



# RETIREE NEWSLETTER



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## CG Saves 36 From Sinking Cruise Ship *inside cover*



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### The Search

(Oil, 24" x 30", by D. Juergens)  
 Search and Rescue, the primary mission. Here a young Coast Guardswoman aboard a cutter peers intently into the distance, a life saving device resting on her leg, as a Coast Guard small boat roars off to the rescue.

*Cover, Cont'd*

Enormous waves hammered all sides of the 605-foot cruise ship as the captain and his 33-man crew struggled to keep themselves from subsiding into the unforgiving sea along with their ship. The captain made a frantic call for assistance with his ship sinking in 4,300 feet of cold, dark water and no land in sight. Two hundred miles away, at the Rescue Coordination Center in Norfolk, Lt. Jason Ryan was answering the call for assistance and organizing a team of rescuers to the ship's location off Cape Charles, Va., Dec. 17.

The crew aboard SeaBreeze I was headed for Charleston, S.C., for repairs when "one of the ship's cooling lines ruptured and the engine room began flooding quickly" said Ryan. "There wasn't much time to spare."

In the midst of the chaos, Ryan immediately directed three HH-60 Jayhawk helicopters and two C-130 Hercules aircraft from Air Station Elizabeth City to rescue the desperate crew. To assist the floundering cruise ship, Ryan also diverted the USS Saipan and a merchant vessel in the vicinity. Cdr. Charles Holman piloted the C-130 that arrived first and coordinated the rescue effort for the two helicopters minutes off his tail. Ordering everyone astern, Holman ensured the safest and quickest place to conduct the rescue.

LT Dan Molthen and LTJG Craig Neubecker piloted the first Jayhawk into the fearsome rescue scene: winds whipping up to 70 knots, low visibility and 25-to 50-foot seas. "We knew there wasn't much time, so we'd planned on taking half of the crewmembers off and the second [helicopter] would take the other half," said Neubecker.

A tailwind hurried Molthen and Neubecker's aircraft to the position of the ship and waiting crew. That same tailwind would later slow their return as a brutal headwind.

Hovering above the doomed ship, struggling with violent winds and fighting to avoid the waves crashing beneath them, Molthen kept the aircraft as steady as possible as AVT2 Lorne Green prepared to lower the rescue swimmer. Below the helicopter, the ship was riding on the unpredictable crests of the sea and crewmembers were in a panic, eager to be lifted off before going down into the chilly depths of the Atlantic.

"I saw that most of the guys were running around the deck in a sort of mass hysteria," said Molthen. "I was hesitant to lower the rescue swimmer, but it had to be done."

After Green lowered AST1 Darren Reeves, everybody started to jump into the rescue basket at once. The captain [of the ship] reminded them that Reeves was in charge and managed to settle everyone down," said Molthen.

Reeves, tasked with getting the survivors into the rescue basket, said, "If I hadn't been there, five or six of them would have been hanging on [to the basket]. They were arguing and pushing and shoving each other. I had to pull them off," said Reeves. "I started to send two people up at a time in the basket." One panic-stricken crewman was carrying a knife, threatening others who dared to reach the safety of the basket before him. Reeves disarmed him and sent him up to Green.

With all the confusion on deck, rescuers lost count of how many crewmembers were in the helicopter. The pilots and aircrew radioed that they didn't know exactly how many people were on board.

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In the second Jayhawk on scene, Lt. Cmdr. Randy Watson and Ensign Steve Bonn observed Molthen and Neubecker hoisting Reeves, then moved in to begin their portion of the rescue.

AVT2 Samuel Pulliam lowered rescue swimmer AST3 Robert Florisi onto the deck with the remaining survivors.

"Florisi didn't have as much of the chaos as Reeves did. There were a couple of guys that rushed to the basket but it wasn't bad," said Watson.

Lifting one person at a time, Pulliam reported to Watson when the last survivor was on board. I asked Pulliam for a head count, and he said there were eight. The captain assured [Pulliam] he was the last person off the ship," Watson said.



The master of the Seabreeze 1, Solon Papadopoulos, thanks Coast Guard pilot Lt. Dan Molthen for the rescue of him and his crew from the sinking cruise liner.

Amazed by the thought of how many people were in his aircraft, Molthen asked for a headcount. Green managed to pack a record 26 survivors safely, but cramped, into a helicopter designed to carry eight people comfortably. The helicopter was filled with 30 people, including the aircrew.

As the pilot of the last C-130 on scene, Lt. Cdr. John Keeton noted the position of the unmanned ship which was listing heavily before it sank and left behind a trail of floating debris.

After a two-and-a-half hour flight through ominous clouds and compelling winds, aircrews and survivors arrived safely at the Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach, Va. After Virginia Beach Emergency Medical Services treated the crewmembers for mild hypothermia, all but one was released. The sole crewmember was transported to a Virginia Beach hospital for a then-unknown cardiac condition and was later released.

Watson watched as grateful survivors and aircrews comforted and thanked each other after their ordeal. Recalling the weather as he landed at Oceana, Watson said, "The weather was beautiful when we arrived. It was a crystal clear and crisp December afternoon. I saw all the commotion and thought to myself: there's no way anyone here could believe what these 34 survivors had just been through. I was tremendously proud of our aircrews and their achievement. They had just made an extremely challenging and dangerous rescue mission look like a walk in the park."

*Source: CG Magazine*

### The Guardian

I stand upon the rock strewn shoreline  
Gazing upon the sea.  
Day after day and night after night  
Through storm, fog, or wind-driven rains  
Sunshine or hailstorms I stand my watch  
An unending vigil  
Upon this rocky ground.

A lone watchman am I  
A Captain's guiding light  
A guardian of ships  
That pass before my lone eye.

But my watch I stand, tirelessly  
As the gulls dance upon the breezes  
Someday soon the sea will bathe my feet  
With its salty brine  
Christening me as if to say  
I am hers and she is mine.

~by~

**Jeffrey G. Allen**



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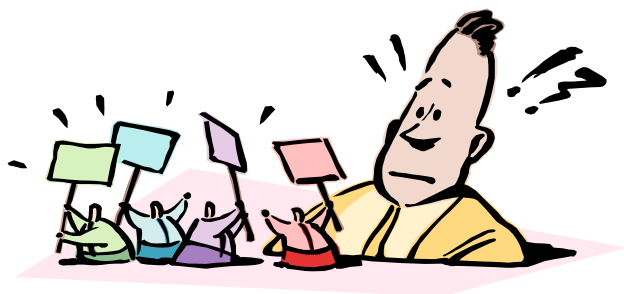
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"It is by not always thinking of yourself, if you can manage it, that you might somehow be happy. Until you make room in your life for someone as important to you as yourself, you will always be searching and lost ..."

**Richard Bach**

## Help us name our Newsletter



A question was raised "How come we don't have a name for our Newsletter like our sister services?" You know, that is a good question that we need to do something about.

This editor is soliciting ideas to name our publication. We are looking for a small, catchy name that captures the spirit of our CG and NOAA Retirees.

"Old Salts", "Sand Peeps", what ever you think is best. Deadline for submissions is 1 September 2001. Please send me your submission via e-mail at below address, or mail to:

**USCG Retiree Newsletter  
Contest  
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Please include your name, address and phone number. The winner will be featured in a future article chronicling his/her career in the CG.

## Retired RDCM Saves Young Girl From Bayou.



*Source, the monthly News letter from the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office, LA.*

Congratulations to Bruce Mooers (see photo above) for receiving a "Life Saving Award" in October 2000. Citation:

"Due to Bruce Mooers' dedication as an individual, also his professionalism and utmost devotion to his profession, he rescued a five year girl who had fallen in a bayou near his house. Bruce's heroic actions were most evident through his fellow workers and was most definitely recognized through the eyes of the child's family. We salute you Bruce for your heroic actions and we are very proud of you."

*Editor's Note: RDCM (Ret) Bruce D Mooers has been a Deputy for St. Martin Parish since 1998.*

To believe yourself brave is to be brave; it is the one only essential thing.

- *Personal Recollections of Joan of Arc*

## New Legislation That Provides Retirees Military Health Care Benefits

Former President Clinton signed the FY2001 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001, Public Law 106-398 (the Act) on October 30, 2000. The legislation included a number of health care provisions that collectively represent the most significant change to military health care benefits since the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) was established by Congress in 1966.

### Key Features

- Effective **April 1, 2001**, the pharmacy benefit provides Medicare-eligible retirees of the uniformed services, their family members and survivors the same pharmacy benefit as retirees who are under age 65. It includes access to prescription drugs not only at military treatment facilities, but also at retail pharmacies and through our national mail order service program. (Section 711 of the Act.)
  - All beneficiaries who turn 65 prior to April 1, 2001, will automatically qualify for the benefit whether or not they have purchased Medicare Part B.
  - All beneficiaries, who attain the age of 65 on or after April 1, 2001, must be enrolled in Medicare Part B to receive this benefit.
- Medicare-eligible military beneficiaries become eligible for all other TRICARE benefits effective **October 1, 2001**. The law requires that all Medicare-eligible beneficiaries, no matter when they turned 65, must be enrolled in Medicare Part B to receive the rest of the TRICARE benefits. (Section 712 of the Act.) With enrollment in Part B, these benefits will provide the following coverage:
  - If the medical care received is a benefit of both Medicare and TRICARE, Medicare will pay the allowable amount for the care. TRICARE will pay the amount that is the Medicare cost share, as well as any Medicare deductible. Most, but not all medical services are a benefit under both Medicare and TRICARE.
  - If the medical care received is a benefit of Medicare, but NOT a benefit of TRICARE, Medicare will pay its normal amount and the beneficiary will be responsible only for the Medicare deductible and cost-share. An example of this type of care is certain types of chiropractic care that is covered by Medicare.
  - If the medical care received is a benefit of TRICARE, but NOT a benefit of Medicare, Medicare pays nothing. TRICARE will pay the amount it pays for the same service received by a retiree under the age of 65. In this case, the beneficiary must pay the applicable TRICARE cost-share and deductibles. An example of this type of coverage is the prescription drug benefit.
- The health care entitlement for Medicare-eligible beneficiaries will be funded, beginning in fiscal year 2003, through the Department of Defense Medicare-eligible Retiree Health Care Fund established by the Department of Treasury. (Section 713 of the Act.)
- The TRICARE Senior Prime demonstration program is extended through **December 31, 2001**. (Section 712 of the Act.)
- Active duty family members enrolled in TRICARE Prime will no longer have copayments for civilian health care services under TRICARE Prime (except prescription drugs), effective **April 1, 2001**. (Section 752 of the Act.)
- The TRICARE Prime Remote (TPR) program will be expanded to active duty family members throughout the continental United States by **October 1, 2001**. In the interim, the Department will implement a program to waive copayments and deductibles of TPR active duty family members. (Section 722 of the Act.)
- An Individual Case Management Program for Persons with Extraordinary Conditions (ICMP-PEC) was funded with a cap of \$100 million. In appropriate cases, the program allows waiver of TRICARE limitations on health care coverage, including coverage of custodial care services for persons with exceptional conditions. (Section 701 of the Act.)
- The chiropractic health care demonstration became a permanent benefit for active duty personnel at designated MTFs worldwide. A five-year phased-in implementation will begin in 2001. (Section 702 of the Act.)

### What Do I Need to Do Now?

- **Enroll in Medicare Part B:** Beneficiaries who have already turned 65 and do not have Medicare Part B should purchase it if they would like additional health benefits through TRICARE. Medicare allows enrollment each year from

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January 1 through March 31. Coverage under Part B will be effective July 1 of the same year. Beneficiaries who have not enrolled may be required to pay a surcharge (adjusted for age) to join Part B. Beneficiaries with questions regarding Medicare and Part B can visit any Social Security Administration (SSA) office, call the Social Security Administration (SSA) toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, or call the toll-free Medicare number, 1-800-633-4227. They also can find information on the Medicare Web site at <http://www.medicare.gov>.

Please remember that if beneficiaries age 65 and over do not have Medicare Part B, they will NOT have the TRICARE benefit to help pay the cost of their doctor and hospital bills when the new benefit begins October 1, 2001.

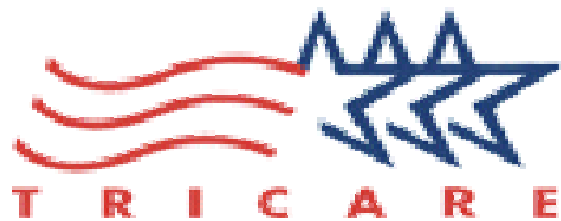
- **Don't Drop Supplemental (Medigap) Policies Yet:** Because of the delayed effective dates, any decision to drop a Medicare supplemental insurance policy (known as Medigap) based on the new law is premature. We are working with the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), and The Military Coalition (TMC) and the National Military & Veterans Alliance (NMVA) to provide the most accurate information on what should be considered before any supplemental policy is dropped.
- **Update Information in DEERS:** Beneficiaries should have up-to-date information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). In the coming months, we will mail information to beneficiaries who have received this new entitlement. To ensure that they are not overlooked, eligible beneficiaries must have the most accurate family and beneficiary data in DEERS. Eligible beneficiaries may update their addresses in DEERS in a number of ways, listed below.
  - Visiting local personnel offices that have an ID card facility,
  - Calling the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office (DSO) Telephone Center at 1-800-538-9552. The best time to call the Telephone Center is Wednesday - Friday, between 9 - 3 (Pacific Time) to avoid delays.
  - Faxing address changes to 1-831-655-8317
  - Mailing the change information to the DSO, Attn: COA, 400 Gigling Road, Seaside, CA 93955-6771
  - Visiting a military treatment facility
  - Emailing information to [addrinfo@osd.pentagon.mil](mailto:addrinfo@osd.pentagon.mil) and include the following information:
    - Sponsor's Name and Social Security Number
    - Name(s) of other family members affected by the address change
    - Effective date of address information
    - Telephone number (to include area code), if available

To change information other than address data, however, beneficiaries may only visit an ID card facility, mail or fax changes with appropriate documentation to the address/numbers provided above. To learn what documentation is required, call an ID card facility or the DSO toll-free number, 1-800-538-9552. The hours of operation for DSO are Monday-Friday (excluding Federal Holidays), 0600-1530 (Pacific Time).

SOURCE: TRICARE

News Release

<http://www.tricare.osd.mil>



**1 January 2001** the prefix numbers for all phones at HRSIC changed. The new prefix is (785) 339-XXXX. The last 4 digits of all Phone Numbers will remain unchanged.

The Toll Free Number has not changed and will remain (800) 772-8724. The new Fax Number for Retiree and Annuitant Services (RAS) Branch is (785) 339-3770. Please make note of the new numbers for continued excellent customer service.

# Auction of Historic Salvage Ship Tugs at Heartstrings

She is 58, she's no glamour girl and she weighs in at 1,731 tons. But folks sure do love the Tam.

The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Tamaroa, that is, which trails both history and heartstrings in her wake. Once beached at Iwo Jima and later immortalized in the movie "The Perfect Storm," this faithful old tugboat was for sale as surplus government property.

The Tam went up on the auction block, listed under "water craft," along with seven motorcycles, 137 cars and a fire truck - all for sale through the General Services Administration (GSA).

The agency has taken pride in the fact that the Tamaroa has washed up in its realm, sending out a laudatory press release extolling the ship's "heroic rescues" and Hollywood ties.

"Inquiries were coming in only hours after we made the announcement," said spokeswoman Deborah Ruiz. Interested parties tracked the bidding process at <http://www.gsaauctions.gov>.

Only a few days into the auction, 11 persons had bid on the 205-foot vessel, technically an "ocean-going salvage tug" or a "medium endurance cutter," depending on the historic account.

Which is history at its cheapest, originally, she was launched into the sea off Portland, Ore., in 1942 as the SS Zuni - a U.S. Navy vessel that won four battle stars for duty at Pearl Harbor, Tinian, Saipan and Iwo Jima. She went over to the Coast Guard in 1946, was renamed Tamaroa and spent nearly five decades on search and rescue, ice patrol and law enforcement.



In 1991, the Tam was instrumental in rescuing three crew members of the sailboat Satori off Nantucket Island, in 40-foot seas with 80 mph winds - as told in the film and book versions of "The Perfect Storm."

Now the Tam must weather a different kind of storm.

A graceful retirement is an expensive proposition. Though she has become a beloved icon among former crews, the Tam has no safe harbor - a common fate of the aging ships, aircraft and transport vehicles of old wars - and youthful memories.

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"The Tam spent all those years serving her country, now she's been let down," said Bill Doherty, a Coast Guard Veteran who served on the ship in the late 1960s and later organized a group of concerned admirers.

"A ship is a living thing which deserves to be used, not bandied about or left to deteriorate," he added. And old ships do get bandied about. When the Tamaroa was decommissioned in 1994, she was on a kindly heading -sent to New York City to float alongside the USS Intrepid Air & Space Museum, destined to be used as headquarters for the Hudson River Park Trust.

The plan fell through, however. She was moved to another pier while other plans came and went. Now she's just gathering rust, Mr. Doherty said. Last year on Veterans Day, he organized a group of "bilge rats" to come pump out her innards.

"We'd get so close to a rescue, then they'd pull out of the deal," Mr. Dougherty said. At the group's Web site (<http://www.tamaroa.org>), a poll of some 400 Tam fans found that 84 percent hoped she would be reincarnated as an "educational tool for Sea Scouts," a youth group. beyond sheer history, the ship is also a symbol for "the common sailor," Mr. Doherty said. "You should see the correspondence from people here and overseas."

The fans have their own tribal divisions, according to Serge Obolensky, another of the group's organizers. There's the "Zuni crowd," who remember her as "the Mighty Z," from World War II, he said.

"There are the black hull people, from when she was painted black for the Coast Guard. And the white hull people, from a few years later, and the racing stripe hull people," Mr. Obolensky said. "Everyone has their memories."

In the meantime, it was business as usual at GSA. The auction continued until March 29, when the Tamaroa went to the highest bidder, Maritime Equipment and Sales Co. of Alabama for \$60,075. The company plans to refit her as a research and salvage vessel and then resell her.



There is some action going on behind the scenes questioning the government finding that the Tam was not a historic vessel. Two New York Congressmen have sent a letter to the Acting Director of GSA expressing grave concerns over the finding.

*Source: Washington Times and [www.tamaroa.org](http://www.tamaroa.org).*



### ***Mark Twain...***

[Aboard ships]:...the world is far, far away; it has ceased to exist for you--seemed a fading dream, along in the first days; has dissolved to an unreality now; it is gone from your mind with all its businesses and ambitions, its properties and disasters, its exaltations and despairs, its joys and grief and cares and worries. They are no concern of yours any more; they have gone out of your life; they are a storm which has passed and left a deep calm behind.

*- Following the Equator*





## CGMA Conducts 2001 Fund-Raising Campaign

The 2001 Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA) Fund-raising Campaign began in April as appeal letters and contribution envelopes went out to all Retired Coast Guard members. We hope you were able to take a moment to consider new or increased contributions to CGMA. Tax-deductible member contributions are essential if CGMA is to continue meeting the financial needs of our members.

Since its inception in 1924, CGMA has been giving Coast Guard people the opportunity to help one another through times of distress and need. Thanks to you and countless others, CGMA has developed an impressive record of care and support. Last year alone, more than 10,000 loans and grants were issued totaling in excess of \$7 million, bringing to over \$100 million the total assistance provided by CGMA over the years.

CGMA is working hard to ensure that your contributions are used efficiently and effectively. Recent improvements include the use of web technology to provide for greater accuracy, efficiency, and accountability in handling assistance requests. A routine monitor and follow-up program ensures funds are used effectively to assist people who truly need them. And a user-friendly web site ([www.cgmahq.org](http://www.cgmahq.org)) provides up-to-date information on current CGMA programs.

Assistance programs are being improved as well, targeting assistance where it's most needed. For example, CGMA Education Grant and Loan Programs were recently expanded, fostering long-term financial stability in Coast Guard families, and a new Layette Program now provides junior members and their families with clothing and other items for newborn children.

Nevertheless, the future of CGMA, as always, rests upon the generosity of its members. Without an infusion of funds every year, CGMA would soon deplete its reserves and be unable to continue providing assistance. So please carefully consider what you can contribute to support a relief society devoted wholly and solely to helping people in the Coast Guard Community.

Contributions, including memorial contributions, are welcome at any time throughout the year, as are bequests or other special contributions from individuals or estates. Contributions to CGMA are deductible under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended,

for computing income and estate taxes.

Checks or money orders made payable to "Coast Guard Mutual Assistance" or "CGMA" may be sent directly to Coast Guard Mutual Assistance, Commandant (G-ZMA), 2100 2nd St. SW, Room 5502, Washington, DC 20593-0001. One-time credit card contributions may be made as well. Our web site ([www.cgmahq.org](http://www.cgmahq.org)) offers information and contribution forms for your convenience.

We thank you in advance for your generosity and invite you to visit the CGMA web site or call CGMA Headquarters at 1 (800) 881-2462 if you have any additional questions.

### Coast Guard Mutual Assistance

*"We Look After Our Own"*



#### A TRUE FRIEND

A friend should be RADICAL;  
 They should love you when you're unlovable,  
 Hug you when you're unhuggable,  
 And bear you when you're unbearable.  
 A friend should be FANATICAL;  
 They should cheer when the whole world boos,  
 Dance when you get good news,  
 And cry when you cry too.  
 But most of all, a friend should be MATHEMATICAL,  
 They should multiply the joy, divide the sorrow,  
 Subtract the past, And add to tomorrow,  
 Calculate the need deep in your heart,  
 And always be bigger than the sum of all their parts.

BUMPER SNICKERS....

"Diplomacy is the art of saying 'Nice doggie!'... till you can find a rock."

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NMOP Member Services Contact Information:

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Within the United States: Call 1-800-903-4680

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- o Discover a world of health Information
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Mailing address :

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SOURCES: TRICARE web site at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy> and NMOP Member Services at 1-800-903-4680

### Did you know...

- Laughter can reduce stress hormones
- Laughter boosts your immune system
- Laughter lowers your blood pressure
- Laughter can exercise certain muscles (diaphragm, abdominal, facial, neck, back, and leg)

Looking for a quick easy way to 'work out'? Laugh! Did you know that laughing 100 times is the equivalent to 15 minutes on an exercise bike or 10 minutes on a rowing machine? It truly is the best medicine.

## Civilian TRICARE Pharmacies

Civilian pharmacies that are approved by TRICARE are known as "retail network pharmacies."

To locate TRICARE retail network pharmacies in your area, directories are available online. Visit [http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/retail\\_network.htm](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/retail_network.htm) and click on the applicable state to get to your TRICARE region and the location of the nearest retail network pharmacy.

To use a retail network pharmacy, you must present your written prescription, along with your military identification card.

If you have difficulties getting your prescriptions filled at a TRICARE retail network pharmacy, contact the nearest TRICARE service center or the Beneficiary Counseling Assistance and Coordinator (BCAC) assigned to your area.

If you're not sure of the location of your nearest TRICARE service center, go to <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tricare-servicecenters/default.cfm> and click on your TRICARE region (if known) or select the applicable state from the map that's provided.

A BCAC directory is also available online at [http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tricare/beneficiary/update\\_bcac\\_dir.doc](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tricare/beneficiary/update_bcac_dir.doc)

If you have questions about the new pharmacy program that started recently, please contact the toll-free Help Desk that's available at 1-877-363-6337. The Help Desk is available weekdays from 0700-2300 (EST).

Send TRICARE related questions to: TRICARE\_HELP@AMEDD.ARMY.MIL or QUESTIONS@TMA.OSD.MIL

TRICARE Web Page: <http://www.tricare.osd.mil>

"TRICARE For Life" info: <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/nda>

TRICARE Beneficiary Discussion Forum:  
<http://www.tricare.osd.mil/forums/index.cfm?CFApp=7&>

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TRICARE Claims Forms: <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/ClaimForms/>

TRICARE On-Line Provider Directory:  
[http://www.tricare.osd.mil/provider\\_directory.html](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/provider_directory.html)

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*Source Tricare on the web*



*Young love is a flame; very pretty, often very hot and fierce, but still only light and flickering. The love of the older and disciplined heart is as coals, deep burning, unquenchable.*

**Henry Ward Beecher**

*Cats are smarter than dogs. You can not get eight cats to pull a sled through snow.*

**Jeff Valdez**

*Foolproof systems don't take into account the ingenuity of fools.*

**Gene Brown**

### Humor

#### The Doctor Visit

A 60 year old man went to a doctor for a check-up. The doctor told him, "You're in terrific shape. There's nothing wrong with you. Why, you might live forever; you have the body of a 35 year old. By the way, how old was your father when he died?"

The 60 year old responded, "Did I say he was dead?" The doctor was surprised and asked, "How old is he and is he very active?" The 60 year old responded, "Well, he is 82 years old and he still goes skiing three times a season and surfing three times a week during the summer."

The doctor couldn't believe it! So he said, "Well, how old was your grandfather when he died?" The 60 year old responded again, "Did I say he was dead?" The doctor was astonished. He said, "You mean to tell me you are 60 years old and both your father and your grandfather are alive? Is your grandfather very active?"

The 60 year old said, "He goes skiing at least once a season and surfing once a week during the summer. Not only that," said the patient, "my grandfather is 106 years old, and next week he is getting married again." The doctor said, "At 106 years why on earth would your grandfather want to get married?" His patient looked up at the doctor and said, "Did I say he wanted to?"

## MONTGOMERY GI BILL BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO CERTAIN RECENT RETIREES

If you retired after 1 April 2000, and participated in the VEAP educational program, under Public Law 106-419, you are eligible to convert your VEAP education benefits to the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB). This opportunity is available until **31 October 2001**.

You should have received enrollment materials in the mail from HRSIC during February 2001. If you are eligible to convert from VEAP to MGIB, but have not received enrollment materials, please contact YN3 Elise Canfield at (785) 339-3495.

The cost to enroll in MGIB under Public Law 106-419 is \$2,700.00. To enroll, you must:

- Complete DD Form 2366 (Montgomery GI Bill Act of 1984)
- If you currently have funds in a VEAP account, complete VA Form 24-5281 (Application for Refund of Educational Contributions). Blocks 1 through 6 and 14 through 18 must be completed on the VA Form 24-5281. Next to Block 6.D, annotate "PL 106-419, Section 104". Block 18 must be notarized by a Notary Public.
- Send DD Form 2366 (and VA Form 24-5281 if applicable) to Commanding Officer (MAS), Coast Guard Human Resources Service & Information Center, 444 SE Quincy, Topeka, KS 66683-3591. Enclose with the application form(s) either:
  - (1) A check or money order for \$2,700 payable to the U.S. Coast Guard, or
  - (2) A Form CG HRSIC 2041 (Allotment Worksheet) authorizing collection of the \$2,700 as an allotment from your retired pay.

Upon receipt of your forms, HRSIC will effect your enrollment in MGIB. If you submitted a check or money order, HRSIC will send you a DD Form 1131 (Cash Collection Voucher).

You will not be eligible to utilize any MGIB benefits until you have paid the entire \$2,700 enrollment fee. To utilize benefits, you must present the following to the VA:

- A copy of your DD Form 2366
- Proof of payment [either DD Form 1131, or a Retiree/Annuitant Statement of Monthly Income (a Retiree LES) showing that \$2,700 has been deducted from your retired pay for MGIB premiums].

Three important things to remember:

- (1) If you are eligible, and elect to, convert your VEAP to MGIB benefits, you must do so by 31 October 2001.
- (2) If you elect to make pay the \$2,700 MGIB premium by allotment, you must do so within 18 months of completion of the DD Form 2366.
- (3) MGIB premiums are non-refundable. You cannot get any monies you contribute to MGIB returned to you if you decide not to go to school.

If you have questions on benefits payable under the VEAP and MGIB programs, please contact your local VA office or visit the VA's education web site at <http://www.gibill.va.gov/education/benefits.htm>.



## HEROES



Ensign Charles L. Duke undertook one of the greatest feats in the history of Coast Guard law enforcement. On the night of 3 July 1927, he and two men were patrolling New York Harbor on board the 36-foot picket boat, *CG-2327*. Duke noticed a small, dimly lit steamer moving through the harbor under the cover of darkness. She had the name *Economy* painted on her stern, but she was really the rumrunner, *Greypoint*. Duke maneuvered *CG-2327* alongside the ship and ordered her to stop. The master refused. Duke then fired two warning shots from his revolver, yet the freighter pressed on. As *CG-2327* drew close to the ship, Duke grabbed the

freighter's rail and swung onto the ship. Having told the men on *CG-2327*, "If I'm not out of that pilot house in two minutes you turn the machine gun on them," Duke moved to the

deckhouse armed with a flashlight and a revolver with only three rounds. Stopped by a seaman, Duke pushed him aside and moved on to the pilot house. Storming in, he ordered the captain to reverse the engines. When the captain refused, Duke took the wheel and grounded the ship on Robbins Reef. Four hours later, he was relieved and at that time, he turned over the 22 men and \$1 million dollars of illegal alcohol that he had captured. Senior Coast Guard officers hailed Ensign Duke's almost single-handed feat as the most heroic exploit in the effort to stop the rumrunners. Source: *CG Historian*



### What is the origin of the saying "You have to go out, but you do not have to come back"?

A letter to the editor of the old *Coast Guard Magazine* written by CBM Clarence P. Brady, USCG (Ret.) which was published in the March 1954 (page 2) issue, states that the first person to make this remark was Patrick Etheridge. Brady knew him when both were stationed at the Cape Hatteras LSS. Brady tells the story as follows:

"A ship was stranded off Cape Hatteras on the Diamond Shoals and one of the life saving crew reported the fact that this ship had run ashore on the dangerous shoals. The old skipper gave the command to man the lifeboat and one of the men shouted out that we might make it out to the wreck but we would never make it back. The old skipper looked around and said, 'The Blue Book says we've got to go out and it doesn't say a damn thing about having to come back.'"

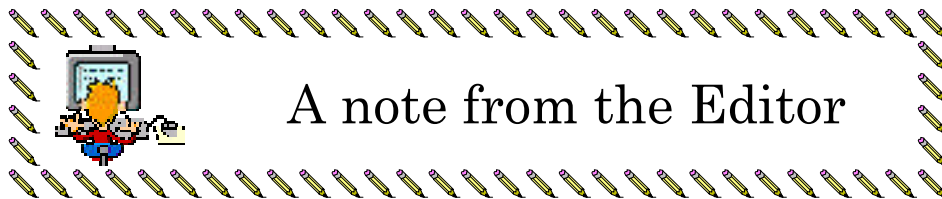
Etheridge was not exaggerating. The *Regulations of the Life-Saving Service of 1899*, Article VI "Action at Wrecks," section 252, page 58, state that:

"In attempting a rescue the keeper will select either the boat, breeches buoy, or life car, as in his judgement is best suited to effectively cope with the existing conditions. If the device first selected fails after such trial as satisfies him that no further attempt with it is feasible, he will resort to one of the others, and if that fails, then to the remaining one, and he will not desist from his efforts until by actual trial the impossibility of effecting a rescue is demonstrated. The statement of the keeper that he did not try to use the boat because the sea or surf was too heavy will not be accepted unless attempts to launch it were actually made and failed [underlining added], or unless the conformation of the coast--as bluffs, precipitous banks, etc.--is such as to unquestionable preclude the use of a boat."

### BMC Anthony Petit Feb. 15, 1903 to April 1, 1946



A couple of hours after midnight on April Fool's Day, 1946, a Tsunami destroyed the 6-year-old Scotch Cap Lighthouse on Unimak Island -- one of the Aleutian Islands in Alaska -- taking the lives of all five crewmen. Among them was BMC Anthony Petit, the officer in charge of the lighthouse. The CGC Anthony Petit, one of the new 175-foot Keeper Class coastal buoy tenders, was commissioned May 30, 2000, in his honor and is now homeported in Ketchikan, Alaska.



## A note from the Editor

Good Day!

As you receive this we have gone through Spring and into the heat of the summer months (depending on where you live). There are many changes going on with the Coast Guard especially in health care, and I have been trying to get the word out to you, hope it has helped.

I have had many of you sign up for receiving the Newsletter online and I thank you. There are many benefits to viewing the publication this way, especially seeing some of the photos I include in color, and being able to read and print the Newsletter sooner than the mailing. This month I have also paralleled on HRSIC'S site a new format, where you will immediately view the Newsletter without waiting for it to download. Give it a try at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/hrsic/>.

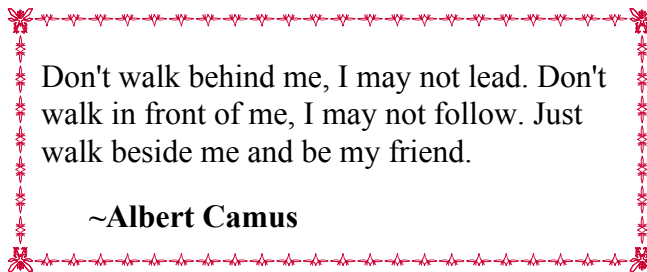
I very much enjoy the letters received by some of you, and wish I had the room to publish everything that I receive. If you don't see something you have submitted, it is only due to the limited pages I am able to publish. I am hoping in the future we can include a potpourri of items, pictures, and stories from those submitted for posting on our web site. These would be rotated and available for viewing by you at any time. These things take time however, so look forward to it in the future.

I hope you all are having a safe and comfortable summer, the next time I talk to you the leaves will be turning. Of course, I always welcome your phone calls and letters, and love to hear from you. Start thinking of a name for this publication, I know there are good ones out there!

~Ron



**NAUTICAL  
TRIVIA**



Don't walk behind me, I may not lead. Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend.

~Albert Camus



### Boatswain's Pipe

1) No self-respecting boatswain's mate would dare admit he couldn't blow his pipe in a manner above reproach. This pipe, which is the emblem of the boatswain and his mates, has an ancient and interesting history. On the ancient row-galleys, the boatswain used his pipe to call the stroke. Later because its shrill tune could be heard above most of the activity on board, it was used to signal various happenings such as knock-off and the boarding of officials. So essential was this signaling device to the well-being of the ship, that it became a badge of office and honor in the British and American Navy of the sailing ships.

2) One of the oldest and most distinctive pieces of nautical equipment, the pipe or flute was used in Greece and Rome to keep the stroke of galley slaves. The pipe was used in the Crusades to call English cross bowmen on deck for attack. In time, the pipe came to be used as a badge of office by commanders. The whistle was used for salutes to distinguished persons as well as to pass orders.

A 1645 publication detailing honors for an admiral, orders; *"The ship's barge to be sent to fetch the visitor having the cockson with his silver whistle in the stern... Upon the near approach of the barge the noise of the trumpets are to sound and so to hold on until the barge comes within less than musket shot, at that time the trumpets are to cease and all such as carry whistles are to whistle a welcome three several times."*

The parts of the pipe are the buoy, gun, keel and shackle.

### Chewing the Fat

"God made the vittles, but the devil made the cook," was a popular saying used by seafaring men in the last century when salted beef was staple diet aboard ship. This tough cured beef, suitable only for long voyages when nothing else was as cheap or would keep as well, required prolonged chewing to make it edible. Men often chewed one chunk for hours, just as if it were chewing gum and referred to this practice as "chewing the fat".



## Affordable resort vacations for retirees



Thanks to an agreement between Coast Guard Morale, Well-Being, and Recreation (MWR) and the Army MWR, retirees can enjoy a seven-night stay at a condominium resort on a space-available basis for only \$234 offered by Cendant Corporation. Normally, resort condos rent for up to \$1,500 per week. Vacationers also help support MWR activities because \$22 from each confirmation goes back to the installation. The Armed Forces Vacation Club (AFVC) accesses inventory at privately owned resorts and makes them available to the Coast Guard community at this deeply discounted rate. While most of these resorts are timeshare properties, the agreement that we have stipulates that there is **no** obligation for users of the AFVC to attend a timeshare sales presentation.

Retired Coast Guard personnel are automatically eligible to use the AFVC program. Retirees simply call a toll-free number (1-800-724-9988) to a central reservation center and book a stay at a wide selection of resorts in the U.S. and around the world. There are **no** membership fees or dues. Available resorts and dates are posted daily on the Armed Forces Vacation Club web site: [www.afvclub.com](http://www.afvclub.com) The web site also contains detailed procedures and instructions for making reservations. The most popular feature is the "Search for Availability" section where you can search by Country, State, or City and review literally thousands of vacation opportunities around the globe.

If you do not have access to the Internet, more information is available from Coast Guard MWR offices on most Coast Guard installations. Installations that participate in marketing the Armed Forces Vacation Club earn cash rebates from each reservation, so be sure and provide the installation name and AFVC assigned ID number when making a reservation. AFVC assigned installation numbers can be found on the web site or obtained from the installation MWR office. Since the program began in late 1998, military families have booked more than 8,100 vacations, generating more than \$162,000 in rebates.

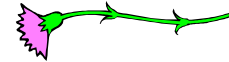
Don't live near an installation and don't use the Internet? You can still use AFVC by simply calling the reservation center at 1-800-724-9988 and provide account number 7033-00000 (if you are a first time caller, otherwise give them your account number). A vacation counselor will assign you an individual account number, (if you are a first time caller) then assist you with searching for a vacation opportunity. Tell them you are a Coast Guard retiree, and to credit the rebate to the installation of your choice from the locations listed. To make a reservation, you must have a credit card and pay the \$234 fee at that time. You will receive written confirmation in the mail.

Remember, AFVC condominiums are a space-available program. Once owner requirements are met, inventory is made available for AFVC use. Since owners use their resort less frequently during off-season, most availability is in the off-season, in areas that may be over built (like the Canary Islands, Isla de Margarita, Hungary and parts of Mexico), or available on short notice.

<i>Coast Guard</i>	<i>Installation Number</i>
<i>Coast Guard Base San Juan, PR</i>	161
<i>HQs USCG WPX, Chesapeake, VA</i>	195
<i>TISCOM, Alexandria, VA</i>	208
<i>USCG Academy, CT</i>	45
<i>USCG Activities Center</i>	242
<i>USCG Air Station Clearwater</i>	206
<i>USCG Air Station Miami</i>	248
<i>USCG Air Station, Cape Cod, MA</i>	116
<i>USCG ATC Mobile</i>	246
<i>USCG HRSIC</i>	245
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## Where are they now?????



On April 22, 2001, Richard Joseph Geshel, the Son of Retired **Master Chief Robert Geshel**, was sworn in as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. Lt Geshel has been accepted to attend the Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine in Phoenix, Arizona, and was recently selected to receive the U.S. Army's Medical School Scholarship.

During the ceremony, Master Chief Geshel was privileged to pin on his son's new bars. Assisting him was Navy Ensign, Matt Swain, who served in the Navy with Lt Geshel, and is already a student at the same school Richard will attend. Master Chief Geshel was honored to be the first Enlisted man to salute his son. After which Lt Geshel presented his Father with a 1902 Silver Dollar, which commemorates the year the Geshel family first stepped foot on American soil.

What a hundred year history for the Geshel family!

Robert Keschl, Richard's Great Grandfather, arrived in America on March 4, 1902, an Illiterate farmer from Deutsch Ehrendorf, Burgenland, Austria.

Robert's Son, Herbert Louis Geshel, Rich's Grandfather, served his country as an Enlisted man in WWII as a member of the 101st Airborne.

Master Chief Geshel, Robert's Grandson, served 20 years in the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard. Afterwards earning both a B.S. degree and a M.Ed. degree from the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, Oklahoma.

Lt Geshel, Robert's Great Grandson, has served 14 years in the U.S. Army Reserve and the U.S. Navy as an Enlisted man, attaining the rank of E-6 in both services. Since leaving active duty, Lt Geshel earned both a B.S. degree and a B.A. degree from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona. Lt Geshel begins Medical School in August 2001.

I am one proud Daddy!! ~ Bob Geshel

**Bill Usher, YNC Retired** in 1971 and had throat cancer surgery in April 1997. The following is an excerpt from the American Cancer Society award of the Ray McBride Humanitarian Award... "Bill Usher enrolled in the Coast Guard when he was 17. Along with the excitement, stress and hardship of World War II, the military made sure all their personnel got cheap cigarettes. Bill picked up smoking like most of his peers. He spent 28 years in the Coast Guard and traveled around the world. In 1997 he noticed a loss of appetite, had a sore throat and the doctors finally diagnosed cancer and Bill had a total laryngectomy. His doctors also had to take a lot of his neck and some shoulder and chest muscles. Bill's medical bills have totaled more than \$250,000 with all the surgeries, radiation, chemotherapy and other treatments. Making the best of his situation, Bill has given hundreds of hours "talking" to young people about smoking. He hands out stickers, goes to classrooms and never misses an opportunity to spread the message about the dangers of smoking. He has a tremendous impact on all those who hear him. He was awarded the courage award from the Redwood Empire Region and are proud to name him winner of the Ran McBride Humanitarian of the Year Award."

Bill would love to hear from any other Coasties at

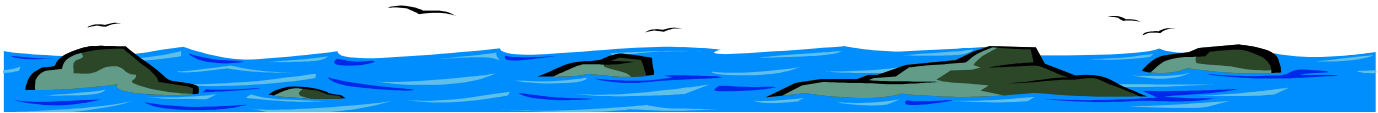
**BillUsheron@Webtv.net**

By **James R. Catlin, CWO3 (COMM), USCG (Ret.)**

While still on active duty, I obtained my Bachelors Degree in Psychology and Business (thanks, Tuition Assistance) and upon retiring in 1991, I obtained my Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling (thanks, GI Bill). I began my new field as an adolescent and family psychotherapist in a residential treatment center for 10-17 year olds. After 4 years I moved on to the Eau Claire County (Wisconsin) Human Services Department as a Social Work Supervisor, supervising a team of 10-14 Master's level and Bachelor's level social workers who provide services to children involved in Juvenile Justice cases and Child Protective Services cases. After 2 years in that role, I moved on to a Clinical Coordinator position in the same Human Services Dept's Community Support Program (CSP). Our CSP is a state-licensed outpatient mental health clinic that fairly intensively serves chronically mentally ill adults and seriously-emotionally-disturbed children who live in the community. The diagnostic groups we serve are folks with schizophrenic, delusional, psychotic, and mood disorders. I am one of two supervisors who heads up this multi-disciplinary team of about 24 social workers, psychotherapists, nurses, psychiatrists, employment specialists, and paraprofessionals. I am now in the process of buying my own business that provides these type services to children, but on a contract basis with a

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neighboring county. I will have to forego my current position when I complete the business transfer, but I'm chomping at the bit to finally have the opportunity to be my own boss. I also recently established a website of my own ([WWW.DistantCounseling.com](http://WWW.DistantCounseling.com)) that provides mental health information and services over the Internet or by phone; (50% discount for Coasties) this is a cutting-edge concept that is in its infancy so I'm testing the market to see what the demand might be. My home e-mail address is [jcatlin@discover-net.net](mailto:jcatlin@discover-net.net) and I'd appreciate hearing from any of my old Coastie buddies.

### "MEMORIES" By Robert Young, BMC (Ret)

Here is a small and brief summary of my assignment to one of the (13) 255 footers. I reported on board the CGC MINNETONKA in May 1947 as a Fireman (E-2). The MINNETONKA's home port was Long Beach California. The ships duties were SAR (Sea-Air-Rescue) and on weather station duties. I remember the ship was commissioned in late 1946. I recall the first time out to sea on a 10 day SAR patrol into the Pacific Ocean. A number of the new crew members were sea sick and I never got sick which was something as I was from Kansas and had never been underway. Anyway this trip was uneventful. In October 1947 we departed Long Beach with an old 125 foot Cutter in tow for the scrap yard in Seattle, WA. It was decommissioned and I do not recall it's name. While en-route and off San Francisco, we received a mayday from a tanker that had a fire. The CO ordered our tow line disconnected and then our small boats were lowered to assist in removing personnel from the tanker. However the tanker crew was able to extinguish the fire and no further assistance was required. We retrieved the 124 footer back in tow and continued to Seattle. Upon arriving in Seattle the 125 footer was dropped off at a ship yard. We remained in Seattle for 7 days and then departed for Weather Station Fox, which was between Hawaii and the California Coast. Arriving on Station Fox about November 12, 1947 we covered same for 28 days. This weather station covered about 40 square miles and we would

steam from one point of it and then drift within the area. On board were a number of U.S. Weather Bureau Personnel. They would fill a large balloon with helium gas and then release it with an attached radio beacon into the atmosphere to forecast the weather in advance of 30-60 days. While onsite on the weather station there were a number of Japanese water mines free floating in the Japanese Current. Said mines were cut loose from the Japanese Islands during WWII. We saw 2 of them and blew them up. My duties were to tend the boilers as the 255's were steam powered. Upon returning to our home port, I switched to the deck force, and in March 1948 was transferred to Alaska on an old Lighthouse Ship, CGC CEDAR which was 238 foot with the home port of Kodiak. The crew on the 255 was somewhere between 100-130 personnel. Please find attached a picture of the USCGC MINNETONKA at Catalina Island, CA in 1947.



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**A friend is a person**  
to laugh and cry with,  
An inspiration,  
Someone who lends a helping hand,  
though friends may not be forever,  
And they may not end up together,  
the memories of a true friendship will  
last forever.  
A friend is not a shadow nor a servant  
But someone who hold  
a piece of a person in his heart.  
Someone who shares a smile,  
Someone who brightens up your day  
What makes a person a friend?  
Is by saying your Love will stay.

## RETIRED CG CHIEF TURNS 103!!



Christy Coe (on the right), and Sarah Mills (the left) are Chief Alimpolo care managers. They see to his needs and visit him throughout the week.

### *Oldest living Coast Guardsman*

Eracleo Alimpolo turned 103 years old April 23<sup>rd</sup> and is the oldest living Coast Guardsmen. He was born in 1898 of Philippine decent and joined the U.S. Coast Guard in 1928 after serving four years in the U.S. Navy.

Alimpolo retired in 1951 as a Chief steward after serving on 11 cutters and 13 shore stations. His first three cutters included the cutter Sebago, Pontchartrain and the Alexander Hamilton, which was a full sailing ship. He is a World War II veteran and was decorated with the American Campaign Medal, American Defense Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal and Good Conduct Medal. The 103-year-old veteran resides in Seattle, but is taken care of by the Guardianship Services of Seattle.

# **CONGRATULATIONS**



## REUNIONS AND NOTICES



**Reunion for DUANE AGC-6, WAGC-33  
BIB WAGC-31 CAMPBELL WAGC-32  
INGHAM WAGC-35  
SPENCER WAGC-36  
TANEY WAGC-37 MT WHITNEY LCC-20):**

SEPTEMBER-9 SEPTEMBER 12 '01, CHERRY HILL MD  
Contact Bill Kearney, 77 Garden Hills Drive,  
Cranston, RI 02920, [billteton@juno.com](mailto:billteton@juno.com).

Gentlemen: **The Louisville Armed Forces Committee (LAFC)**, which annually sponsors the oldest Armed Forces day Dinner in the United States, dating back to 1919, when General John "Blackjack" Pershing was our inaugural guest speaker. is attempting to identify a Coast Guard veteran who served in the Korean War theater. Last year at our annual dinner, we honored Korean War veterans on the 50th Anniversary of that war, by presenting one veteran from each of our armed services with a special Korean Defense 50th Anniversary Commemorative Medal. We were unable to identify any Coast Guard veteran of the Korean War living in or around the Louisville, KY area. We still have a medal to present at a formal ceremony at one of our monthly luncheons and would like to identify one Coast Guard veteran of the Korean War, not just Coast Guard veteran of Korean War era. Any assistance you could provide in our search would be most appreciated.

Thank you. Ed Armento, General Chairman, Louisville  
A r m e d F o r c e s C o m m i t t e e  
502-228-6595

**The Fort Dix Retiree Appreciation Day** is scheduled for Saturday, November 3, 2001. This is the day Fort Dix has set aside to honor the retired community. The Retiree Appreciation Day is opened to retirees from all branches of service, living in the Fort Dix catchment area. The scheduled events for the day will take place in the Griffith Field House, located on the corner of Doughboy Loop and 8th St. The formal ceremony will begin at 0900. The guest speaker is Colonel (ret) Michael L. Warner, who is the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for the state of New Jersey. We will have a county fair of information booths consisting of 35 state, local and national organizations that will be providing information relevant to retirees concerns. A luncheon at the Club Dix, reservation required, will culminate the day's activities. Contact Fay Marshall-Dease at (609)562-2666 or email at [fay.marshall-dease@dix.army.mil](mailto:fay.marshall-dease@dix.army.mil).

### USCGC TANEY (WHEC 37) Reunion

Date: Oct 4-7, Location: Oakland/Alameda, CA  
Contact: Garret Conklin, 2525 Crist St., Alameda, CA 94501-4623 Tel: (510) 523-1878 Fax: 240-255-0233 email: [garretc@earthlink.net](mailto:garretc@earthlink.net) Planning underway, interested crew please contact ASAP.

### NOTICE to all Coasties who have served on **USCGC AB-SECON WAVP/WHEC 374** and/or **USCGC CHINCO-TEAGUE WAVP/WHEC 375**

The **First Reunion** for the above cutters will be held **Oct 11 thru 13, 2001** in downtown **Norfolk, Va** in the newly renovated **Radisson Hotel** across from Scope Convention Center. This includes families. The MacArthur Memorial/ Shopping Center and US Navy Museum/Wisconsin Battleship are within a few blocks of the Radisson. Those who are interested and/or wish to attend, please contact John R. Peters EMCM USCG (Ret) 757-479-0000 [odupeeters@aol.com](mailto:odupeeters@aol.com) or Harry S. Huggins CWO4 USCG (Ret) 757-484-3700 [muzz4poppi@cs.com](mailto:muzz4poppi@cs.com). We will need your address, phone number, which Cutter and year(s) served for our address book. More information will be mailed out in a month or two concerning hotel package and shuttle schedule to and from airport, activities, tours, registration, etc.

Reunion of **USS CAVALIER (APA-37) WWII**, 13-16 September, 2001, Holiday Inn Green Tree, Pittsburgh, PA. Contact CWO4 John E. Giles, USCG (RET) P.O. Box 325, Pacific City, OR 97135, Tel (503) 965-6732, or email [jegiles@oregoncoast.com](mailto:jegiles@oregoncoast.com)

### **WANTED: USCG FESTIVAL GRAND PARADE VOLUNTEERS**

The theme of this year's U.S. Coast Guard Festival is "United States Coast Guard Reserve: Sixty Years of Service to America." The Festival committee is soliciting volunteers from the Reserve community to represent each decade of the Reserve's 60 years, beginning with the 1940s, 1950s, 1960s, etc. and up through the present, to march and ride in the Grand Parade. Whether you're an active reservist or retired, man or woman, young or old, come be a part of this unique and historic event, one of Michigan's largest and best parades. The event is set for Saturday, Aug. 4, 2001, 12 noon in Grand Haven, Mich., Coast Guard City, USA. Interested parties should contact Jerry Smith, Festival Executive Director, at 616-846-5511,

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e-mail: [cgfestival@chartermi.net](mailto:cgfestival@chartermi.net) or Jim Butler at 616-846-0855, e-mail: [jujube@novagate.com](mailto:jujube@novagate.com) or write U.S. Coast Guard Festival, P.O. Box 694, Grand Haven, MI 49417. Festival Web site: [www.grandhaven.com/ghcgfest](http://www.grandhaven.com/ghcgfest). For info on area accommodations, call 1-800-303-4097 or visit: [www.grandhavenchamber.org](http://www.grandhavenchamber.org)

**USCG Bering Sea Patrol – Alaska Veterans Reunion** Association will be holding their 26th Annual Reunion September 11 through 14, 2001 at Biloxi Mississippi. Headquarters for the reunion will be the Imperial Palace Hotel and Casino located in the Back Bay area. Theme of this year's reunion is "The CG and WWII." The Biloxi area is known as the "Playground of the South" and many recreational and sightseeing opportunities are available. This is an association of Coast Guard retirees and others who served with the CG in Alaska who, for the purpose of comradeship, join together at reunions to further the history of the CG in the Bering Sea and in Alaska. Former members of the USCG who served on active duty in Alaska (17th CG District) for a continuous period of at least 21 days and/or those who qualify to wear the CG Arctic Service Medal as a result of duties in Alaska waters are eligible to join as voting members. Annual dues are only \$20.00. Further details about membership and the forthcoming reunion please contact:

Dick Juge, Chairman 2001, 3871 Red Cypress, New Orleans, LA 70131, Phone (504)394-2221, Fax (504)393-0669. Email: [djuge@aviosk.com](mailto:djuge@aviosk.com) or visit home page <http://www.mardigrasfun.com/bsp/>

**Great Lakes RAO is sponsoring a Retiree Seminar**, open to all branches of the military September 29, 2001. For info call (847)688-3603, ext 118 or Toll Free 1-888-231-0714. Fax (847)688-2827, hours Monday-Friday 0900-1500.

**Reunion of USCGC CHAMBERS (WDE-491)** on October 12-14, 2001 in New Bedford, MA. Contact R. Grant at (808) 261-2653 or P. San Juan at (508)993-3561. Email: [rbgrant@compuserve.com](mailto:rbgrant@compuserve.com)

**Arrow Stage Lines**, a nationwide charter service, with locations in Topeka, KS, Omaha, NE, Kansas City, MO, Lincoln, NE and Denver, CO is seeking *CASUAL MOTORCOACH Operators*. We are willing to train the right person to obtain the CDL Class "B" license. Work part-time or full-time, see 48 states / Canada and get paid for it! See our website at: [www.arrowstagelines.com](http://www.arrowstagelines.com) or call 1-800-356-0727 and ask for Dave Jones or Larry Graber.

The crew of the **USCGC Duane (WHEC 33)** will hold its next reunion in Charleston, South Carolina on September 13, 14, and 15, 2001. Featured events will include a visit to sister ship USCGC Ingham (WHEC 35) and several other ships and planes at the Patriot's Point Naval and Maritime Museum. A chartered boat will take the crew for a 3 hour cruise of the harbor and stop at Fort Sumter, the site of the first shot fired during the Civil War. There will be plenty of time for shopping, museums, and exploring the historic district.

The gala banquet will be held Saturday, September 15, 2001 aboard the USS Yorktown (CVA 10). Many other festivities are in the planning stages. Wives are strongly encouraged to attend. A hospitality suite will be dispensing cheer at the Patriots Point Quality Inn and Suites, 196 Patriots Point Road, Mount Pleasant, SC. Special rates are available if you mention the Duane reunion. Call early for reservations at 1-800-704-4480.

Contact For more information on reserving a place, receiving the newsletter and/or joining the USCGC Duane Association, contact: Tom Grabowski, Secretary USCGC Duane Association, 354 Meadowbrook Road, Trafford, PA 15085 [Coastie@stargate.net](mailto:Coastie@stargate.net)

#### **France Seeks Surviving WWII Normandy Veterans**

France is issuing a "Thank You" certificate to recognize the participation of all American and allied soldiers who took part in the Normandy landing and contributed to the liberation of France during World War II. The certificate is meant to express the gratitude of the French people to the soldiers who participated in the Normandy landing and liberation of France, on French territory and in French territorial waters and airspace, between June 6, 1944 and May 8, 1945. The certificate will not be issued posthumously. The ten Consuls General of France in the United States are issuing the documents on behalf of the French authorities and in coordination with state veterans affairs offices, veterans service organizations, and veterans associations. For more information on obtaining a "Thank You" certificate, visit the Embassy of France Web site at

<http://www.ambafrance-us.org>

SOURCE: *MilitaryReport.Com*

**The Saginaw River Marine Historical Society** with the support of the Dow Chemical Company (current owner of the site) is restoring the Saginaw River Rear Range Lighthouse near Bay City, Michigan. The lighthouse was a Coast Guard Station from 1938-1980. The Historical Society is looking for photos and information that would help with restoring the lighthouse to the way it looked in the 1950s as well as be used in a museum it plans to have inside the

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building. If you can offer them assistance with these items please send an e-mail to Rob at: [RobMidMI@aol.com](mailto:RobMidMI@aol.com) or snail mail to: S.R.M.H.S., Photos/Info, P.O. Box 2051, Bay City, MI 48707-2051.

If you served on the **Cutter Rockaway (WAVP-377)** in the mid-fifties, your shipmates are looking for you to plan a reunion. Phone Chief Harris at 602-274-8980, email: [tio@inficad.com](mailto:tio@inficad.com), or log onto the new Rockaway web site at: <http://www.cccnews.net/rockaway>

**The USS SPENCER CG-W-35** Association and the USCGC SPENCER WMEC-905 will hold their annual reunion in Williamsburgh VA from October 11, 2001 to October 15, 2001. Anyone who has served aboard the "327" or the "270" is welcome. Please contact Jack Shampine. 7398 Route #31, Cicero NY 13039, Ph 315-699-3127 or Hank Rogers Jr., 32 Freedom Ct., Baltimore, MD 21220, Ph 410-335-6826.

**Request reader's assistance**, I am doing research for a book about the CG when it served as part of the Navy in WWI 1917-1918. Need help in obtaining info, memoirs, and references about the Service's duties and responsibilities in the areas of: Ocean Escorts in the War Zone, Coastal Stations, Port Security, Aviation, Atlantic Patrols, and Augmentation of Navy Ships, in particular stories and accomplishments of individual Coast Guardsman. Please contact CAPT Alex R. Larzelere, USCG (Ret.), 5904 Mount Eagle Dr., #504, Alexandria, VA 22303; Ph 703-960-6692; Email [alarzelere@erols.com](mailto:alarzelere@erols.com)

**WWII Coast Guard and Navy Ship CALLAWAY**, APA-35 September 17 – 20, St. Louis, MO. Please contact Wallace Shipp, 5319 Manning Place NW, Washington DC 20016-5311, Ph 202-363-3663

**Telephone Technician (TT/EMT)** - All TT/EMT's Enlisted and Officers, and others associated are invited to a REUNION to be held on September 28, 29, and 30, and October 1 1st 2001 at Donnie Ray and Wanda Thornton Camp Ground in Chincoteague, VA. For additional information contact Donnie ray Thornton, Ph 757-336-5200, Sam Merritt at 757-336-5721, Bo Stapleton, 757-340-3732 or Ray Shnow, 540-729-1045

**USCGC COURAGEOUS (WMEC-622)** - Any former or present crewmember of the CGC COURAGEOUS that would be interested in attending a reunion please contact CWO4 Peter J. Anderson via email at [pandersonsr@earthlink.net](mailto:pandersonsr@earthlink.net). It is hoped that the necessary interest will allow a reunion to be held in the Spring of 2002. I can also be contacted at 504 393 7885 or 809 Terry Parkway; Gretna, La. 70056. Request positive and negative answers.

**LIGHTSHIPS – LAST CALL** A colorful and important part of CG history is slipping away. Most, rendered to scrap by the beaker's torch, are gone forever. The few that remain are mostly relegated to mud flats and backwater channels. Some resting on the bottom, others barely afloat and abandoned, they slowly yield to the ravages of the elements. There is little hope for most. The Association is dedicated to providing an environment wherein all those interested in preserving the history and traditions of lightships and the men that served them can meet to exchange information and to enjoy good fellowship. New members are most certainly welcome. For info contact: Jim Gill, USCG (Ret), 642 Marina Pkwy #63, Chula Vista, CA 91910, Tel (619)427-8501, Email [pdp@cts.com](mailto:pdp@cts.com)

**USCG Air Station Naples, Italy**, ALL WHO SERVED, if interested in a reunion September 2002 at Elizabeth City, NC. Please contact: Orval Walker 303 Brite Avenue, Elizabeth City, NC 27909 or e-mail Phil Snodgrass, [pdsnodgras@inteliport.com](mailto:pdsnodgras@inteliport.com) as soon as possible.

**All Crew Members of Coast Guard LST 767**

Our second reunion is scheduled to take place at the Bilmar Resort Hotel in St. Petersburg, Florida from October 9th through October 12th, 2001. If you missed the first one, you surely don't want to miss this one!! It's been a long time since our island hopping days in the Pacific. All hands, not already contacted, should get in touch with Dave Ramsay, One Utah, St., Beverly Hills, FL 34465-4378. Phone (352) 527-2869, Email: [ramshorn@xtalwind.net](mailto:ramshorn@xtalwind.net)

On September the **8<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard Group Eastern Shore** will hoist a breakfast for any one who served in the United States Coast Guard. This breakfast will start at 0800 but coffee will be available at 0700...It will be held at the Chincoteague Vol. Fire Departments Dinning Hall on Main Street in Chincoteague, Va. Do to limited seating there will only 200 tickets available. These will be sold on First Come Bases. Tickets can be purchased in person or by mail, please contact CWO Dave Lewis at (757) 336 2891 or BMC Wayne Merritt at (757) 336 2872 for details. Our mailing address is 3823 Main Street Chincoteague, Va. 23336. Additional info on motels and area interest can be obtained from either of the POC listed above.

**"The Reunion Association of USS / CGC COOS BAY**, originally formed by the ship's "Plank-Owners", is eager to recruit CG crew members to ENSURE the continued memorializing of this "Grand Old Lady of the Sea". The 2001 Reunion will be held in Orlando, FL on September 17 to 20 . For Details, contact Chuck Werkley, 8502 Lilflower Court, Port St. Lucie, FL 34952 Ph: 561 671 1065 e-mail [chuckwerkrent@aol.com](mailto:chuckwerkrent@aol.com) " .

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**USS POOLE (DE-151)** Cort. Div. 22, TG 21.5, USS PETERSON (DE-152) and USS GANDY (DE-764) will be holding a reunion October 3-7, 2001 at Myrtle Beach, SC. Please contact Ed Synos, 751 Spring Crest Ct., Fenton, MO 63026, Tel (636)343-1013 or Donald Macchia, 256 Spruce St., Bloomfield, NJ 07003, Tel (973)748-0731

**USCG Lightship Sailors Association** Reunion. October 4-5 & 6, 2001, Port Huron, MI. Contact: Jerry Radloff, 1020 Woods Lane, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236-1157. Tel: (313)884-3071, Email [ggradloff@yahoo.com](mailto:ggradloff@yahoo.com)

**TELEPHONE TECHNICIAN (TT/EMT)** All TT/EMT's Enlisted, Officers and others associated are invited to our annual reunion to be held on July 20, 21, and 22, 2001 at Coos Bay, OR. For additional information, contact Kevin Dugan at (541)756-9600 or Greg Stewart at (541)756-9623 or Bob Stephens at (360)457-0817.

**The Ancient Order of the Pterodactyl** will hold its annual Roost at the Ft. Lauderdale Marina Marriot on 7-9 October 2001. The Roost is being hosted by CG Air Station Miami. Details are available from Pteros LCDR Elizabeth Young or LT Muddy Waters at 1-800-253-3851 or [EDYoung@AirStaMiami.USCG.mil](mailto:EDYoung@AirStaMiami.USCG.mil)

#### **USCGC GLACIER RESTORATION**

There is no berthing on board at present. Discounted accommodations are available in Benicia, California, a short distance from MARAD Suisun Bay Reserve Fleet where the GLACIER is anchored offshore in a nest of ships, awaiting scrapping. Here is info on local accommodations in Benicia. Best Western Heritage Inn 1955 East 2nd Street Benicia, CA 94510 Phone: (707) 746-0401 Fax: (707) 745-0842

The Glacier Society made arrangements with Claire McFadden, VP, Marketing & Regional Operations for reduced room rates. Volunteers should call the above phone number (not the Best Western 800 #, for this is a local agreement) and tell them they are with the GLACIER Society and request the reduced room rate. \$50.00/night). Make reservations as far in advance as possible. Walk-ins may be ineligible for this discount..

Volunteers with military ID cards may be able to arrange accommodations at Travis AFB; however, advance reservations may only be made 1 day in advance and are limited to 3 days. Renewals are not always available. Travis AFB is about 1/2 hour from MARAD. Week long RV spots may also be available. The FAMCAMP reservations office is 1 707 424 3583. The Reservations AF-wide # is 1 888 AF-LODGE. 1 888 235 6343 The Westwind Inn is: 1 707 437 0700. Fax: 1 707 424 5489.

Travis AFB has an overflow contract with the Quality Inn in Vacaville. For prices and reservations, call (707) 446-8888 or fax \*(707) 449 -0109. Both Travis AFB and Vacaville are about 1/2 hour from MARAD. Novato Temporary Guest Housing officially opens MONDAY, FEB. 5. Please call the on site Temporary Housing Manager at 415-506-3130 or fax 415-506-3131 for rates and availability. The housing is located on the old Hamilton AFB and is about 1 hour distant from MARAD. While at the MARAD Suisun Bay Reserve Fleet location, we are restricted to a maximum of 10 people on board Monday through Friday, 0700-1400, generally one week a month. Until we are alongside a pier, there will be no requests for weekend volunteers; however, if you like, we'll add you for later contact. A willingness to bring hand tools for scrounging, to work hard and get your hands dirty, would help. Bring a flashlight and work gloves. Hat lights are helpful, too. The work will include cleanup, scrounging, equipment transfer and, if electricians are available, electrical work. We meet at the MARAD Facility at the foot of Lake Herman Road (LHR). Going east from Benicia towards Sacramento, turn right on LHR from either East 2nd Street or I-680. (left if you are going toward Benicia) and go to the parking lot at the end of the road. Tell the gateman you are with the GLACIER Society. It's 5-10 minute walk out to the office. We sign in at the office at 0700, go below for hard hats and lifejackets and embark for transportation by personnel barge to the ship at 0715. We return between 1400 and 1445...One need not volunteer for the whole week, which should be helpful to those who can commute from SF Bay Area communities. We have had several 1 and 2 day volunteers, already. Volunteers from any background, civilian or military, are most welcome. Just be prepared to do SA (That's Senior Apprentice, not Seaman Apprentice) work.

If you, or someone you know, are available to help, please contact me at [bfaltd@pacbell.net](mailto:bfaltd@pacbell.net) <<mailto:bfaltd@pacbell.net>> or 415 883 7159. After the recorded message, ID self as calling about the GLACIER SOCIETY. I'll answer, if in. If I am not, please leave your name, phone number, especially an e-mail address, if you have one. Some volunteers do not.

Bob Farmer Capt, USCG (Ret) Recruiter for Volunteers, who work onboard, & Assisters, who help on shore

#### **Restoration schedule for 2001**

07/16-20/01, 08/13-17/01, 09/10-14/01, 10/15-19/01  
11/05-09/01, 12/10-14/01 \*

\* Normal dates preempted  
by Federal Holidays

**U. S. Coast Guard National Association of Former Stewards and Stewardmates Inc.** will be holding their Conference/Reunion aboard the Pacific Princess from August 5, 2001 to August 12, 2001 in Bermuda.

For further information, please contact Artis Copeland at (718) 525-2639.

## VA Applications Go Online

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Veterans can now apply for benefits and health care online with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Two new systems will allow veterans quick, easy and secure access to apply for compensation, pension, rehabilitation benefits and health care. "This is the first step toward an electronic VA," said Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs Hershel W. Gober. "We will use the best in the business world and the latest in the high technology sector to deliver world-class benefits and care to veterans. That's a promise." To apply for health care, veterans can fill out and submit an Internet-based 10-10 EZ application available today for the first time nationwide. Initially tested at 30 VA facilities, the 10-10 EZ is automatically e-mailed to the VA health care facility selected by the veteran. VA employees register the data, print the form and mail it back to the veteran for signature. Veterans can also print out the completed form and mail it to a VA health care facility themselves. "Veterans On Line Applications" (VONAPP) is designed for veterans to apply for compensation, pension, and vocational rehabilitation benefits through the Internet. Completed applications are sent electronically to the veteran's local VA office. Processing begins right away and veterans receive a response letting them know the status of their applications. "Of course, security is of paramount importance," said Gober. "These forms are individually encrypted, ensuring the privacy of veterans' personal data. This is part of VA's approach to department-wide security planning and management. "Later this year, VA plans to offer education applications on the Internet. Currently, veterans attending school under the Montgomery GI Bill can make their monthly certification of enrollment at <http://www.gibill.va.gov>.

Along with 10-10 EZ and VONAPP, VA has redesigned its Web page. "When veterans access [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov), there will be no doubt that the focus and content reflects the department's commitment to veterans," said Gober. "The new design makes it easy to find information, as well as online applications." VA aims to eventually put all its health care and benefits applications online. However veterans are not required to apply online and can continue to use paper applications. To download other VA applications see: <http://www.va.gov/forms>.

"Online applications, bar coding for medications, computerized record systems, telemedicine and in the near future -- Smart Cards -- are all examples of VA developing information technology on par, and often ahead of, the rest of the country," said Gober. "I'm really excited about what technology can do to allow us to do a better job in caring for the nation's veterans."

To access Internet applications: <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/> Source: [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

## Retractions / Corrections .....

~ In the cover story of our history in the Gulf War, it was brought to my attention that according to Title 38, USC, the Persian Gulf War was listed beginning 2 August 1990, and is still open. The conflict will not be officially ended pending a date to be prescribed by Presidential proclamation or law.

~ On our article of the Coast Guard donating computers to Elementary Schools, it should also be added that the 7th District also donated 10 complete computers to the Nation's only Coast Guard JROTC, Maritime and Science Technology (MAST) Academy, located on Virginia Key, FL next to Miami. The MAST Academy is a maritime based curriculum public high school in Dade County. The Academy has three instructors all of which are retired CG members and have over 170 cadets in the program. The computers are being used in the administration of the Corps of Cadets.

~ In our January 2001 issue we listed a retiree **Anthony Allison** as an MK1. He should have been listed as an **MKC**. Sorry Chief!!! (were you initiated? <kidding> :) Apologize for the slip of the keyboard.



### EAST/WEST MAC Flight Information



If you are looking to fly MAC overseas to Hawaii/Asia, or England/Europe, two major Air Force Bases provide regular space available travel to both ends of the earth.:

**West~** Travis AFB California  
 Email: [spacea@aps60.travis.af.mil](mailto:spacea@aps60.travis.af.mil)  
 Tel: 1-800-787-2534 or 707-424-5703  
 Fax: 707-424-2087  
 Web: [www.mildover.af.mil/spacea](http://www.mildover.af.mil/spacea)

**East~** Dover AFB Delaware  
 Email: [346APAS.SpaceA@dover.af.mil](mailto:346APAS.SpaceA@dover.af.mil)  
 Tel: 1-302-677-4088  
 Fax: 1-302-677-2953  
 Web: [www.travis.af.mi./space\\_a](http://www.travis.af.mi./space_a)

## TRICARE Pharmacy Co-pay

**Changes:** Effective April 1, 2001, all TRICARE beneficiaries will find a simplified co-pay structure in place for obtaining prescription drugs from the National Mail Order Pharmacy (NMOP), and retail network and non-network pharmacies. For brand name prescription drugs obtained from the NMOP or retail network pharmacy, the new co-pay is \$9; for generics, the new co-pay is \$3. The NMOP is a better deal than retail, as it provides a 90-day supply of drugs for the same cost as a 30-day supply through the retail network. The best value for all beneficiaries remains the military treatment facility pharmacy, where all TRICARE beneficiaries can receive their prescriptions without any out-of-pocket costs. If beneficiaries use a non-network pharmacy for their prescriptions, their co-payment will be \$9, or 20 percent of the cost for a 30-day supply, whichever is greater (applicable deductibles also will apply). For more information, see Co-pay Changes Will Simplify TRICARE Pharmacy Benefit

TRICARE Prime beneficiaries referred to specialty care providers located more than 100 miles away from their primary care managers, will be reimbursed for their travel expenses, according to the provisions of the NDAA.

The existing catastrophic cap of \$7,500 will be reduced to \$3,000 for retirees, their family members and their survivors.

As soon as funding is secured for these initiatives, TMA officials will spread the word through all available communications channels.

The latest information about TRICARE benefits may be obtained through the Military Health System/TRICARE Web site at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil>. Beneficiaries may also contact the managed care support contractor in their region, the nearest TRICARE service center or TRICARE beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinators at a military treatment facility. *Sources: Tricare Web site*

## Beneficiaries Advised to Save Receipts for TRICARE Coverage Not Yet Implemented

Given the significant number of new TRICARE benefits and competing requirements in the 2001 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), many programs that Congress authorized as being effective immediately when the NDAA was signed into law on Oct. 30, 2000, will be phased in over the next six to twelve months. Among these new programs that will be implemented over time are TRICARE coverage for school required physicals, reimbursement for certain travel expenses for TRICARE Prime beneficiaries, and reduction of retiree catastrophic caps.

In the meantime, TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) is advising beneficiaries to save receipts (as well as explanations of benefits and other claims-related information) for these covered services and benefits obtained from Oct. 1, 2000, for application to the fiscal year catastrophic cap, and from Oct. 30, 2000, for the other benefits until program implementation so they can later obtain reimbursement from the managed care support contractors in their regions. TMA will widely publish the date upon which beneficiaries may submit claims with the required receipts, and the managed care support contractors will adjudicate claims for dates of service retroactively to the effective date established by Congress.

The new benefit covering school physical examinations applies to all TRICARE-eligible beneficiaries ages five through 11. It does not cover physical examinations for sports activities.



Cape Atoll , Greenland

Would like to hear from any Shipmates that were on the Cape from 1962-1963.

ALAN HEBERT DCC PO BOX 21 GRAND MARAIS, MI. 49839 OR E-MAIL AT [ajhebert@jamadots.com](mailto:ajhebert@jamadots.com)

CWO (Elc) Bill Hudson Ret. would like to locate CWO Willie Coleman (F & S) Ret. Willie was on the ABSECON 1971-72 and MACKINAW 1976. Contact Bill at 134 Fairway Dr. Pass Christian, Ms. 39571..or.. Ph. 228-452-5118..or.. [HUDSONBJ@ATT.NET](mailto:HUDSONBJ@ATT.NET)

BMC Earl Wilson (Buddy) would like to hear from any shipmate that I was stationed with. Can contact me at 311 Agler Lane, Jacksonville, NC 28540, Ph 910-455-6904, Email [captbuddyw@aol.com](mailto:captbuddyw@aol.com)

Looking for three (3) of my CG Buddies: Paul Franklin, BM1 was stationed at Montauk and on the Point Wells all about 1964 to 1967. Ted Rich CS 2 was stationed at Shinncock L.I. 1965 and was in Viet Nam 66 and 67th Division 13 Cat-lo, Point Grace, and Jason A. Schultz, SN from the CGC HUMBOLT in 1961 to 1963.

George M. Blacketter, BMC (Ret) would like to hear from Charles "Charlie" R. Schlinke, BMCM (Ret). Please call (941)792-6750 or write 1315 65th. St. NW Bradenton, Florida 34209.







# USCG Retirements



Name	Rank	Date of Retirement	Years of Service
AARSVOLD, WESLEY	ENG2	20010201	20
ALLELY, WESLEY	RDCS	20010401	29
ANDREWS, ERIK	BM2	20010102	10
ARMBRUSTER, JAMES	PSC	20010201	32
ARN, MICHAEL	QMC	20010401	21
ARNOLD, ELVIN	ETCM	20010401	30
AYER, WILLIAM	CDR	20010122	38
BAKER, BILLY	BM1	20010301	20
BAKER, RONALD	AMTC	20010301	20
BAKER, WILBUR	MKC	20010301	26
BALSAMO, STEPHEN	MKC	20010301	25
BANNON, JAMES	EMC	20010201	20
BARTLETT, DANIEL	MKCS	20010301	21
BASEL, BRIAN	CAPT	20010301	28
BEAUMONT, MARKEM	EM2	20010401	20
BEGIN, STEPHEN	AVTC	20010201	20
BENBOW, RANDALL	BM2	20010401	21
BERNARD, DANA	BM1	20010206	13
BIRCHENOUGH, HOWARD	DCC	20010401	20
BLOYD, WILLIAM	ET1	20010401	22
BOGEMAN, TIMOTHY	BM1	20010201	20
BOGGS, ERNEST	AMTC	20010201	20
BOMMARITO, JOHN	PS1	20010120	30
BOUKNIGHT, TIMOTHY	MK1	20010301	22
BRASZ, BERTRAM	LCDR	20010201	28
BREWER, RAYMOND	BMC	20010301	20
BRODIE, ALEXANDER	CAPT	20010118	37
BROWN, JOHN	BOSN2	20010301	20
BROWN, MICHAEL	FS1	20010206	16
BROWNING, TIM	GM1	20010301	20
BUCKMAN, CHARLES	ENG4	20010325	42
BURNS, BRUCE	TC1	20010301	20
BURNS, MICHAEL	LCDR	20010201	25
BUTCHER, JAMES	MKC	20010210	23
BUYSSE, BEVERLY	LT	20010401	20
CABLES, EDWARD	DC1	20010401	20
CABRAL, RONALD	PAC	20010128	27
CALVEY, PAUL	PA2	20010129	10
CARLSON, JOHN	YNCS	20010301	30
CARLSON, RODNEY	MKC	20010301	23
CASALE, GARY	COMM3	20010401	30
CASSADY, JOHN	IVC	20010308	33
CASTBERG, ANTHONY	CAPT	20010401	37
CHENEVERT, DONALD	YN1	20010301	20
CHERRY, DANIEL	WEPS3	20010302	20
CHISM, SCOTT	BM2	20010324	03
CHRISTOPHER, JOHN	MKC	20010201	23
CLEMONS, MARVIN	DC1	20010102	30
CLICK, ROCKY	TC1	20010201	20

Name	Rank	Date of Retirement	Years of Service
COHAN, ANA	TCC	20010301	20
CONNER, TIMOTHY	ENG4	20010401	23
CONOVER, JAMES	MUC	20010201	26
COONEY, T	FSCM	20010201	24
COOPER, DOUGLAS	BOSN4	20010201	28
COURTNEY, IRWIN	BMCS	20010131	37
CRAMER, THOMAS	ENG2	20010201	20
CRAWFORD, RICKY	DC1	20010301	20
DALSKE, THOMAS	BMC	20010201	22
DANIEL, DESMOND	AVT1	20010401	20
DAVILA, DINA	TC2	20010206	02
DAVIS, JOHN	YN1	20010201	20
DAVIS, RICKY	AMT1	20010201	22
DAVIS, ROOSEVELT	SK1	20010201	20
DEMASTER, GREGORY	DCC	20010201	21
DERRY, BRUCE	EM1	20010401	23
DITZ, DAVID	DC1	20010301	20
DOLIN, PHILLIP	LCDR	20010401	27
DONOVAN, TIMOTHY	EMCS	20010301	20
DORE, MURPHY	EMCM	20010101	20
DOSS, LARRY	LT	20010201	24
DUFFY, JEROME	BMC	20010203	30
DURKIN, MICHAEL	AMT1	20010201	20
DYE, RONALD	AMTCM	20010201	26
EASON, ROBERT	PS2	20010204	27
ELAND, PETER	ET2	20010301	20
ELLIS, JERRY	MKCS	20010111	31
EMERY, WILLIAM	ENG3	20010401	24
EMGE, MICHAEL	CDR	20010201	23
EPSTEIN, JOSEPH	LT	20010401	20
ERICKSON, BILLY	LCDR	20010201	20
FERGUSON, MARTY	BMC	20010201	20
FERREBY, CHRISTOPHER	SN	20010324	01
FESKE, ROBIN	AST1	20010301	22
FOSTVEDT, KIM	LT	20010101	20
FOX, BARRY	LCDR	20010301	20
FRANCK, THOMAS	YNCM	20010301	30
FREEMAN, EDDIE	ENG2	20010301	22
FREITAS, MARK	AMT1	20010301	20
FRYBERGER, THOMAS	ENG2	20010301	20
FULK, MATTHEW	MK1	20010301	20
GARCIA, JOHN	MK1	20010401	20
GASKILL, JACK	ENG3	20010401	29
GAUTHIER, DAVID	MKC	20010201	23
GEDDES, EDWARD	LCDR	20010128	32
GIBBONS, JOSEPH	PS1	20010321	33
GILL, WILLIAM	BMC	20010201	20
GOMEZ, JAMES	AMT1	20010401	20
GORDON, DOUGLAS	LCDR	20010201	24

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GORDON, GREGORY	SK1	20010401	20
GRACE, MICHAEL	AMT1	20010401	22
GRAHAM, DALE	ELC4	20010201	24
GRAINGER, WENDELL	TCC	20010201	22
GRANDINETTI, PAUL	MKC	20010401	20
GRUEBL, STEVEN	AMT1	20010201	20
HAEN, EDWARD	FSC	20010201	23
HALL, PATRICK	AVT2	20010301	20
HANDY, EARL	ET1	20010209	15
HAUSER, DAVID	DCCM	20010401	27
HAWKINS, FREDERIC	MK2	20010201	20
HAYES, SUSAN	BOSN2	20010301	20
HECKERMAN, MARTIN	AMT1	20010401	20
HEISEY, DAVID	ENG4	20010201	30
HEISTUMAN, TERESA	YN1	20010301	20
HENDERSON, WILLIAM	MAT4	20010201	26
HENOLD, ROBERT	FS1	20010115	31
HESSIN, JOHN	MKCS	20010201	20
HICKEY, JAMES	EM1	20010301	20
HIGBEE, BRIAN	AMT1	20010301	20
HILL, RONALD	MAT4	20010401	30
HOFF, ROBERT	QM1	20010401	20
HOFFMAN, CHARLES	ENG4	20010401	30
HOLMES, STEVEN	AMT1	20010201	20
HONEYCUTT, JERRY	LCDR	20010301	20
HUDAK, SETH	CAPT	20010305	28
HULL, RICK	PERS3	20010301	24
HUNT, FRANCIS	LCDR	20010114	26
HUNTER, DAVID	HS1	20010401	20
HYNSON, EDWIN	BOSN4	20010225	41
INGALLS, KENNETH	GM1	20010201	20
ISBELL, DAVID	YNC	20010401	20
ISON, RODOLFO	FS3	20010124	32
ISRAEL, MARC	AVT1	20010301	20
JACOBS, STEVEN	DC1	20010301	20
JARMAN, MARILYN	YN1	20010201	21
JARVIS, JAMES	ETC	20010201	20
JARVIS, JAMES	FS1	20010212	41
JENDROSSEK, MICHAEL	LCDR	20010201	28
JENKINS, GEORGE	BM1	20010201	20
JOHNSON, RAYMOND	DCCM	20010301	28
JONES, ADOLPHUS	SKC	20010401	21
JONES, RICHARD	AMT1	20010401	20
KAETZEL, RONALD	CDR	20010201	23
KANE, THOMAS	MK1	20010301	20
KANZIG, RANDALL	AMTC	20010201	26
KARAMANIS, ANASTASIOS	MKC	20010401	20
KIBBE, RICKY	ETC	20010201	20
KING, EARL	ETC	20010401	20
KIPER, DAVID	BM1	20010401	20
KIRBY, JAMES	EM1	20010301	20
KISH, ROBERT	AVT1	20010401	20
KNIGHT, JERRY	MKCM	20010206	37

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KOSOBUCKI, LARRY	BM1	20010401	20
KOVAC, ANTHONY	LCDR	20010201	20
KUSCSIK, KENNETH	BMC	20010201	25
LANOIX, DAVID	BM1	20010217	42
LAPHAM, JAMES	LCDR	20010129	37
LARKIN, ALAN	AVI4	20010201	30
LARKIN, DAVID	LT	20010401	22
LARSON, ROBERT	BMC	20010122	20
LAWTON, LATHAM	YN1	20010401	20
LEONHARDT, CHRISTOPHER	MED4	20010401	30
LEPORE, GASPARO	PS1	20010310	35
LEWIS, KEITH	DC1	20010201	20
LINCOLN, WILLIAM	MK1	20010201	20
LINDSEY, CRAIG	LCDR	20010201	21
LOCKHART, JAMES	MKC	20010201	20
LOVELLETTE, BARRY	FTC	20010401	22
LYTTON, EUGENE	LT	20010401	22
MARROW, JOSEPH	HSC	20010116	40
MARSH, GORDON	CAPT	20010301	29
MATSON, KENNETH	PSC	20010117	27
MCBEE, LARRY	LCDR	20010401	30
MCCARTHY, JOHN	CDR	20010401	20
MCDONALD, PETER	DC1	20010201	21
MCFALLS, RONNIE	AMTCS	20010301	24
MEEHAN, JOHN	LCDR	20010201	20
MEIDLING, DOUGLAS	EMC	20010103	33
MICHELS, PAUL	MK3	20010210	28
MILLIKEN, MICHAEL	PACS	20010301	21
MILTON, QUINCY	AMT2	20010401	21
MIRASKY, WALTER	SKCM	20010304	41
MORASH, GEORGE	LCDR	20010308	35
MORGAN, MICHAEL	SR	20010102	01
MUNSON, CLYDE	BOSN4	20010201	30
NERLOVE, EDWARD	MAT4	20010201	41
NEWCOMB, RICHARD	MKCM	20010301	24
NIMMO, DAVID	FN	20001215	02
NORTON, JOHN	ELC2	20010301	22
NOTHEM, DONALD	MKC	20010201	20
NOVOBILSKY, WILLIAM	ENG4	20010201	30
OCONNOR, JOHN	CAPT	20010401	26
OGORCHOCK, MICHAEL	YN1	20010301	21
OLEARY, JOHN	LT	20010201	20
OPPERMAN, WILLIAM	AVT1	20010201	20
OTOOLE, DANIEL	PSC	20010117	34
OTTE, LEONARD	MKC	20010114	41
PACK, DONALD	BOSN4	20010401	30
PAGE, JAMES	AMT2	20010110	11
PAGEL, LAWRENCE	ENG2	20010401	20
PARKER, CHAD	TC3	20010206	03
PEGNATO, PAUL	CDR	20010301	21
PENDER, MICHAEL	AMT1	20010401	20
PENDERGAST, PAUL	BM1	20010201	20
PEREZ, RICHARD	CDR	20010317	35

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PERRY, RICHARD	QMC	20010401	20
PINKERTON, JACK	EM1	20010221	32
POSEY, PATRICK	AVI4	20010301	27
POTTS, MARK	YN1	20010301	20
POWELL, JAMES	AMT1	20010301	20
POWERS, MARTIN	BM1	20010201	23
PRENTICE, MARK	ENG3	20010301	20
PRICE, VERNON	TC1	20010201	20
REID, MICKEY	MK1	20010401	31
REID, PAUL	CDR	20010401	20
REILLY, THOMAS	BMC	20010305	24
REYNOLDS, WILLIAM	MK2	20010401	20
RICHARDSON, CAROL	YN1	20010401	20
RIGNEY, CHRISTOPHER	GM1	20010301	20
ROBINSON, WALTER	BOSN4	20010226	33
ROGERS, DOUGLAS	TCC	20010201	21
ROGERS, RICHARD	AVTC	20010401	20
RONDONANSKI, EDWARD	MSTCM	20010201	30
ROOKS, MARK	BM1	20010201	20
ROQUE, PABLO	LT	20010201	21
ROSE, DOUGLAS	YNC	20010401	21
RYAN, MICHAEL	LCDR	20010401	20
SAFFORD, MICHAEL	CDR	20010401	28
SAUNDERS, DANA	ASTC	20010401	20
SAYE, JEFFREY	AMT2	20010201	20
SCHAEFER, KENNETH	MKC	20010301	20
SCHARF, PATRICIA	HSC	20010226	26
SCHMIDT, ROBERT	LCDR	20010216	27
SCHNEEWEIS, WARREN	CAPT	20010401	27
SCOTT, DARWIN	PS1	20010222	33
SELF, ANGELA	HS1	20010201	20
SHIPHERD, DANIEL	MSTC	20010301	20
SIGNS, RONALD	BMCS	20010201	23
SILK, BRIAN	TT1	20010301	20
SIMMS, DAVID	CDR	20010401	23
SIMONS, ROBERT	YN1	19990429	42
SISTO, FRANK	ETCS	20010201	20
SMITH, DARREN	BM1	20010201	20
SMITH, DAVID	ENG4	20010301	24
SMITH, ENRICO	YN1	20010201	22
SNYDER, CHRISTOPHER	CAPT	20010201	30
SPILLMAN, STEVEN	MK1	20010331	36
STANLEY, CHRISTOPHER	AVI2	20010401	23
STEINBRUECK, RUEDIGER	PS1	20010125	31
STAPIEN, GREGORY	BMCS	20010301	22
STEWART, TIMOTHY	MAT4	20010201	24
STOCKS, TONY	EMC	20010107	14
STROZESKI, CHARLES	MKCS	20010201	21
STULL, WILLIAM	MKC	20010201	20
SULLIVAN, RAYMOND	PSCM	20010313	28

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TAYLOR, DOUGLAS	CDR	20010201	20
TAYLOR, JON	LT	20010308	35
TAYLOR, TRACY	GM1	20010201	20
TENNER, TRUDY	YNC	20010201	20
THOMPSON, CHRISTOPHER	TCC	20010201	20
TVEIT, ROBERT	YN1	20010208	42
TOMPKINS, DARAYL	YN1	20010401	20
TRAPP, JOHN	MK1	20010206	31
USHER, ROBERT	BM2	20010201	20
VANCLEEF, KENNETH	YNC	20010401	20
VANDUSEN, EDWARD	LT	20010201	20
VAZQUEZ, YVONNE	SKC	20010301	23
VICK, MARTIN	ET1	20010106	32
VILLANUEVA, IVAN	DC2	20010102	05
VILLEMAIRE, CHARLES	AMTC	20010201	20
VONBORSTEL, REX	GM1	20010301	20
VOSO, TIMOTHY	COMM2	20010201	24
WADE, THOMAS	CAPT	20010125	42
WAGNER, SANFORD	HS2	20010329	39
WALLER, TIMOTHY	AMT1	20010201	20
WARD, JOHN	MK1	20010316	41
WASHINGTON, ROBERT	YN1	20010401	20
WAYMAN, MICHAEL	YN1	20010201	20
WESCOTT, VERNON	BMC	20010303	31
WESTCOTT, WARREN	BMC	20010201	20
WHITE, JERRY	MST1	20010306	25
WHITTINGTON, WILLIAM	YNCS	20001231	28
WILLIAMSON, NETTA	YN1	20010201	20
WILLIS, JAMES	CAPT	20010301	29
WILLS, GORDON	F&S4	20010201	30
WILSON, NED	BMC	20010401	20
WIMBUSH, JAMES	YN2	20010301	20
WOOD, JEFFREY	AVT1	20010401	20
ZORN, DANIEL	DC1	20010401	20



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ACREE	RAYMOND	QMC	20010329	ORRS ISLAND	ME
ADKINS	DAVID	CWO4	20010412	S SAN FRANCISCO	CA
AGRUDA	IRINEO	SD1	20010109	TRAVERSE CITY	MI
ALEXANDER	WILLIAM	CAPT	20010205	DUMFRIES	VA
ANDERSON	LOREN	CWO2	20001230	VIDOR	TX
ARNETT	ERNEST	BM1	20010210	SUFFOLK	VA
ASHDON	ROBERT	CWO4	20010402	ORMOND BEACH	FL
ASHLEY	DONALD	ENCS	20010406	BELLEVUE	WA
BALL	HAROLD	CWO4	20010213	VERADALE	WA
BALLANCE	MILFORD	RDC	20010323	ELIZABETH CITY	NC
BASNIGHT	JAMES	BMCM	20010203	STUMPY POINT	NC
BEAUCHAMP	RALPH	CWO2	20010128	LEWES	DE
BERGER	HAROLD	CS1	20010410	GROTON	CT
BEYER	DEWEY	BMC	20010213	TOLEDO	OH
BIRDSEYE	JOEL	SKC	20010129	PORTSMOUTH	VA
BISLAND	RICHARD	MKCS	20010324	MILL SPRING	NC
BLAHA	CHARLES	CAPT	20010304	WILLIAMSBURG	VA
BOBIK	JAMES	LCDR	20010212	ARLINGTON HTS	IL
BRAWLEY	JAMES	CDR	20010205	VIRGINIA BEACH	VA
BREAU	WILLIAM	EMC	20010313	OAKDALE	CT
BROUSSARD	SIDNEY	LCDR	20010403	PEMBROKE PINE	FL
BROWN	JULIAN	MKCS	20010411	S BOSTON	VA
BURTON	CLYDE	CDR	20010406	CYPRESS	CA
BUSHNELL	LAWRENCE	ET1	20010408	HAMMOND	LA
CANTRELL	JOHN	HMC	20010201	DOUGLAS	GA
CANUTO	CESAR	SR	20010228	PHILIPPINES	RP
CAREY	WILLIAM	CDR	20010321	ISSAQUAH	WA
CARLSON	DOUGLAS	DCC	20010201	ELGIN	SC
CHISM	SCOTT	BM2	20010324	NIAGARA FALLS	NY
CLARK	JAMES	RMC	20010123	BERLIN	MD
COEN	RICHARD	ATC	20010317	SEQUIM	WA
COFFIN	FRANK	CWO4	20010208	VIRGINIA BEACH	VA
COLBURN	FRANKLIN	CDR	20010310	MIAMI	FL
COLLINS	HAROLD	CWO4	20010313	MIAMI	FL
CROHAN	LEO	BMCS	20010417	LAKE VIEW	IA
CROSS	GERALD	PA1	20010116	KENNEWICK	WA
CZEKALA	EDWARD	ETCS	20010128	JAMAICA PLAIN	MA
DANIELL	JOHN	CDR	20010202	NEW PORT BEACH	CA
DASOVICH	CARL	BM1	20010125	APO	AP
DAVIS	RICHARD	CAPT	20010412	SEATTLE	WA
DECKER	GERARD	CDR	20010214	SUNNYVALE	CA
DELANEY	EUGENE	CAPT	20010305	CENTREVILLE	VA
DOWDY	CARLOS	ENC	20010218	DUBUQUE	IA
EDWARDS	ROBERT	BMC	20010225	INVERNESS	FL
ELLIOTT	BOBBY	SS1	20010325	TAMPA	FL
ELLIOTT	DELANEY	CWO3	20010107	FRESNO	CA
ELLIS	JAMES	BMC	20010226	MARIPOSA	CA
ELLIS	WILLIAM	RADM	20010205	WEST CALDWELL	NJ
ERKER	FRANK	HMC	20010407	NEWBURYPORT	MA
FARNSLEY	LAWRENCE	LCDR	20010209	SANTA CLARA	CA
FEHIR	JOHN	CS1	20010116	BALTIMORE	MD
FERREBY	CHRISTOPHER	SN	20010324	LEWISTON	NY

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FRANCIS	JOHN	CS2	20010125	PORT HERON	MI
FRASER	COLIN	EN1	20010302	ORTING	WA
GALLAND	RICHARD	MK1	20010115	NEWBERN	NC
GAMMON	FRED	CAPT	20010126	SOUTH BOSTON	VA
GLOTKOWSKI	HARRY	BMC	20010123	CHICAGO	IL
GRAY	CHARLIE	BMCS	20010326	AVON	NC
GREENE	GEORGE	RD1	20010309	MILWAUKIE	OR
GRONLUND	ERNEST	CWO2	20010113	COSTA MESA	CA
HALE	RAYMOND	ENC	20010217	FOUNTAIN VALLEY	CA
HARPER	BARNEL	CS1	20010213	UNCASVILLE	CT
HARRIS	EARNEST	CS2	20010307	CORPUS CHRISTI	TX
HARRIS	ELEANOR	YN1	20010213	AVON PARK	FL
HENN	ARTHUR	VADM	20010328	TAMPA	FL
HERBST	WILLIAM	CWO4	20010107	GRAND HAVEN	MI
HOOD	KENNETH	CWO2	20010103	RANCHO CORDOVA	CA
HOWELL	CHARLES	LCDR	20010211	OPP	AL
IRVING	JAMES	HSCS	20010314	DAUPHIN ISLAN	AL
JENKINS	CEPHUS	SS1	20010309	RENTON	WA
JOHANSON	WALTER	GMC	20010205	HUNTSVILLE	AL
JOHNSON	ANTHONY	CWO2	20010326	MYSTIC	CT
JOHNSON	EDWIN	CS1	20010216	LOS ANGELES	CA
JOHNSON	RAY	CWO2	20010127	SEATTLE	WA
JOHNSTON	CHARLES	ENC	20010226	BUFFALO	NY
KEARNS	MICHAEL	DCCS	20010331	BRADFORD	RI
KEATOR	DONALD	CWO4	20010125	NAPLES	FL
KELDERHOUSE	JOHN	RDC	20010120	SPRING HILL	FL
KERN	EDWARD	RM2	20010118	LINCOLN PARK	MI
KIBBLE	HERMAN	BMC	20010414	DAFTER	MI
LAMACCHIA	JOSEPH	SS1	20010207	P JEFFERSON ST	NY
LANTERMAN	THOMAS	YNCM	20010304	SANTA FE	TX
LAU	FRANK	WO1	20010403	SICKLERVILLE	NJ
LEE	WALTER	YNCS	20010128	DAN VILLE	CA
LEYDEN	JOHN	MK3	20010319	REVERE	MA
LINACRE	GEORGE	BM1	20010329	SAULT STE MARIE	MI
LOZO	GUY	BMC	20010412	SPRINGLAKE	MI
LUTZ	DANIEL	HMC	20010206	CHICO	CA
MAKIN	RICKEY	AD1	20010329	HOMESTEAD	FL
MANN	BERNICE	WO1	20010225	PORTSMOUTH	VA
MARTIN	BOB	LCDR	20010112	HOUSTON	TX
MATTHEW	GEORGE	BMC	20010218	QUAKER HILL	CT
MAURICE	WARREN	CWO3	20010321	SEATTLE	WA
MCGRATH	CHARLES	CWO3	20001201	WINTER PARK	FL
MCINTOSH	KENNETH	RDC	20010201	SPRINGFIELD	MO
MCNAUGHTON	DONALD	CWO3	20010330	PEABODY	MA
MERRITT	DAN	MMC	20010114	OAKLAND	CA
MICHAEL	EARL	MKC	20010207	PORT TOWNSEND	WA
MILLER	CLAUDE	MKCM	20010203	WHITEHALL	MT
MURZINSKI	FRANK	MKCM	20010209	EGG HARBOR	NJ
NACINOVICH	MARIO	PSCS	20010131	NEW YORK	NY
NELOM	CLEVELAND	SD1	20010116	OAKLAND	CA
NELSON	CRESTON	MKCM	20010326	DE SOTO	KS
NEWMAN	GUY	EMCS	20010121	JACKSONVILLE	FL
NEWSOME	EUGENE	CWO3	20010415	EUGENE	OR
NICKERSON	FREDERICK	CWO3	20010220	SOUTH FORK	CO
NULL	PETER	CWO4	20010228	SOUTH BELOIT	IL
NUSS	ALEXANDER	CWO4	20010402	SUN CITY WEST	AZ
OBRION	ROBERT	MKC	20010408	STANWOOD	WA
OLDS	CURTIS	CWO4	20010323	ELIZABETH CTY	NC

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OWENS	AUSTIN	MKC	20010203	MARREO	LA
PARISH	LAWRENCE	WO1	20010324	QUAKER HILL	CT
PEARSON	HELMER	RADM	20000202	SILVER SPRING	MD
PIECHOCKI	RICHARD	RMC	20010225	EAST JORDAN	MI
POTTS	ROBERT	LCDR	20010307	LARGO	FL
PRENTISS	HENRY	CWO4	20010210	KETCHIKAN	AK
PRESTON	ROBERT	LT	20010314	NIANTIC	CT
PRICE	JOHN	LT	20010313	BOZEMAN	MT
RAINES	LARRY	BM1	20010203	BIRCHWOOD	TN
RASTATTER	RUDOLPH	GM1	20010403	GULFPORT	FL
REECE	RALPH	EMCS	20010119	MASSAPEQUE	NY
RISLEY	FRANK	CWO2	20010303	MISSOULA	MT
RIVERS	EDWARD	CSCS	20001230	PERRIS	CA
RUBIO	HECTOR	BT1	20010312	ARCADIA	CA
SALAWAY	MILTON	CSCM	20010301	SALEM	MA
SANTIAGO	JUANITO	SSC	20010310	NORTH HOLLYWOOD	CA
SCHUERCH	ROBERT	CDR	20010225	PORT ST LUCIE	FL
SCHWEITZER	LOUIS	CWO2	20010329	CAPE MAY	NJ
SEATON	HOWARD	CWO2	20010324	LIBERAL	MO
SEYMOUR	RICHARD	BMC	20010114	PORT RICHEY	FL
SHEARIN	JOSEPH	CSC	20000204	CARSON	CA
SHRIEVES	ROBERT	BMC	20010403	SEWARD	AK
SILVERMAN	JOSEPH	CAPT	20010323	HOLLYWOOD	FL
SIMPSON	FREDERIC	BMC	20010111	SANTA MARIA	CA
SLOSS	JAMES	BTCS	20010206	CANADA	CA
STANFORD	FRANCIS	QM1	20010209	KING OF PRUSS	PA
STEIGER	CAROLINE	LT	20010311	WOODBURN	OR
STOCKS	TONY	EMC	20010108	SOUTHPORT	NC
STOLL	WILLIAM	SO1	20010327	MOUNTAIN RANCH	CA
STOUT	CHARLES	ADC	20010322	LAURELVILLE	OH
SULLIVAN	THOMAS	CAPT	20010313	EASTON	MD
SWAIN	ABNER	BMC	20010228	FEDERAL WAY	WA
TADDEI	FRANCIS	LCDR	20010417	SEBASTOPOL	CA
THAYER	NELSON	PSC	20010218	FAYETTEVILLE	NC
THOMPSON	HARRY	ENC	20010408	BANGOR	ME
TOMPANE	EUGENE	CDR	20010312	CARLSBAD	CA
ULANDAY	DIONISIO	SS1	20010314	MEDFORD	MA
VIADO	ELIGIO	RM1	20010328	SAN DIEGO	CA
VINSON	WILLIAM	LCDR	20010304	MINNEOLA	FL
WASHINGTON	SOLOMON	DC2	20010222	NEW BRUNSWICK	NJ
WEAVER	NEWL	ENC	20010330	NOVATO	CA
WHITE	JESSE	DCCM	20010317	PORT ORDHARD	WA
WOMACK	LEON	BM1	20000102	SAN MATEO	FL
YOST	ROBERT	CSC	20010402	ELIZABETH CITY	NC



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### Reminiscence

I went to the beach to reminisce  
 I walked on deserted sands  
 I saw your vision and felt your kiss  
 Longing to fill my empty hands  
 I wander to the moonlit bay  
 More fond memories I see  
 Remember words that you would say  
 Sweet thoughts whispered to me  
 So now I reflect upon the past  
 Those cozy places I hoped would last  
 The sun will shine upon my face  
 Please come again to our special place

### **Dependent TAPS**

Virginia Carney, wife of John C. Carney Sr. Mother of Capt John C. Carney Jr.,	27 February, 2001	Gales Ferry, CT
Arleigh J. Moore, wife of LT Donald D. Moore	28 February, 2001	Yucca Valley, CA
Dolores M. Arenth, wife of BTC Charles J Arenth	20 May 2000	Tampa, FL
Roberta McLendon, wife of GM1 James McLendon	08 April 2001	Baltimore, MD
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Mary Randerson, wife of MMCS Norman C. Anderson	03 February 2001	Palm Coast, FL
Gertrude G. Hertica, wife of CAPT Raymond C Hertica	19 December 2000	Las Vegas, NV
Majorie A. Gove, wife of CAPT Arthur W. Gove	03 April 2001	Whispering Pines, NC
Ruth Ann "Ranny" Mittendorff, wife of Captain William Mittendorff	01 November 1999	St. Louis Park, MN
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## WHEN THE TIME COMES, WILL YOUR SURVIVOR KNOW -----?



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Coast Guard Human Resources  
Service & Information Center  
444 SE Quincy Street  
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Newark, NJ 07102



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