California           | Nebraska       |
| Colorado             | New Jersey     |
| Connecticut          | New Mexico     |
| Delaware             | New York       |
| District of Columbia | North Carolina |
| Georgia              | North Dakota   |
| Hawaii               | Ohio           |
| Idaho                | Oklahoma       |
| Indiana              | Oregon         |
| Iowa                 | Pennsylvania   |
| Kansas               | Puerto Rico    |
| Kentucky             | Rhode Island   |
| Louisiana            | South Carolina |
| Maine                | Utah           |
| Maryland             | Vermont        |
| Massachusetts        | Virginia       |
| Minnesota            | Wisconsin      |





## Special Compensation for Severely Disabled Uniformed Services Retirees – Section 658, Public Law 106-65



**GENERAL:** Section 658 of the FY-2000 DoD Authorization Act provides that retirees retired for other than disability who have at least a 70% VA-rated disability are entitled to a special compensation. Following is some criteria that may assist you in determining if you are qualified to receive this special payment.

**EFFECTIVE DATE AND ENTITLEMENT TO COMPENSATION:** An eligible disabled retired member is entitled to Special Compensation for any month that begins on or after 1 October 1999, and is a month in which the retiree has a qualified service-connected disability. No benefit may be paid to any person by reason of 10 U.S.C. 1413 for any period before 1 October 1999.

**MONTHLY AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION:** The amount of Special Compensation payable under 10 U.S.C. 1413 will be determined according to the current disability rating (for the month of the entitlement) as reported by the Department of Veterans Affairs:

- \$100 for each month the retiree has a qualified rating of 70 or 80 percent.
- \$200 for each month the retiree has a qualified rating of 90 percent.
- \$300 for each month the retiree has a qualified rating of total disability.

**TAXABILITY:** Special Compensation paid under 10 U.S.C. 1413 is taxable income within the meaning of section 61 of the Internal Revenue Code.

**FUNDING AND PAYMENT:** The special compensation will be paid from funds appropriated for pay and allowance of the recipient member's branch of service, but it is not retired pay. Qualified members will receive the special compensation payment in their retired pay; how-

ever, for those who are not receiving retired pay, a special payment will be issued.

**ELIGIBLE MEMBERS:** An eligible member, for purposes of Special Compensation under 10 U.S.C. 1413, is a retired member of the Uniformed Services who meets **ALL** the following requirements:

1. Member **IS NOT** retired for disability (i.e., is not retired under the provisions of chapter 61, Title 10, United States Code).
2. Member is in a retired status, i.e., is on the retired rolls. Members recalled to active duty do not qualify. Otherwise, the member need not be in actual receipt of retired pay. Members in a retired status include members who have transferred to the Retired Reserve, who are qualified to receive retired pay upon attainment of 60 years of age, are not performing drills and are not serving on active duty.
3. Member has 20 or more years of service for purposes of computing retired pay. 20 years of service may be inferred if the member has a retired pay multiplier that is not less than 50 percent. A Reservist with retired pay computed (or to be computed) under the provisions of chapter 1223, title 10, U.S.C., must have 20 or more years of service as defined by 10 U.S.C. 12733. Thus, an eligible Reservist under this provision of law must have 7,200 or more total points under clauses (1), (2), (3), and (4) of 10 USC 12733.
4. Member has a qualifying service-connected (under the meaning of 38 U.S.C. 101) disability rated under the standard schedule of rating disabilities in use by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VASRD) .

**ORIGINAL QUALIFICATION:** A qualifying disability must be (or have been) rated by the Secretary of Veter-

ans Affairs as not less than 70% disabling within four (4) years of the individual's date of retirement. A disability rated as total includes a disability for which a rating of total has been assigned by reason of inability of the disabled person to secure or follow substantially gainful occupation as a result of service-connected disabilities. The date of retirement is the date the individual was placed on the retired rolls, or in the case of persons whose retired pay is, or will be, computed under chapter 1223, Title 10, U.S.C., the date the individual was transferred to the Retired Reserve.

**CURRENT QUALIFICATION:** A qualifying service-connected disability also must be one that has been awarded by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs with a current rating (as of the month of the entitlement) of 70%, 80%, 90% or total.

HRSIC will identify potentially qualified individuals using existing data and will submit an electronic data file to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for verification. The VA will respond with information to support eligibility for payment of special compensation. For those who are entitled to the special compensation payment will be made on the first business day of the month following the month of entitlement and will be retroactive to 1 October 1999.

The process of verifying, and obtaining documentation to support eligibility for this special payment should be accomplished early in the new year. Retirees **SHOULD NOT** submit letters of application in the interim. Having to respond to such letters will only slow down the process. We will provide further information to you as soon as it becomes available.




**U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**

***The following article was provided by LCDR James R. Montgomery, USCG, who is currently Chief, Force Optimization & Training at the Integrated Support Command in New Orleans, LA. LCDR Montgomery also serves the Coast Guard, as a Vice Flotilla Commander in the CG Auxiliary. He encourages the retiree community to bring their skills to Team Coast Guard and their communities through service in the CG Auxiliary. The CG Auxiliary and Team Coast Guard need you!!***

On October 20th, I worked a booth at Louisiana State University teaching children how to put personal flotation devices on correctly. The event was the second annual Ocean Commotion celebration, and over 3,300 children passed through the displays in less than a six-hour period. After demonstrating that they could put their PFD (Personal Flotation Device) on correctly, they were rewarded with an activity book.

Being surrounded by 3,000 children excitedly putting on PFD's is not normal duty for an ISC Branch Chief, but a role I have repeated several times over the past few years. On that day, I took off my gold shoulder boards and replaced them with silver. Wearing Auxiliary Vice Flotilla Commander insignia and nametag, my uniform was transformed to that of a volunteer worker, part of the 33,000 plus members of Team Coast Guard who work alongside their active duty and Reserve counterparts. I was surprised to learn this isn't just a group of older, retired persons but that more than 60% have full-time jobs and members in their 20's are not uncommon. The diversity of the group adds to its strength and enhances the interest, character and enjoyment of its members.

Being a member of both parts of the Coast Guard, active and Auxiliary, has great personal rewards. Sharing the Coast Guard message through public outreach programs is very rewarding. Members of my flotilla visit schools in the area and conduct water and boating safety activities, with attendance at each school ranging from 400 to 800 students. Boating Safety and Seamanship classes are conducted mostly for adults, and instructing in that forum allows me to share some of what I have learned with others.

A lot of what I have learned is not just from active duty. The Auxiliary has a wide variety of courses that are commercially marketed near \$9,000 a piece, but provided to members free of charge. Courses include vessel examiner, instructor, boat crewman, boat coxswain, air observer, leadership, administration, seamanship, navigation, communications, patrols, search and rescue, weather and more. This is one organization that gives as much to the members as the members give to the community. When I complete lessons, I share them in boating classes to help the public become safer boaters, which in turn reduces the number of Search and Rescues and accident investigations.

A flotilla is the smallest entity in the Auxiliary, similar to an active duty station, and participates in the full range of Coast Guard missions. In my flotilla, one member has a boat that looks surprisingly like a 41' patrol boat that he uses solely for patrols, SAR and member training. In other words, he's personally volunteered a \$30,000+

boat for Auxiliary use only. That's commitment! Auxiliarists across the nation conduct an average of 70 safety patrols a day, and assist 41 boats or boaters in distress. In the process, they save hundreds of lives and almost \$1,000,000 in property each year.

My favorite area is public education. Teaching every age range from preschool to adults is both challenging and rewarding. On average, the CG Auxiliary trains a total of 683 people every day. The public gets high quality, inexpensive training, paying only for their books. Since over 90% of persons involved in fatal boat accidents have never had any formal training; it is easy to see how important this training is to the public and the Coast Guard.

Because of my active duty affiliation, I am limited as to which Auxiliary programs I can participate in because I must avoid all programs that might be construed as a conflict of interest. I cannot conduct Courtesy Marine Examinations, I cannot participate in patrols where boaters violating guidelines/laws are warned and counseled. I also cannot participate in Marine Dealer Visitor programs since I have Federal law enforcement authority. Still, there is more than enough to be done and I can find many areas of service.

Additionally, the Auxiliary provides a unique fellowship. Auxiliarists participate because they love the Coast Guard, believe in its missions, and enjoy the company of their fellow Auxiliarists. Many flotilla meetings open with a meal, and at my flotilla we take turns preparing our "specialties" for the rest of the group. This sharing and caring is the backbone of the organization.

In my active duty job, I now drive a desk instead of a boat. The Auxiliary gave me back a chance to have direct contact with the public that I swore to protect. Direct external customer input and immediate, positive feedback keeps my morale high in Coast Guard missions. Auxiliary participation is my periodic shot of enthusiasm, as one cannot be a part of the Auxiliary without being positively affected. Dealing with my fellow active duty and Reserve shipmates is a continued pleasure, just enhanced by Auxiliary interface. I look forward to my active duty retirement, so that I can spend more time in the highly rewarding world of the Auxiliary, and be able to participate fully in all its programs.

As a retiree, please consider participation in the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The rewards are great personally, for the community, and for Team Coast Guard. You can find information on membership and a flotilla close to you by accessing the Auxiliary's web site at: [www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org).



# 75 years of COAST GUARD MUTUAL ASSISTANCE



## HISTORY OF HELPING

1999 marks the 75<sup>th</sup> year of Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA) being there during times of financial need to assist every segment of our Coast Guard family, which includes Active Duty and **Retired members**, Civilian employees, Reservists, Auxiliarists, Public Health Officers serving with the Coast Guard, and their families.

As our Coast Guard family transitioned through the years, so did CGMA. Originally established in 1924 by the wives of several Coast Guard officers as the **League of Coast Guard Women**, the League ended its first year of operation with a net worth of \$1,133.87, most of which was raised with annual dues of two dollars. In 1941, **Coast Guard Welfare** was formally established and took over the mission from the League, providing \$11,500 in assistance to our members that year. In 1979, the name was changed to **Coast Guard Mutual Assistance** and \$1,500,000 in loans and grants was provided to our members.

The culmination of our 75<sup>th</sup> year of service should see CGMA providing \$6,000,000 in financial assistance to 8,000 of our members in the form of loans and grants during 1999.

**Since its inception, CGMA has provided over \$93,000,000 in financial assistance to our members!!!**

**Thank you!** It has been the continuous caring and generosity exhibited by you, our members, throughout the years that enabled CGMA to provide so much help to so many of our people in need. The 1999 CGMA Fund-Raising Campaign resulted in contributions totaling \$1,000,000 for the first time ever! Your annual contributions and the returns on investments have allowed CGMA to pro-

vide record levels of financial assistance to members of our Coast Guard family finding themselves in unexpected need brought about by circumstances beyond their control, and to expand our programs as you requested.

In addition to program expansions, the new millenium will usher in more CGMA automation, a new web site, an updated CGMA Manual and the 2000 CGMA Fund-Raising Campaign. You can request information about any CGMA program from your local CGMA Representative, visit our web site at [www.cgmahq.org](http://www.cgmahq.org) or call CGMA-HQ at 1-800-881-2462.

## EXPANDED EDUCATION PROGRAMS

As we enter the new millenium, CGMA is poised to initiate new programs and expand existing programs, especially our Education Programs. We are especially happy to announce that we are able to expand the eligibility for most of these Education Programs to every segment of our Coast Guard family. The CGMA Education Programs, all of which have been expanded and one of, which is new, are briefly described. See our web site or contact either your local CGMA Representative or Education Services Officer (ESO) to get information about any of these education programs. New CGMA Education Brochures with the necessary applications to apply for assistance will be available in early November.

- ÿ **CGMA Education Grant Program** - provides need-based grants for undergraduate students.  
Eligibility: Dependent children and spouses of **all** CGMA members.
- ÿ **Supplemental Education Grant (SEG) Program** – provides reimbursement for certain costs associated with seeking a first under-

graduate degree, VOTECH certificate, or GED.

Eligibility: **All** CGMA members, their dependent children and spouse.

- ÿ **Federal Student Loan Program** - assists with post-secondary education through Federal Stafford Loans, Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students (PLUS), and the Federal Direct Loan Program. CGMA reimburses the 3% Origination Fee required by this program.

Eligibility: **All** CGMA members, their dependent children and spouse.

- ÿ **Vocational and Technical Training (VOTECH) Student Loan Program** – provides need-based assistance to pay associated VOTECH costs.

Eligibility: **All** CGMA members, their dependent children and spouse.

- ÿ **Supplemental Student Loan Program** – assists eligible students with additional costs after receiving CG Tuition Assistance.

Eligibility: Active Duty personnel, Civilian employees, and Reservists, eligible to participate in the CG Tuition Assistance program.

Your continued support is necessary, as the CGMA program is the only program that is truly, **“Coast Guard People Helping Coast Guard People.”**

Contributions can be sent to:

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance  
Commandant (G-ZMA) 2100  
2<sup>nd</sup> St. ,SW, Room 5502  
Washington, DC 20593-0001



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**SBP  
Open Enrollment  
ends  
29 February 2000.**

**For additional  
information contact  
your Retired Pay  
Technician at:  
1-800-772-8724, or  
visit our website  
for information and  
forms at:  
www.uscg.mil/hq/  
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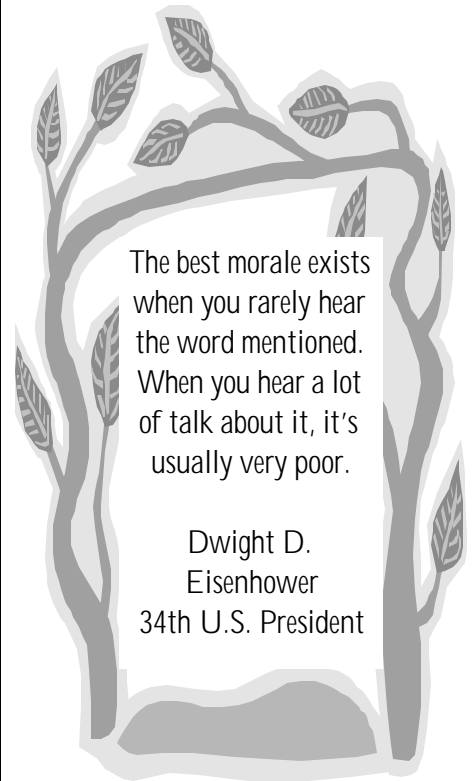


**Savings Bond  
delivery dates**

Recently, we have received many questions regarding delivery dates for U.S. Savings Bonds purchased through allotment from your retired pay. These questions can only be answered in a general manner here, as much depends on your own individual situation, and how you have set up your allotment; monthly, bi-monthly, or tri-annually.

Generally, bond allotments are processed the last week of each month so that you can expect to receive your bonds the first week to 10 days of the month following.

If you have specific questions relating to your bonds, you should contact your Retired Pay Technician at 1-800-772-8724.



The best morale exists when you rarely hear the word mentioned. When you hear a lot of talk about it, it's usually very poor.

Dwight D.  
Eisenhower  
34th U.S. President



**ISC Portsmouth ID  
card issuing services  
available**

To provide better customer service to our retired military community in the Tidewater area, we now offer extended hours for ID card issuing services. Our service hours are 0730-1600 on Monday through Wednesday and Fridays, 0730-1900 every Thursday. In addition, we also offer services from 0900-1300 on the first Saturday of every month. If by chance, the first Saturday falls on a holiday weekend, then we will be open on the second Saturday. If services are required, and can't be taken care of during the hours we offer, we will gladly work with individuals on a on-to-one basis and make other arrangements to serve their needs. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact YNC Scott at (757)686-4101/4002.

**FY-2000 DOD AUTHORIZATION  
ACT REPEALS REDUCTION IN  
RETIRED PAY FOR MILITARY  
RETIREES EMPLOYED IN  
CIVILIAN POSITIONS**

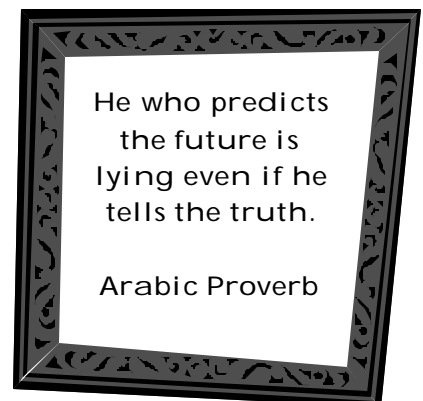
The "dual compensation law," which established a ceiling on pay for retired military officers who work as civilians for the federal government, has been eliminated effective 1 October 1999. As a result of the recently passed Defense bill; retired military officers working for the federal government will receive, or in many cases have already received, an increase in their retired pay. This change in the law will affect over 6,000 military retirees working for the federal government. One note, however, there are no provisions in the law for any retro-active payments.

**More from the FY-2000 DoD  
Authorization Act....**

Another item in the bill that will affect future retirees is the

retirement reform for those entering the service after July 1986. Those members will now have a choice at 15 years of service: To take a \$30K immediate bonus and stay in REDUX retirement or move to the pre-1986 High-Three system with full 50% retirement and full COLAS at 20 years.

Details on the special compensation awarded under this Act for certain severely disabled retirees is featured on page 16 of this issue.



He who predicts  
the future is  
lying even if he  
tells the truth.

Arabic Proverb



# Retirements



Name	Rank	Date of Retirement	Yrs Svc
ABELL, JOSEPH	YN1	19990903	31
ADAMS, JOHN	FS1	19991001	20
ADAMS, MARK	FSCS	19990920	16
ADOLF, RANDY	LT	19991001	20
AHLGREN, RUSSELL	BMC	19990901	20
ALLEN, JON	CDR	19991001	20
ANDERSON, FLOYD	CDR	19990818	37
ANDERSON, HARTLEY	YN1	19990802	28
ANDRES, WILLIAM	BOSN3	19991001	23
ANSLEY, KEITH	MK1	19990711	13
APPLEGATE, FRANKLIN	BMCS	19991001	25
ARCHIE, WILLIAM	EM1	19990901	20
ARMSTRONG, NEAL	CDR	19990901	20
ARMSTRONG, ROBERT	AVT1	19990901	20
ASHWORTH, ANTHONY	BM1	19991001	20
AURAND, DAVID	CDR	19990901	20
AUSTIN, JOHN	MK1	19991001	20
AVENSON, PAUL	RD1	19990901	20
BACKMAN, GLEN	ELC4	19990901	22
BAGOT, THOMAS	LT	19991001	20
BAILEY, MARCUS	ENG4	19991001	26
BAKER, DEBORAH	YNC	19991001	20
BAKER, THOMAS	MK1	19991001	20
BALKHAM, RICHARD	AVT2	19990915	11
BALL, RICHARD	EM1	19990825	19
BANKS, DOUGLAS	YN1	19991001	20
BARBER, DENNIS	BOSN2	19991001	21
BARNES, THOMAS	PERS3	19990901	24
BARNETT, THOMAS	CDR	19990924	37
BAUER, MICHAEL	MST1	19990814	12
BAUMILLER, JEFFREY	MKCS	19991001	20
BAUTISTA, JUAN	DCC	19990901	22
BEAL, DONALD	SK1	19991001	20
BECHTEL, MICHAEL	CDR	19991001	21
BECKWITH, BRADLEY	YN1	19990901	20
BENNETT, CAROL	SKC	19991001	20
BERGLAND, TERRY	YN2	19990924	32
BETHEL, ROBERT	EMC	19991001	20
BILLER, ROBERT	LT	19990901	21
BINFORD, JOHN	ENG2	19991001	25
BLACK, ERNEST	MKC	19991001	25
BOEGEL, CHRISTOPHER	CDR	19991001	20
BOONE, BURL	MKC	19991001	20
BORLASE, GEORGE	MAT4	19991001	29
BOUTWELL, TRACY	ETCS	19991001	25
BOWEN, STEVEN	SKC	19990901	20
BOYLE, JAMES	BMCM	19990901	25
BRANCH, RONALD	PSC	19990908	43
BRANDON, ZACHARY	AMT1	19990917	20
BRAYTON, ROGER	QMC	19991001	23
BRECKENRIDGE, SCOTT	AVT1	19991001	20
BREESE, ROBERT	LT	19990901	22
BRIGHTWELL, BILLY	PSCS	19990829	31
BRODERICK, JOHN	TT1	19990901	20
BROOKS, THOMAS	PERS4	19990821	25
BROWN, ANTHONY	TCC	19990901	26
BROWN, GARJ	LCDR	19990917	32
BUIE, RON	YN1	19990901	20
BUNTING, WILLIAM	CAPT	19990810	41
BURDICK, DENNIS	MKC	19990901	20
BURKE, JAMES	PSCM	19990816	34
BUTLER, GARY	AMTCS	19991001	30
BUTLER, JACKSON	BM1	19990803	42
CAINE, DENNIS	TCC	19990901	20
CALAY, RICHARD	CDR	19990803	41

Name	Rank	Date of Retirement	Yrs Svc
CALLAHAN, DONN	AMT1	19991001	20
CANDEE, JAMES	LCDR	19991001	20
CARON, ROBERT	CAPT	19990815	32
CARROLL, RICHARD	AMT1	19990901	20
CASTELLI, MICHAEL	QM1	19990901	20
CHARLES, STUART	CAPT	19990924	36
CIESLINSKI, ROBERT	BOSN3	19990901	21
CLAY, JOHN	CAPT	19990901	26
CLOW, LANE	AMT2	19990901	20
COAKLEY, EUGENE	MK1	19990819	39
COLE, RICHARD	BM2	19990901	20
CONATY, JAY	YNCS	19991001	20
COOKE, CLIFFORD	BM1	19990823	36
COSGROVE, JOSEPH	MAT3	19990901	22
COYNER, DAVID	MK1	19990901	20
CRAWFORD, JAMES	CAPT	19991001	25
CREMEANS, STEVEN	FS1	19990901	20
CUFFEE, DWAYNE	AMT1	19990901	20
CUTLER, DAVID	PS1	19990827	32
DALALY, KENNETH	ENG2	19990901	21
DAVIS, MICHAEL	FS1	19991001	20
DEFOE, DANIEL	MKC	19990901	20
DILWORTH, IRA	MKCS	19990421	40
DOBSON, MICHAEL	YN1	19990901	20
DOBSON, MICHAEL	YN1	19990902	20
DOWD, JOHN	PSCS	19990925	32
DOWD, PATRICK	BOSN3	19991001	20
DUDLEY, THURMAN	ETCS	19990901	26
DUKE, TIMOTHY	AMT2	19990804	20
DUNCAN, MARK	BM3	19990928	04
DUNTON, TIMOTHY	TCC	19991001	20
DUPLECHAN, MITCHELL	LCDR	19990916	34
EASTMAN, TIMOTHY	CDR	19990901	22
EDMONDS, ROBERT	AVT2	19990819	15
EITNER, STACEY	AVT2	19990810	10
ELDREDGE, GEORGE	LCDR	19991001	20
ELEY, WILLIAM	CDR	19991001	21
ELSENER, ROBERT	CDR	19990901	22
EPPLER, LAWRENCE	CAPT	19991001	24
EPSTEIN, ALBERT	CAPT	19990804	41
ESTRADA, JORGE	GM1	19991001	20
FONDOW, GERALD	YNCM	19990901	30
FOOTE, FREDERICK	MK1	19990830	37
FORCHETTE, MICHAEL	AMTC	19991001	22
FOWSER, ALLEN	TC2	19991001	20
FRANKLIN, MILTON	DC1	19990917	25
FRIES, THOMAS	F&S2	19990901	20
FRY, ALFRED	F&S4	19990923	42
FURGERSON, STEPHEN	AVTCS	19990901	26
GADOWRY, BRIAN	TCC	19991001	20
GARDINER, DANIEL	TCC	19991001	20
GAUGLER, GEORGE	GM1	19990901	20
GEER, MICHAEL	MK1	19990901	20
GETMAN, KARL	EMCS	19991001	21
GILBERT, WILLIAM	BMC	19990901	22
GILTNER, JOHN	LCDR	19990809	37
GREEN, TIMOTHY	AMT2	19990815	07
GREER, JOHN	BM2	19990821	39
GRENIER, RONALD	MKCS	19990823	42
GUDGER, OCTAVIOUS	TC2	19991001	21
HADLEY, STEVEN	LCDR	19991001	29
HARKINS, DEAN	FSCS	19990901	27
HARN, RICHARD	EMC	19990901	20
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HARTY, JOHN	LCDR	19990811	42	MILLER, JEFFREY	BMC	19991001	20
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HATFIELD, COREY	HSC	19990801	20	MONTANO, ROMEO	EMCS	19990901	28
HAWKINS, RAYMOND	MK1	19991001	34	MONTES, STEPHEN	FS1	19990901	20
HAWLEY, JOSEPH	MK1	19990901	20	MOODY, ROBERT	AMT1	19991001	20
HEANEY, TIMOTHY	MKC	19990901	20	MOORE, GEORGE	AMT1	19991001	20
HECKERT, MARK	DC1	19991001	20	MOORE, RALPH	YN1	19990905	30
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HOOD, PHILIP	BM1	19991001	20	OCONNOR, THOMAS	BM2	19990916	26
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HUANG, GEORGE	YN1	19990901	20	OLMSTED, DONN	LCDR	19991001	20
HUBBARD, LOUIS	BM2	19990901	20	OMATSU, MICHAEL	CDR	19990901	22
HUGHES, TERRY	YN1	19990901	21	ONEAL, TIMOTHY	LCDR	19991001	23
HUITT, JAMES	GMC	19990901	23	OXENDINE, NICK	GMMC	19991001	27
HUTHMAKER, CHARLES	LT	19990901	20	PAGNOTTA, AUSTIN	DCCM	19990819	42
JEWESS, ERIC	CDR	19991001	20	PALFREY, MICHAEL	GMC	19991001	20
JOHANSON, MARTIN	CAPT	19990822	37	PARKER, PERNELL	MK1	19990901	20
JOHNSON, JOHN	QM1	19990901	20	PATTERSON, MARK	TC1	19990901	21
JOHNSON, RONALD	MK2	19990703	28	PHILIPPSBORN, FRANK	CDR	19991001	24
JOHNSTONE, HUGH	FS2	19990915	13	PHILLIPS, THOMAS	PSS4	19990902	39
JONES, DOUGLAS	DC2	19991001	20	PIERCE, EDWIN	MK3	19990921	23
JONES, MELVIN	MKC	19991001	20	PINER, BILLY	ENG4	19990901	24
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KJERULFF, THOMAS	QMCS	19991001	22	POWERS, DALE	TCC	19990901	24
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KLOEPEL, ALINE	TC1	19990901	20	PRINK, LLOYD	MKCS	19990903	41
KNOWLTON, ROBERT	YNC	19990901	24	PROVONCHA, LAWRENCE	BMCS	19991001	25
KOLSTAD, JOHN	CDR	19990907	33	RAMP, STEVEN	BOSN3	19990901	23
KOTILA, LARRY	ENG4	19991001	29	RANK, ALFRED	CDR	19990909	38
KOWALCHUK, MATTHEW	DC1	19991001	20	REARDON, DONALD	TTC	19991001	20
KREY, RANDALL	YN1	19991001	20	REDMOND, EILEEN	SK1	19991001	20
LACLAIRE, PERRY	MKCS	19990917	39	REINHART, RICHARD	PERS4	19990901	30
LAForge, GEORGE	BMCM	19991001	28	RENQUIN, LEONARD	COMM4	19990911	34
LAIR, CHARLES	RDC	19991001	20	REUTERDAHL, DAVID	TT1	19991001	17
LAMPKIN, LEROY	AVTC	19990801	22	REYNOLDS, BUD	MK2	19991001	20
LANG, PAUL	YN1	19990901	20	RICE, JOE	MAT3	19990901	27
LEASON, BRUCE	YNCM	19991001	28	RICKS, RANDY	YN1	19990901	20
LEVECK, MARK	TC1	19991001	20	ROBINETT, MICHAEL	CAPT	19990901	26
LEWIS, MARK	MK1	19990901	20	ROBINSON, ERIC	MK1	19990901	20
LEWIS, TIMOTHY	FS1	19990901	20	ROCK, JOSEPH	QMC	19991001	20
LEYS, CHRISTOPHER	MKCS	19990803	41	RODRIGUEZ, GEORGE	SK1	19991001	20
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LOPEZ, RAYMOND	AVTC	19990901	20	RUHLIN, MICHAEL	AMTC	19991001	22
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LORIGAN, KIMBERLY	YNC	19991001	20	RUTERBUSCH, SCOTT	BMCS	19991001	20
LOWRY, SIMON	FN	19990806	01	RUTHER, STEPHEN	AVT1	19990914	14
LUCENTE, JOHN	HSC	19990824	20	RYAN, THOMAS	AMTC	19991001	21
MAGUIRE, PATRICK	ENG4	19990901	25	SALISBURY, FREDERICK	LCDR	19990901	20
MALLETTE, MICHAEL	CDR	19990901	21	SALLS, ERIC	AMTC	19990901	22
MALVEY, WILFRED	PSC	19990802	24	SANDERSON, ROBERT	CDR	19990820	37
MANN, FRANKLIN	MK1	19991001	21	SANDUSKY, EMORY	PS2	19990930	24
MANN, GENE	EMCS	19990814	25	SCALES, ALAN	ELC2	19990901	20
MARTHENS, THOMAS	AMT1	19990901	22	SCHLAGEL, DAVID	AMT1	19990901	20
MARTINEZ, MARTY	WEPS3	19991001	20	SCHOEMICK, GERALD	PS2	19990904	29
MAXIM, JOHN	SKC	19990901	42	SCHUNNEMAN, PATRICIA	FSC	19990901	20
MCCLOSKEY, REGIS	MKC	19990901	21	SCOTT, JOHN	BOSN4	19990901	30
MCCONNELL, JOHN	CAPT	19990803	36	SEEBODE, EDMOND	ETC	19991001	20
MCCOOL, DAVID	EM1	19990804	15	SEIFERT, FRANK	MKC	19990901	20
MCELRAITH, RICHARD	AST1	19991001	20	SERRIANNE, MICHAEL	HSC	19990901	22
MCGARRY, SHAWN	MK3	19990807	08	SHAW, KEVIN	ET1	19990901	20
MCGILLIVARY, CHRISTOPHER	BMC	19991001	21	SHINN, JAMES	MK1	19990901	20
MCNUTT, JAY	MK1	19991001	20	SHOUP, RANDAL	EMCS	19990901	23
MEAD, CRIS	LCDR	19991001	28	SHRUM, STEVEN	F&S2	19990901	21
MEDEIROS, JOHN	DC2	19990817	33	SHULTZ, WILLIAM	CDR	19991001	22
MEISTRELL, FRANK	BOSN4	19990810	32	SLAUGHTER, DAVID	AVT1	19990901	21
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SLUSARZ, ROBERT	MKC	19990901	20
SMITH, BRYAN	MK1	19990901	20
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SMITH, JIM	AMTC	19991001	26
SMITH, MARK	ET1	19990901	20
SMITH, RODNEY	AMTC	19990901	20
SNYDER, GLENN	CAPT	19990920	24
SPARKS, DONALD	PSCS	19990903	36
SPRAGUE, ERIC	ETCS	19990901	20
SPRIGGS, JAMES	MKC	19990901	20
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STALLARD, RHODERICK	ET1	19991001	20
STAUFFER, TARA	TC3	19990830	02
STEPHENS, PAUL	DC1	19990806	16
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STUCKE, DANIEL	ELC2	19990901	20
SWART, STUART	YNC	19991001	20
TAYLOR, CHARLES	ENG4	19990901	30
TAYLOR, JIMMY	PSCS	19990820	26
TEXERA, FRANK	PSCM	19990924	42
THIEWES, GREGORY	ENG2	19990901	20
THOMPSON, JAMES	HS2	19990806	05
THORNTON, BENJAMIN	AVTC	19990901	20
TIM, KERRY	BMCS	19991001	20
TOZZI, JOHN	RADM	19991001	31
TRAVERS, TIMOTHY	F&S3	19990901	24
TRUE, STEVEN	BM1	19991001	20
VANASTEN, GUY	ENG2	19991001	20
VANHOUTEN, HOWARD	LCDR	19990901	20
VANREESE, JEFFRY	MSTCS	19990901	22
VANZURA, KAREN	HS1	19990901	20
VEST, MICHAEL	ENG4	19990901	26
VIAL, JACQUES	MK1	19990901	20
VIETEN, THOMAS	LCDR	19990901	20
VILLEMAIRE, DONALD	AST1	19990901	20
VOZZELLA, JAMES	AMT1	19990901	20
WAGNER, DOUGLAS	F&S4	19990901	30
WAHL, EDWARD	BOSN4	19990916	41
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WALLINGFORD, IRENE	SK1	19990809	21
WALSH, KELLY	YNC	19991001	20
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WALTON, KIP	LCDR	19991001	21
WATTIE, RICHARD	PSS4	19990911	26
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WEINER, KEVIN	ET1	19990901	21
WHEELER, JOHN	MK2	19990811	14
WHITHAM, GARY	AMT2	19991001	22
WIEDENHOEFT, WILLIAM	CDR	19990901	20
WILHELM, ROBERT	GM1	19991001	20
WILLIAMS, IRVIN	EMC	19990901	21
WILLIAMS, K	YN1	19990625	41
WILLIAMS, TYRONE	TCC	19990901	23
WILLIAMSON, KEITH	SKCM	19990901	22
WILSON, LARRY	SK2	19990901	21
WINKLER, THOMAS	FTC	19990901	26
WOLCOTT, DOUGLAS	SKC	19991001	20
YANETTE, TERRY	EMCM	19990801	26
YELTON, DAVID	YNC	19991001	26
ZALETSKY, JOHN	SK1	19990806	37

## What are they doing now?



### CDR Edward H. Bonekemper, III (USCGR)-retired:

I continue to use my 21 years of Coast Guard experience as Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration for the Department of Transportation in Washington D.C. I supervise hazardous materials regulatory and enforcement activities and am legal advisor to DOT's Office of Emergency Transportation.

In my spare time, I have written and had published a controversial book on "*How Robert E. Lee lost the Civil War*". I have been invited to discuss it twice on C-Span 2 Book T.V., and will do so again at the Smithsonian Institute Associates program on 25 January 2000. If you would like to contact me by phone, you may do so at (703)690-1983, or you may write to: 9120 Mountain Valley Road in Fairfax Station, Virginia 22039.

### LT Bob Beziat & CDR Jay Taylor (USCG)-retired:

CAPT Bob Beziat & First Officer Jay Taylor are both retired CG pilots. They both now fly B-737's for Delta Airlines and have had the opportunity to fly two rotations together! (see photo below)



Left: Jay E. Taylor – First Officer  
Right: Bob Beziat – CAPT

**Congratulations!**



## Employment Opportunities

### Instructors:

The Simulation, Training, Assessment & Research, or STAR Center, is seeking qualified candidates for full-time maritime instructors to teach the following subjects: Tankerman Person-in-charge (Dangerous Liquids), Shiphandling, and ARPA. These courses will be taught on a rotating basis. Candidates should be certified and knowledgeable in these subject areas and hold an Unlimited Master License with the proper endorsements. Interested professionals should fax their resume with cover letter to Tom Johnson, Director of Training at FAX (954)929-6043.

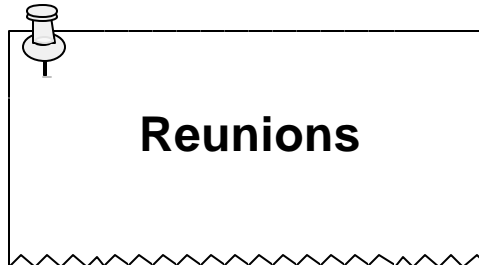
The STAR Center admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin or sex.

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## Dependent TAPs

- Caroline J. Burg**                      **1 November 1999**  
wife of ENC Daniel Burg, USCG, retired of  
Apache Junction, AZ
- Martha L. Cheney**                      **14 September 1999**  
wife of BM1 Arthur Cheney, USCG, retired of  
Edinburg, VA
- Cora L. Jensen**                      **26 October 1999**  
wife of CWO4 Louis J. Jensen, USCG, retired of  
Georgetown, TX
- Mary "Kate" Lewicki**                      **8 November 1999**  
wife of CWO3 James Lewicki, USCG, retired of  
Chesapeake, VA
- Susan E. Peacock**                      **10 September 1999**  
wife of CWO3 Philip M. Peacock, USCG, retired of  
Savannah, GA
- Jeannette M. Smith**                      **9 August 1999**  
wife of MKCS Willie Smith, USCG, retired of  
Meldrim, GA
- Bobbie D. Sullivan**                      **12 September 1999**  
wife of CAPT Russell E. Sullivan, USCGR, retired of  
Pensacola, FL



## Reunions



**Iwo Jima veterans** – All veterans of all services who fought or served on Iwo Jima are invited to a reunion 18-20 February 2000 at the Washington DC, J. W. Marriott Hotel. The Marine Corps Commandant and military, national and civilian leaders will be in attendance. If interested contact: Combat Veterans of Iwo Jima at commercial: (301)986-0325, toll free (outside Washington DC): (888)233-2863, fax: (301)654-3739, email: "imi@imimtg.com" or write to: Iwo Jima 2000, 4424 Montgomery Ave – Suite 201, Bethesda, MD 20814.

**USS Cambria (APA-36)** - will be holding their next reunion 1-4 May 2000 in San Diego, CA. If you would like to attend, please contact Mike Neumann at 1411 SW Greens Point Way, Palm City, FL 34990-7772. Telephone: (561)228-0545.

**7th Biennial Elizabeth City Coast Guard reunion** – will be held the weekend of 2-4 June 2000. Open to any-

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one ever stationed at the Elizabeth City complex. POC is C.A. Darling at 1228 Davis Bay Road, Elizabeth City, NC 27909. Telephone: (252)330-2728.

**Crew members of CG manned LST 767** – a reunion is being planned to take place in Buffalo, NY, to coincide with the LST Association annual reunion scheduled for 30 Aug – 5 Sep 2000. Any members of the crew, officers and enlisted, that are interested, should contact Dave Ramsay, 1 Utah Street, Beverly Hills, FL 34465-4378. Telephone: (352)527-2869. Email: "ramshorn@xtalwind.net".

**USS Spokane, CLAA-120** – the third reunion will be held in our mother city of Spokane, WA 5-8 June 2000 at the Cavanaugh's Ridpath Hotel. For more information, please call or write the reunion committee at 4979 Grimsby Drive, San Jose, CA 95130. Telephone: (408)866-4392



## The Coast Guard Exchange System – Southeast Region –

Visiting the Atlantic coast of Florida for food, family, fishing or any other kind of fun? Don't forget to stop by your local Coast Guard Exchange. You can stock up on supplies or pick up a Florida souvenir to take home.

If you find yourself near Daytona Beach, you may want to take Highway 1 for a picturesque drive along the coast. Nestled in the lovely village of New Smyrna Beach, you will find a Coast Guard Exchange at 2999 Northern Peninsula Avenue on the Coast Guard Station on Ponce Inlet. This exchange can provide you with fishing or other water gear and specializes in light-houses and other giftware. As always, you can expect to find everyday low prices on party supplies and other staples. After shopping, you may want to wander around the peaceful shore to watch the pelicans diving for fish. The view is beautiful and you will find the time a soothing break from vacation madness.

If you travel farther south to visit the NASA station in Cape Canaveral, you will find a nearby Coast Guard Exchange at 9235 Grouper Road by the "Big Red Boat" port of Walt Disney. If you forgot your camera or ran out of batteries, you will find low priced replacements at this exchange. You will find a nice selection of Canaveral souvenirs that will be much more reasonably priced than at local tourist attractions. Of course this exchange also carries low priced staples including snacks and beverages (hard and soft), electronics and tee shirts.

No matter where you travel in Florida, chances are there is a Coast Guard Exchange close by to serve you. To find out the closest exchange to your vacation site, or to place a special order, call 1 (877) 788 – CGES. The phone call is free and the service is friendly. Here are the locations and phone numbers for all CGES stores

located in the Southeast Region.....

USCG Base Mayport  
4200 Ocean Street  
Mayport, FL 32267-0385  
Phone: (904) 247-8737/8

USCG Sta Ponce de Leon  
2999 Northend Peninsula Ave.  
New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169-0370  
Phone (904) 427-2786

USCG Station Port Canaveral  
9235 Grouper Road  
Cape Canaveral, FL 32920-4402  
Phone (407) 868-7769

USCG Air Station Miami  
Opa Locka Airport  
Opa Locka, FL 33054-2397  
Phone: (305) 688-6851

USCG Jupiter Inlet  
US 1, Lighthouse Park  
Jupiter, FL 33469  
Phone: (407) 746-5446

USCG ISC  
100 MacArthur Causeway  
Miami Bch., FL 33130-5101  
Phone: (305) 535-4410

USCG Exchange  
Richmond Heights  
15298 SW 121<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Miami, FL 33177

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Phone: (305) 234-2479/80

USCG Sta St. Petersburg  
1301 Beach Drive SE  
St. Petersburg, FL 33701  
Phone: (727) 896-2816

USCG Air Sta Clearwater  
15100 Rescue Way  
Clearwater, FL 34622-2990  
Phone: (813) 535-1437 x 1703

USCG Station Sand Key  
1375 Gulf Boulevard  
Clearwater, FL 33767-2899  
Phone: (813) 596-8744

USCG Station Cortez  
4530 124<sup>th</sup> Street Court West  
Cortez, FL 34215-9999  
Phone: (941) 795-2805

USCG Station Ft Myers  
8750 Gladiolus Drive, No. 10  
Ft Myers Beach., FL 33908  
Phone: (941) 437-0090

USCG Base Charleston  
196 Tradd Street  
Charleston, SC 29401-1817  
Phone: (843) 722-8817/4210

USCG Station Georgetown  
355 Marina Drive  
Georgetown, SC 29440-2412  
Phone: (843) 520-4116

USCG Air Station Borinquen  
P. O. Box 250520  
Aguadilla, PR 00604-9999  
Phone: (787) 890-0480

CG West Airfield Exchange  
P. O. Box 250520  
Carr 107 Entrance Gate 1  
Aguadilla, PR 00604  
Phone: (787) 890-3127

USCG Base San Juan  
P. O. Box S-2029  
Old San Juan Station  
San Juan, PR 00902-2029  
Phone: (787) 721-3955



## California smog impact fee refunds

*The following information is provided by the CG Legal office for the Eighth Coast Guard District:*

1 October 1999, a California State Appeals Court ruled the \$300 "Smog Impact Fee" unconstitutional, thus allowing certain individuals who paid this fee to apply for a refund. Pending any appeal by the State, it is recommended that anyone who paid the California Smog Impact Fee, at any time, immediately submit an application for a refund to the California Department of Motor Vehicles (SMV) using form ADM 399/1 (Application for Refund) which is available on the following web site: "www.dmv.ca.gov/forms/forms.htm or provide the following information in an affidavit (sworn statement) to DMV.

The address to mail refund applications to is:

Department of Motor Vehicles  
PO Box 942869 MS A239  
Sacramento, CA 94269-0001

### Affidavit Information:

1. Complete Name of Payee (this name will be printed on the refund check)
  - 1A. Enter the total amount of the refund
2. Current Street Address
3. City, State, Zip Code
4. License Plate or last 3 characters of Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)
5. Date(s) \$300 Smog Impact Fee was paid (day/month/year)
6. Address of DMV office where fees were originally paid
7. Were fees paid by credit card? (yes/no)
8. Reason for refund: I am requesting a refund of the \$300 Smog Impact Fee plus interest because I believe California Revenue & Taxation Code Sec. 6261-6263 violates the commerce clause of the U. S. Constitution (U.S. Constitution, Art 1, Sec 8, Cl 3) and the California Constitution Article XIX. Pursuant to California Vehicle Code Sec 42231, and/or California Revenue & Taxation Code Sec 10901, this is a claim for refund of \$300 in fees plus interest not required, to be paid to the DMV or paid error.
9. I CERTIFY under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing is true and correct.
10. Signature of Claimant
11. Date signed
12. Daytime area code and telephone number



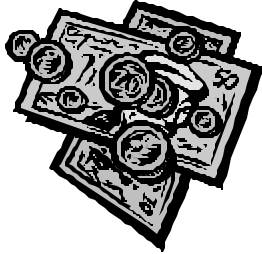
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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	RANK	DATE OF DEATH	CITY	STATE
ADER	AUDREY	CDR	990916	DELRAY BEACH	FL
ALLARD	PAUL	BMC	980628	CHESAPEAKE	VA
AMBROSE	WILLIAM	CWO3	990914	BRENTWOOD	CA
ANSLEY	KEITH	MK1	990712	SAN DIEGO	CA
ATHERTON	JOHN	CDR	990903	BUFFALO	NY
ATKINSON	ROBERT	CWO3	990921	PARKERSBURG	WV
BALL	JAMES	MMC	990820	TAHLEQUAH	OK
BALL	WILLIAM	QMCS	990913	MOREHEAD CITY	NC
BARONE	RICHARD	BMC	980731	HULL	MA
BOWEN	JASON	CDR	990926	LOS OSOS	CA
BOYCE	WALTER	LT	991005	ORLANDO	FL
BRAGDON	EDGAR	CWO2	990815	MEDFORD	MA
BRUNDICK	FREDERICK	CAPT	990913	JACKSONVILLE	FL
BYROM	CECIL	CS2	990825	WOLF CREEK	OR
CADDY	NATHAN	ATCM	991002	ELIZABETH	NC
CEBULA	ROBERT	AECM	990826	JACKSONVILLE	NC
CHAMBERS	WILLIAM	CWO3	990904	CHESAPEAKE	VA
CHAPA	JESSE	YNC	990922	SLIDELL	LA
CLEMENT	JOHN	BMCM	990829	TAFT	CA
COSTLOW	ASA	RMC	990921	MEMPHIS	TN
COVINGTON	BERNARD	CDR	990912	FRIENDSWOOD	TX
CRAWFORD	CLYDE	BMC	990606	EDMONDS	WA
DAHILL	JOHN	EMCM	990917	SARASOTA	FL
DAY	MARION	MMC	990817	BOGALUSA	LA
DENNIS	DOYLE	CWO2	990916	ELLISVILLE	MO
DILL	FLETCHER	CWO2	990923	PORTSMOUTH	VA
DOE	WILBER	CAPT	990918	NORTH READING	MA
DORAN	EUGENE	ENC	990829	LUBEC	ME
EAGAR	STEVENS	BMCS	990828	BILOXI	MS
EDWARDS	KENNETH	BMC	990831	CHEHALIS	WA
FOLLANSBEE	CLAYTON	CWO4	990822	DURHAM	NH
FOUNTAIN	STACY	WO1	990822	SALEM	OR
GALLAGHER	RAYMOND	RM1	980522	WARWICK	RI
GENAME	AUTHUR	BMC	990912	WESTMINSTER	CA
GOOLSBY	RICHARD	MKC	990924	WARRENTON	OR
HALE	RICHARD	BMC	990824	ROCKPORT	MA
HARRIS	MARTHA	CAPT	980815	WASHINGTON	DC
HARVEY	EMMETT	RD1	990928	MODESTO	CA
HERBERT	RICHARD	YN1	990819	NOVATO	CA
HORST	ROBERT	CWO4	990201	WHITEVILLE	NC
HUDSON	AUSTIN	CWO2	991002	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK
JASPERSE	CHARLES	QM1	990827	N CAPE MAY	NJ
JENKINS	FRANKLIN	CS2	990725	BARTON	FL
KING	LAWRENCE	SKC	990611	SEATTLE	WA
KIPYBIDA	HENRY	BMC	990930	BABYLON	NY
LEWIS	FRANCIS	BMC	990918	EVERETT	WA
LINDLEY	ROY	CWO3	990821	DANGERFIELD	TX
LODGE	HENRY	CWO3	980425	SECAUCUS	NJ
LOZANO	ROBERT	BMC	990917	ST LOUIS	MO
MARKS	DONALD	ENC	990922	SEBASTIAN	FL
MARSHALL	GERTRUDE	CDR	990906	SAN DIEGO	CA
MARTIN	CHARLES	LTJG	990902	BONIFAY	FL
MARTIN	HAROLD	GMC	990806	IONE	WA

MCCLARY	ANDREW	CWO4	990906	MYRTLE POINT	OR
MCCULLOUGH	JAMES	BM1	990810	BETHEL	VT
MCGRATH	FRANCIS	CWO4	990916	JERSEY CITY	NJ
MCNAUGHTON	WILLIAM	QMCS	990903	BONITA SPRINGS	FL
MERRILL	RICHARD	QM2	990219	HENDERSON	NV
MICHOLOS	SAM	LI1	990908	WAYNE	NJ
MILLINER	JOHN	SS1	991010	NEW PORT RICHEY	FL
MINCH	EDWARD	BMC	990906	MANCELONA	MI
MITTLESTEAD	DON	RMC	991008	FRANKLIN	TN
MORRISSEY	ROBERT	EN1	990828	LONGVIEW	WA
NICHOLS	JOHN	CDR	991012	GRANITE BAY	CA
NICHOLS	ROBERT	CAPT	990902	LARGO	FL
NORTH	JOSEPH	BM1	990923	BOSTON	MA
NORTHUP	EDWARD	CDR	990513	FULLERTON	CA
OLIVER	STEPHEN	BMC	990915	ADDISON	ME
ORR	ELVIN	ETCM	990905	HUNTINGDON	TN
OSTROWSKY	MICHAEL	BMC	990607	HEMET	CA
OWENS	JOHN	CDR	991011	METAIRIE	LA
PAUL	GEORGE	CDR	990826	CARMEL	CA
PERRY	BILLY	CWO4	990929	JACKSONVILLE	FL
PETERS	ROBERT	CDR	991010	SUTHERLIN	OR
QUIDLEY	JAMES	BMC	990926	WILLIAMSTOWN	NJ
RAU	CARL	MKCM	990830	PLANTATION	FL
RAWLINS	PAUL	CSC	990531	COOPER CITY	FL
RICKLES	GEORGE	CWO4	990928	CALIENTE	CA
ROBERTELLO	ROCCO	CWO2	990912	CONCORD	MA
RODRIGUEZ	LEROY	CSC	990913	SEVERN	MD
ROUSE	SEBASTIAN	BMCS	990912	ROSE HILL	NC
SAWTELLE	EGERTON	CAPT	990829	FREEPORT	ME
SCARBOROUGH	RAY	ADCM	990928	KITTY HAWK	NC
SHANNON	RICHARD	CWO4	990816	LITTLETON	CO
SHEAFFER	BENJAMIN	CAPT	990907	TAMPA	FL
SILVA	EDMOND	BMLC	990907	TAMPA	FL
SINN	WILLIAM	LT	990905	SOUTH SAN FRAN	CA
SNYDER	GLENN	CAPT	990920	CHESAPEAKE	VA
SORKOWITZ	SAMUEL	CDR	991009	FREEHOLD	NJ
SPLTMAN	RAYMOND	CAPT	990826	ANCHORAGE	AK
SPRINGER	VERNON	BMC	990819	LAKEVILLE	MA
STIMPSON	HARRY	CWO2	990813	FT LAUDERDALE	FL
STJOHN	ROGER	HMC	990921	LAKESIDE	CA
STURSA	LEONARD	BMC	990921	VANCOUVER	WA
THOMAS	RICHARD	CAPT	990917	NEW YORK	NY
TIEHEN	MAURICE	CDR	990923	HUNTINGTON BCH	CA
VELER	DONALD	GMCM	991015	DELTONA	FL
VINEYARD	DARWIN	CWO3	990827	ORTING	WA
WACASTER	JACK	CS1	991011	SAN ANTONIO	TX
WATTS	HAL	CWO4	990901	FAYETTEVILLE	NC
WELLS	HELLEN	YN1	991014	HOOD RIVER	OR
WIGGINS	LESSLEY	BMCS	990106	PORT ST. LUCIE	FL
WOODLING	ROBERT	YNC	990803	WARSAW	IN

# DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE

## Coast Guard Retired Pay & Annuities



For information on:

- 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



To make these changes we must have a written request!

Write to:

Commanding Officer (RAS)  
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:

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



Commercial: (785)357-3415



FAX: (785)295-2639



## DEERS

Find DEERS & RAPIDS information on the web at: [www.dmdc.osd.mil](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil)



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:

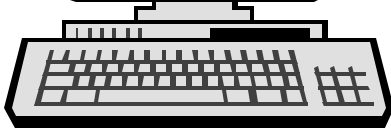
1-800-942-2422



Visit the TRICARE web site at:  
"www.tricare.osd.mil/"

### Final Active Duty Pay

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



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



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



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

Visit the Social Security Administration's web page at:  
"www.ssa.gov/SSA\_home.html"



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

1-800-772-1213



### VA Benefits



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

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)

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

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



Visit the TVL web page at:  
www.uscg.mil/hq/hrsic/tvlpge.htm

For information, call Toll Free: 1-888-872-4885  
Or write: Coast Guard Human Resources  
Service & Information Center (TVL)  
444 SE Quincy Street  
Topeka, KS 66683-3591



