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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

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Coast Guard Mobilized to Help Defend our Nation

Coast Guard at Highest State of Alert Since WWII



A Coast Guard port security boat races to question a recreational vessel on the Hudson River Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2001, in New York. Coast Guard vessels are deployed around Manhattan to ensure the safety of New York City's waterways. Coast Guard photo by PA2 Tom Sperduto

PORTSMOUTH, Va. – The Coast Guard remains at its highest state of alert and readiness since World War II, one day after the president authorized military action against the terrorist regime in Afghanistan.

“Coast Guard air and sea patrols are keeping a watchful eye on all vessel movements around the clock in many of the more than 300 ports and 88,000 miles of U.S. coast and shoreline,” said Lt. Cmdr. Brendan McPherson, a spokesman for the Coast Guard Atlantic Area command in Portsmouth.

Ports from Boston to Texas are under tighter security than they have been in more than fifty years. The Coast Guard has stepped up both the frequency and

vigilance of its armed patrols, which were significantly increased just hours after the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks Sept. 11.

“As the lead agency in providing domestic security in the maritime domain, the Coast Guard will sustain a heightened level of vigilance in America’s ports and waterways as long as necessary,” McPherson said.

While ports remain open, Coast Guard Captains of the Port are carefully screening all vessels entering U.S. ports, inspecting cargo manifests and crew lists. The COTPs have also been enforcing 72 security zones that have been put in place to protect critical port facilities, U.S. naval vessels and ships carrying hazardous cargo.

In a temporary rule, most commercial vessels entering any U.S. port are now required to provide 96-hour advance notification to the Coast Guard. On a case by case basis, these vessels are being boarded by armed Coast Guard boarding teams for inspection prior to entry.

Armed boarding teams and escorts are also being provided for cruise ships entering and leaving the ports of Hampton Roads, Port Everglades and Miami, Fla., and in ports in Hawaii and Cali-

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Approximately 2,700+ Coast Guard reservists have been recalled to active duty and are augmenting thousands more active duty members conducting security patrols along America's ports and waterways.

A detachment from Port Security Unit 311, a reserve unit based in San Pedro, Calif., departed March Air Force Base and deployed overseas to provide waterside security and maritime force protection in support of the Department of Defense. The destination of the 45-member unit is being withheld for national security reasons.

PSU 311 is a deployable unit organized for sustained operations to support military missions worldwide. Members of PSU 311 train in specialized combat, weapons and boat skills to ensure the requirements of its missions are met.

PSU 311, which patrolled the Los Angeles and Long Beach harbors with other Coast Guard assets immediately following the events of Sept. 11, was one four Port Security Units to be used for the first time to provide port security within the United States.

PSUs have previously been called to active duty for service in the Persian Gulf War and Operation Uphold Democracy in Haiti, and two of the Coast Guard's PSU's.

The U.S. Coast Guard is one of the five branches of the U.S. armed forces and is subject to deployment as part of Operation Enduring Freedom as directed by the president. In accordance with national defense requirements, the Coast Guard cannot discuss any specifics of any such deployment, plans or actions.

COAST GUARD REMAINS AT HEIGHTENED AWARENESS

SEATTLE, WA: An increased awareness and heightened security posture remains throughout the Puget Sound region as it has since the attacks on September 11th. The Coast Guard is working closely with the Department of Defense; local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies; port leaders; and industry representatives to safeguard the security of the port, waterways, and facilities. In addition to heightened security measures the Coast Guard is using day and night patrols by air, water and land to ensure measures are effective and to identify and investigate any unusual port activity.

The Coast Guard Captain of the Port and Incident Commander for Puget Sound continues to exercise positive control of vessel movements and waterfront facility activities in the Puget Sound area. This consists of, but is not limited to, conducting boardings of arriving vessels, denying entry of vessels, establishing and enforcing security zones, providing vessel escorts, and requiring additional security precautions at cargo handling and passenger vessel terminals. Measures put in place by the Coast Guard since the attacks of September 11 include a protection zone prohibiting vessels from approaching no closer than 100 yards to a U.S. naval vessel and requires vessels to operate at a minimum safe speed for navigation within 500 yards. Additionally, most ships entering U.S. ports must now provide a 96-hour advance notice of arrival to the U. S. Coast Guard along with crew, passenger, and cargo information, under new rules that went in to effect on October 4. A 24-hour advance notice has long been required for ships calling at U. S. ports.

The Coast Guard has prepared a number of contingency plans in coordination with U.S. law enforcement and intelligence agencies. It is the Coast Guard's official policy not to discuss any aspect of contingency plans; however, as a military organization the Coast Guard is constantly training and exercising responses to a variety of scenarios.



A Coast Guardsman stands watch on the bow of the Coast Guard Cutter Tahoma, anchored off Battery Park, September 23. The crew of the Tahoma is monitoring and controlling vessel traffic in New York Harbor. Coast Guard photo by PAC Brandon Brewer.

On The Security Watch



SN Eric Medellin stands watch with his M-16 machine gun on board the CGC Drummond while escorting a Disney Cruise ship out of the Port of Canaveral. The crew of the Drummond worked alongside CG Station Port Canaveral and the Brevard County Sheriff's Office escorting two other cruise ships out of the port Oct. 25, 2001. The Drummond conducted broadcast to mariners prior to the cruise ship's departure notifying all vessel of the security escorts taking place. U,S, Coast Guard photo by PA3 Dana Warr



Petty Officer 3rd class, Matt Smith, a BM3 at Station Charlevoix Michigan prepares to conduct a security patrol. USCG photo by PA1 Harry



A Crewmember from the Coast Guard Cutter COCHITO, homeported in Little Creek Va., standing lookout watch near Naval Base Norfolk. The Coast Guard is staging its largest port security operation in the 211 years of service. Photo By Patrick Montgomery, PA1, USCG



U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer Tim G. Frazier inspects his M60 machinegun on the Hudson River Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2001, in New York. Coast Guard port security units are patrolling the Hudson River to ensure the safety of the waterways. Coast Guard photo by PA2 Tom Sperduto.



Important Address Change Information! Don't delay the prompt processing of your address change! Include your Social Security number. If you are an annuitant, include your sponsor's Social Security Number. And most important –

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY!

First Group of Sea Marshals Ready to Protect Ships in Southland Ports

Graduation Ceremony

(RICHARD HARTOG / Los Angeles Times)

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By LOUIS SAHAGUN, TIMES STAFF WRITER

Port officials Tuesday celebrated the first local graduating class of "sea marshals"--a new corps specially trained to prevent terrorists from turning commercial vessels and cruise liners into weapons of mass destruction.

Wearing bulletproof vests and armed with 9-millimeter Beretta pistols, collapsible batons and pepper spray, the 69 new marshals will soon begin boarding and inspecting every vessel entering and leaving the 15,000-acre Los Angeles-Long Beach port complex. They were drawn from the ranks of U.S. Coast Guard reservists and Los Angeles port police officers.

"They will do for ships what air marshals are doing for the airline industry," said Coast Guard Rear Adm. Mary P. O'Donnell, who presented the graduation certificates during the ceremony in a Ft. MacArthur community room overlooking the nation's largest port complex. "Only in this case, they'll get control of the ship's wheel room and engine compartments," she said, "and ensure there's no one aboard with plans to use a chemical tanker as a battering ram or a passenger liner as a floating bomb."

At the adjacent ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, that task will be enormous. Each year, the ports handle more than 1 million passengers, 5,500 commercial vessels and \$170 billion of commerce. In addition, more than 272 million barrels of oil are loaded and offloaded annually.

The first informal sea marshal teams were created and dispatched in the Bay Area immediately after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Now, many major ports are forming them, said Coast Guard officials, who are organizing the effort.

But given the amount of traffic through the Los Angeles-Long Beach port complex, the local force is the largest of them all. It also is the only contingent to include civilian police officers.

In his address to the graduates, Mayor James K. Hahn thanked them "on behalf of the city of Los Angeles for your dedication and commitment to safety." He noted that it is "indicative of the type of partnerships that are forming to address the new security environment arising in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks."



Taylor Garcia tries on the hat of her father Tim during his graduation ceremony. He is one of the 69 new sea marshals who will protect ships at the L.A.-Long Beach port complex.
(RICHARD HARTOG / Los Angeles Times)

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The 63 Coast Guard reservists were called in from their civilian jobs or schooling and joined six port police officers in the month-long course. As sea marshals, 40 will be assigned to full-time duty for a year and 29 will serve as needed. New classes will be organized no sooner than next year, officials said.

The sea marshals' work will be "very dangerous on a good day," O'Donnell said.

A month ago, a Coast Guard officer preparing to step off his cutter and onto a vessel in the San Francisco Bay was seriously bruised when his leg was caught between both ships.

Port officials said the incoming interceptions will take place 24 hours a day about 10 to 20 miles at sea, in all but the most extreme weather conditions. After heading out in 87-foot Coast Guard cutters, sea marshals will make their approach toward vessels in motorized dinghies, then climb rope ladders to get on board.

While team members question the captain and crew and ensure that cargo manifests are in order, others will search for anything

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out of the ordinary, from unusually nervous crew members to chemical leaks. All the while, the ship will be scrutinized by the officers on board the Coast Guard cutter, and in a helicopter orbiting overhead. The marshals can also act on such non-terrorism discoveries as drugs and illegal immigrants.

Departing vessels will be similarly searched and escorted by the armed security teams on board and in boats until they are at least 10 miles out.

"It's going to be a heck of a lot different than what I have been doing," mused new sea marshal Elio Lombera, 22, a Coast Guard reservist who has been studying electrical engineering at the ITT Technical Institute in Sylmar. "I see it as an important duty, and an adventure."

Standing beside her son and smiling proudly, Lombera's mother said in Spanish, "I feel good that he's in this program, but I'm a little scared something might happen out there."

Graduate Eric Smith, a Coast Guard reservist who works as a police sergeant at Atascadero State Hospital, has been working informally as a sea marshal since Sept. 12.

"So far, we've had nothing but cooperation from every ship we've boarded," he said. "In every case, we manned the bridge, secured the engine rooms, conducted a thorough search and were able to report, 'This ship is not under duress; OK to come into port.' "

"We are a highly visible, effective deterrent against anyone with plans to do harm," he said.

Capt. Manny Aschmeyer, executive director of the Marine Exchange, the agency that monitors vessel traffic in both ports, compared the situation to "people putting up with the long lines at airports."

Ship captains and their crews, he said, have accepted recent visits by inquisitive security teams "quite graciously, almost to the point of welcoming them on board."

"I'm really enthused about the sea marshal program; it will enhance homeland security to a great degree," he said. "But what I really respect is the incredible sacrifice these men and women are making to serve this country and this port."

SPECIAL NOTICE FROM RETIREE ANNUITY SERVICES

Each year your retired pay is increased by a Cost-Of-Living Adjustment (COLA). The increase is based on the consumer price index, or CPI. The CPI is the government's measure of the rate of inflation. In 1999, there was an error in how the CPI was figured. Because of this, Congress passed a law that allows us to recompute your retired pay using the correct COLA.

If you received one of the following COLA's in December 1999 an adjustment will be made to your account.

- (a) December 1999 COLA of 2.4% is increased to 2.5%
- (b) December 1999 COLA of 2.0% is increased to 2.1%

If you received the following COLA in December 2000 your account will be adjusted:

- (a) December 2000 COLA of 3.5% is unchanged
- (b) December 2000 COLA of 2.8% is decreased to 2.7%

Retired accounts will be adjusted in December 2001 just prior to applying the new COLA. If your account is one of those adjusted you may see one or more of the following events:

- (a) A special make-up payment that will be issued in January 2002.
- (b) A change in your unadjusted gross retired pay.
- (c) A change in your Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) Base and cost amount.
- (d) A change in your Social Security Offset (SSO)

Please keep in mind that because retired pay is rounded down after a COLA is applied this adjustment will not affect everyone's unadjusted gross retired pay.



PHOENIX, Ariz., July 23, 2001-The U.S. Department of Defense Military Health System has awarded TriWest Healthcare Alliance Corp. a four-year extension of its managed care support contract for the 16-state TRICARE Central Region. With this contract extension, TriWest, which has just begun the fifth and final year of its original contract, will continue to manage health care for over 1.5 million active duty and retired service members and their families through 2006.

David J. McIntyre, Jr., president and CEO of TriWest, says, "I am very pleased that TriWest was awarded this extension. It is an equitable arrangement for both the taxpayers and the corporation, and we are pleased to continue serving this most important and deserving population. TriWest has worked very hard to optimize customer service and access to health care for our TRICARE beneficiaries in the Central Region, and I believe that the DoD has recognized this hard work by extending our contract."

TriWest Healthcare Alliance, the largest defense contractor based in Arizona, was founded in 1995 on the strong belief that health care service should be community-based. It is unique among the managed care support contractors in that its shareholders include 11 Blue Cross Blue Shield plans and two university hospital systems. TriWest, with its community-based approach, creative solutions and unique relationships, is striving to be the model for TRICARE administration and customer service. TriWest's strong partnership with the Central Region Lead Agent Office and the 26 military treatment facilities (MTF) across the Central Region is one its most notable achievements.

"TriWest, the Central Region Lead Agency and the MTF Commanders have formed a unique partnership that has resulted in dramatic increases in the efficiency and effectiveness of health care delivery and customer service throughout the region," says COL Ted McNitt, Lead Agent, TRICARE Central Region. "Two of the region's medical groups and their local TRICARE Service Centers (TSC) were recently saluted as 'Heroes of TRICARE' by the TRICARE Management Activity. I am convinced that the partnering philosophy shared by TriWest and the Central Region was the catalyst for these achievements. I am pleased that TriWest will be continuing to provide excellent service to our military men and women for four more years."

"TRICARE is an exciting and important program and, now that it will include providing health care services to the Senior 65+ population, it will be even more so. I'm thrilled and proud that TriWest will be serving these deserving men and women," says McIntyre.

TRICARE is a regionally managed health care program for active duty and retired members of the uniformed services, their families and survivors. TRICARE brings together the health care resources of the Army, Navy and Air Force and supplements them with networks of civilian health care professionals to provide better access and high quality service while maintaining the capability to support military operations.

TriWest Healthcare Alliance is a Phoenix-based management service organization that is contracted with the Department of Defense for the managed care support and administration of the TRICARE program in the 16-state TRICARE Central Region. TriWest's goal is to provide the region's TRICARE beneficiaries with access to cost-effective, quality health care and superior customer service. More information about TriWest and TRICARE can be found at <http://www.triwest.com>

NOTE: TRICARE Central Region (formerly known as Regions 7 and 8) — includes

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Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Montana, Nevada, North and South Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa, most of Idaho except for six counties in northern Idaho, that piece of southwestern Texas that includes El Paso, and Missouri — except for the St. Louis area, which is in Region 5.

HEALTH CARE PHONE NUMBERS FOR RETIREES:

CG Hotline for health care questions: 1-800-942-2422
TRICARE For Life questions: 1-888-363-5433

Emergency Health Care During Heightened Base Security:

If access to the local military installation is restricted you may be unable to access their primary care managers at military hospitals and clinics because the installation had been "locked down" or they are not giving appointments.

Beneficiaries needing care who find themselves in this circumstance should call the Health Care Finder for guidance. Phone numbers for various installations can be found on the Web at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tricareservicecenters/default.cfm>. Particularly in cases of an emergency, beneficiaries should seek help immediately rather than delaying care because they can't get to the military facility. TRICARE defines an emergency as "a condition characterized by acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) that would lead a prudent layperson with an average knowledge of health and medicine, to believe and reasonably expect that the absence of immediate medical attention could result in one or more of the following:

*Serious jeopardy to the health of the individual or to the health of a pregnant woman or her unborn child; or *Serious impairment of bodily functions; or

*Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part. (Examples include severe eye or ear injuries, broken bones, serious wounds or profuse bleeding, heart attack symptoms or severe abdominal pains.)

Medical emergencies do not require approval from your physician. A good rule of thumb to follow when in doubt is if your condition seems too serious to take time to call your primary care manager (PCM) before dialing 911 or going directly to the nearest Emergency Room (ER), it probably is a medical emergency. If a TRICARE-eligible patient is referred to a civilian emergency room by a military hospital or clinic, by your PCM or the TRICARE Line for Care (TLC), TRICARE will pay the claim automatically. If you have not received a referral,

A nurse was leaving the hospital one evening when she found the doctor standing in front of a shredder with a piece of paper in his hand.

"Listen", said the doctor, "this is important and my assistant has left. Can you make this thing work?"

"Certainly", said the nurse, flattered that the doctor had asked her for help.

She turned the machine on, inserted the paper and pressed the start button.

"Excellent! Excellent!" said the doctor as his paper disappeared inside the machine.

"I need two copies of that"

you must notify your PCM within 24 hours of receiving emergency room care. This is important, because TRICARE will not cover follow-up civilian care (and you would have to pay that expense out-of-pocket) unless the emergency room visit has been authorized. [Source: TROA Leg Up 21 SEP 01]

Prescriptions

Some bases are restricting access to only active duty personnel and their immediate families. Check with base security before your visit and ask what policy they have for retiree access. Tighter security may make it harder for retirees to fill needed prescriptions at military treatment facilities (MTF). Tricare administrators recommend several options:

*Find the nearest Tricare Network pharmacy by calling 1-877-363-6337 or visiting the Tricare web site at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy>.

*Contact a Tricare Network pharmacy and request a telephone or fax transfer of your prescription from the military pharmacy. Be aware that if you transfer a prescription to a retail pharmacy, you may not be able to transfer it back to an MTF.

*Tricare Retail Network pharmacies can fill handwritten prescriptions, but cost shares apply.

*If you don't need the prescription filled immediately, consider the National Mail Order Pharmacy (NMOP). You can't transfer a prescription there from an MTF, but you can send the NMOP new prescriptions. For more information about the NMOP call 1-877-363-6337 or visit the NMOP web site at www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/mail_order.htm.

[Source: FRA News-Bytes 21 SEP 01]



As TRICARE For Life began Oct. 1, about 1.5 million uniformed services retirees, their family members and survivors, age 65 and older, will receive expanded medical coverage through the Department of Defense (DoD) health care program. TRICARE For Life will be second payer to Medicare for services and supplies that are benefits under both programs, and the provider does not have to file a TRICARE claim.

Combined with the TRICARE Senior Pharmacy Program that was implemented last April, TRICARE For Life will cover most medical costs not covered by Medicare. There are some health care services that are benefits under either Medicare or TRICARE, but not both. For example, Medicare covers some chiropractic services, whereas TRICARE does not. Conversely, TRICARE covers retail pharmacy prescriptions and Medicare does not. In these circumstances, the beneficiary will remain responsible for the applicable Medicare or TRICARE cost share and deductible. For those TRICARE For Life users who have other health insurance, such as an employer-sponsored health plan, TRICARE will pay after the other health insurance and Medicare.

"The DoD worked with Medicare to integrate our payment systems, so that the TRICARE payment is done so seamlessly that the individual is hardly aware of it," said J. Jarrett Clinton, M.D., the DoD's Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs. Most Medicare-eligible beneficiaries of the uniformed services will no longer need an individual Medigap policy, he added. No TRICARE For Life beneficiary card is necessary for them to receive care, and no enrollment is required. However, to be eligible for the expanded TRICARE coverage, uniformed services retirees, eligible family members and survivors, age 65 and over, need to be registered in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). They also must have Medicare Part A, and be enrolled in Part B.

Anyone with questions about TRICARE For Life should call TRICARE's toll-free number, 1-888-DOD-LIFE (1-888-363-5433). Details about the TRICARE For Life program recently were mailed regionally by TRICARE managed care support contractors to eligible beneficiaries, using addresses from DEERS.

Many age 65 and over beneficiaries already are taking advantage of the TRICARE Senior Pharmacy Program, which started April 1. Eligible uniformed services retirees, their family members and survivors receive comprehensive prescription drug coverage with minimal co-payments through its National Mail Order Pharmacy Program, or through TRICARE network and non-network retail pharmacies. Co-payment amounts may be higher if beneficiaries choose non-network pharmacies. They may also continue using military treatment facility pharmacies, which require no co-payments.

To learn more about the TRICARE Senior Pharmacy Program, call 1-877-DOD-MEDS (1-877-363-6337) toll-free. Additional information and updates about TRICARE For Life are posted on the TRICARE Web site at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil//ndaa>.

The most sweeping improvements to the Department of Defense's health care system in nearly 30 years began October 1, 2001, as legislated by the 2001 National Defense Authorization Act. You will gain access to expanded medical coverage known as TRICARE For Life, as long as you are a uniformed service beneficiary who has attained the age of 65, are Medicare-eligible, and have purchased Medicare Part B. TRICARE For Life is a permanent healthcare benefit.

Transportation Department kicks off campaign to hire baggage screeners

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If you are interested in joining a new corps of federal baggage screeners at airports, Uncle Sam wants your address.

The Transportation Department kicked off its campaign to hire thousands of baggage screeners over the weekend by asking potential candidates to [register with the department <http://www.dot.gov/screener_applications.html>](http://www.dot.gov/screener_applications.html). Everyone who signs up with DOT will be sent a formal job application when they are ready, which should be by the end of the year.

By encouraging applicants to register now, DOT will have a database of potential candidates by the time it is ready to accept applications.

People who want to be considered for the screening jobs can register with DOT by e-mail or phone. E-mail applicants should send their name and e-mail address to screener@ost.dot.gov <<mailto:screener@ost.dot.gov>>. Phone applicants can call DOT at 202-366-9392 or 1-800-525-2878 and leave their name and mailing address.

DOT will likely need to hire more than 28,000 baggage screeners as it assumes screening duties at the nation's airports, Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta said last week. Under the new Aviation and Transportation Security Act, DOT has nine months to hire all the screeners and three additional months to certify their deployment at airports.

The law requires all screeners to be U.S. citizens, speak English, and be able to identify contraband items. Screeners must also meet certain performance standards that DOT is crafting with the Federal Aviation Administration and the Office of Personnel Management.

Transportation officials are exploring ways to create a professional culture for the baggage screening organization, which will be part of the new Transportation Security Administration. During the course of a day, a screener could perform a variety of tasks, such as screening passengers, performing security checks on airplanes and inspecting checked baggage, a senior Transportation official said last week.

"I think what we're going to have is some ability to move people around during the course of their day and week and month of work," said the official. DOT hopes to emulate the can-do spirit of the Coast Guard in the new agency, the official said.

Updates on the screening jobs will be published on the [DOT Web site <http://www.dot.gov>](http://www.dot.gov).

PRESIDENTIAL CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

The new Presidential Certificate of Appreciation has arrived and members that retired after 31 Jan 2001 should have received this certificate by now. If you have not received this certificate, please contact the following personnel at 1 800 772-8724.

For members whose last name starts with:

(A – E, H, I) contact YN2 Mike Adair at ext. 3433
 (G, J – P) contact YN2 Brent Swanson at ext. 3434
 (F, Q – Z) contact YN3 Bruce Kimmell at ext. 3414

You may also email us at HRSIC-RAS@hric.uscg.mil. If you do email us, please make sure you provide the following information:

First Name (Michael)
 Middle Initial (E.)
 Last Name (Smith)
 Current mailing address (Street Address, City, State, ZIP)
 Date of Retirement
 Last 4 of SSN (0000)
 Rank/Rate (YNC)



Special Compensation for Severely Disabled Uniformed Services Retirees

There has been much confusion as to eligibility for the Special Compensation for Severely Disabled Uniformed Services Retirees (SCPFSDUSR). In this article we will try to clarify the information and provide some answers to frequently asked questions.

In order to be eligible for the SCPFSDUSR retirees must meet the following three criteria:

1. Must have served at least 20 years active duty prior to retirement (Disability & Non-Disability), or, *if a reserve retiree, have earned at least 7,200 retirement points.*
2. Must have been rated with a disability rating of 70% or higher (or rated as unemployable) by either the Coast Guard *at the time of retirement* or by the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) within 4 years of retirement. (Original rating)
3. Must maintain at least one day of rating at 70% or higher by the DVA (**receiving DVA compensation**), or rated as unemployable, in each month for which special compensation is payable. (Current rating)

The amount of special compensation payable is based on the *retiree's* DVA disability rating in accordance with the following schedule:

70% or 80%	\$100.00
90 %	\$200.00
100% or unemployable	\$300.00

This special compensation is taxable income, except in limited circumstances, and will be reported on a form 1099R unless you qualify for tax exclusion because you were a member of the Armed Forces on or before 24 September 1975, or you receive this payment by reason of a combat-related injury.

Frequently asked questions:

Q - Retiree was not rated at least 70% (or unemployable) within 4 years of retirement, but is currently unemployable.

A - No entitlement to SCPFSDUSR because member wasn't rated within 4 years of retirement.

Q - Retiree was rated over 70% disability at retirement by the Coast Guard but did not file with the DVA within 4 years of retirement .

A - If member makes a current application to the DVA and is rated as eligible to receive DVA compensation at 70% or greater they would be entitled to receive SCPFSDUSR effective upon date of rating by DVA (but not earlier than Oct 2001).

Q - If retiree is rated above 70% on TDRL and then rating drops to 50% when placed on PDRL has retiree met the requirements for original rating?

A - Yes - Either TDRL or PDRL will *suffice* as meeting the initial disability rating requirement so long as it was 70% or higher .

Q - If a retiree receives a rating *reduction* in the middle of the month and has met all the other criteria is he/she entitled to SCPFSDUSR for that month?

A - Yes. The highest rating for that month is considered for SCPFSDUSR purposes for that month. The lower rating would then apply to the following month's entitlement.

Q - Is entitlement *to* SCPFSDUSR dependent on meeting both original and current qualifications?

A - Yes. Even though the member may have qualified with the 4 years following retirement (original) they must be currently rated at 70% or higher (or unemployable) by the DVA and be receiving VA disability compensation.

If you believe you are entitled to receive Special Compensation based on the above information, and are not currently receiving it, please contact our office at 1-800-772-8724.

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance announces New Education



Assistance Programs Brochure



Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA) recently announced the release of their new Education Assistance Programs brochure. CGMA Education Assistance Programs are designed to help Coast Guard members and their families meet the challenges of post-secondary education.

CGMA offers education assistance to all members of the Coast Guard Community—Active Duty, Retired Military, Civilian, Selected Reserve, Auxiliary, and USPHS serving with the Coast Guard, along with their eligible family members.

The new brochures are available from local CGMA Representatives or from CGMA Headquarters, phone 1-800-881-2462. Further information and application forms are also available on the CGMA web site, www.cgmahq.org.

At its release, CGMA noted that the new brochure reflects a reduction in education assistance funding for the year 2002. Programs impacted include the CGMA Education Grant, which is not funded for Academic Year 2002-2003, and the Supplemental Education Grant (SEG), which has been modified in both eligibility and dollar amounts awarded. All other education assistance programs remain fully funded.

These adjustments came about because CGMA is experiencing a serious decline in available funds resulting from a large increase in assistance across the board over the past several years, combined with reduced returns on investments. Unfortunately, as funds became scarce, CGMA is forced to modify secondary programs, such as education assistance, to ensure that it retains its ability to meet the most critical financial needs of its members.

Education assistance funding and programming has undergone careful review to ensure that the limited funds available are provided to members who need it most. CGMA continues to view education assistance programs as important to long-range financial stability for Coast Guard families, and hopes to restore full funding in the future.

To learn more about these and other financial assistance programs, visit the CGMA web site at www.cgmahq.org, or call CGMA-HQ at 1-800-881-2462.

CGMA Kicks off 2002 Fund-Raising Campaign

The annual Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA) Annual Fund-raising Campaign runs from 1 March to 30 April 2001. CGMA, the Coast Guard's own relief society, promotes financial stability and general well-being throughout the Coast Guard Community through need-based loans and grants, and financial counseling. Giving to Coast Guard Mutual Assistance is the time-honored way for Coast Guard men and women, active duty or retired, to render assistance to fellow shipmates and co-workers in need.

Thanks to you and countless others, CGMA has compiled an impressive record of care and support. Last year alone, close to 10,000 loans and grants were issued totaling in excess of \$7.3 million, bringing to over \$108 million the total assistance provided over the years. Coast Guard Retirees contributed more than \$230,000 and received over \$270,000 in assistance in 2001.

CGMA works hard to ensure that every dollar you contribute is used efficiently and effectively. Among recent improvements:

- Use of web technology to provide for greater accuracy, efficiency, and accountability in handling assistance requests.

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- A routine monitor and follow-up program to ensure funds are used effectively to assist people who truly need them.
- A user-friendly web site presenting up-to-date information on CGMA programs, providing for on-line customer feedback, and offering the opportunity to contribute on-line.

These are tough times for relief organizations, and CGMA is no exception. While the need for assistance among Coast Guard families has grown steadily over the past several years, contributions haven't kept pace; and, returns on investments, another important source of assistance funding, declined dramatically. This has already caused painful cutbacks in some secondary assistance programs. Without your help, CGMA could soon deplete its reserves and become unable to continue providing needed assistance.

The future of CGMA rests upon the selfless generosity of its members. Your tax-deductible contributions are essential if CGMA is to continue meeting the growing needs. Please give generously to Coast Guard Mutual Assistance and enjoy the reward in knowing you've done your part to help Coast Guard members in their time of need.

During the course of the campaign, Retired Coast Guard members receive an appeal by mail. Contributions may be made using the form and postage-paid reply mail envelope enclosed with the appeal. Campaign contributions should be sent to Coast Guard Mutual Assistance, P.O. Box 97261, Washington, D.C. 20077-7185.

Of course, contributions, including memorial contributions, are welcome at any time throughout the year, as are bequests or other special contributions from individuals or estates. Information and convenient contribution forms are available on the Coast Guard Mutual Assistance web site, www.cgmahq.org, or you may send along with your gift to Coast Guard Mutual Assistance, 4200 Wilson Blvd, Suite 610, Arlington, VA 22203. Checks or money orders may be made payable to CGMA.

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and contributions to Coast Guard Mutual Assistance are deductible for income and estate tax purposes.

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

Your support of Coast Guard Mutual Assistance is greatly appreciated!

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CG AVIATION AWARDS

By Captain Ray Copin, USCG (ret),

In early October, 2001, fifteen U.S. Coast Guard aviators and aircrewmen, representing three different aviation units, received special recognition for exceptional performance of duty. Their awards were provided by The Ancient Order of the Pterodactyl, the 25 year old association of active and retired CG aviation personnel.

The fourth recipient of the annual "Captain Marion 'Gus' Shrode Aviation Safety Award" was LT John Rivers of CG Air Station Miami who demonstrated outstanding performance as a member of the analysis team investigating the circumstances surrounding a fatal CG Auxiliary aircraft accident which occurred in February, 2001. Captain Eric Fagerholm, Aviation Training Center Commanding Officer presented the award to LT Rivers at his new duty station, ATC Mobile.



CAPT Fagerholm LT Rivers



The annual fixed wing "Commander Elmer F. Stone Aviation Crew Rescue Award" was earned by a CGAS Clearwater C-130 crew who distinguished themselves in the accomplishment of a lengthy and highly challenging medical evacuation mission to and from Bolivia. To receive the award personally, LCDR Kirk Bartnik and AMT2 Thomas Auito represented the rest of their crew at the 2001 gathering of the Ancient Order of the Pterodactyl at Fort Lauderdale, Florida on 8 October. The other crewmembers were LCDR Geoff Borree, LT Ronald DeWitt, LT Jonathan Spencer, AMT1 Stephen McDyer, AMT1 Scott Piwinski, AMT2 Randall Purdy,, AVT2 Jon Dalrymple and AVT3 Robert Judd. The awards were presented by RADM James Olson (CGA '70).

RADM James Olson, LCDR Bartnick,, AMT2 Auito

The annual rotary wing "Captain Frank A. Erickson Aviation Crew Rescue Award" was presented to the crew of a CGAS Savannah HH-65 helicopter who saved three lives from the ocean under very difficult night and stormy conditions offshore. LT Lance Belben, LT Sean Morrisey and AMT3 Curtis Winn were present at the Fort Lauderdale gathering of the Pterodactyls to receive their award in person. Their crewmate, AST2 Jason Mathers, was not able to attend.



RADM Olson, AMT3 Winn, LT Morrisey, Lt Belben



The 1,200 members of the Ancient Order of the Pterodactyl fund these awards in recognition of active duty CG performance. The Commandant's staff selects the winners. The Shrode, Stone and Erickson awards are in memory of three legendary CG aviator pioneers. The Pterodactyls support other activities aimed at preserving CG aviation history. Anyone interested in CG aviation is eligible for membership. More information about the awards or the association may be obtained by writing The AOP, P.O. Box 9917, Mobile, AL 36691-9917. Or visit the AOP website at "www.AOPtero.org."

In 1997, the Commandant approved a process with the Pterodactyl organization funding an annual award to a flight safety officer selected by the Commandant's staff. The award was named The Captain Marion "Gus" Shrode Aviation Safety Award in memory of Coast Guard Aviator 527, a pioneer aviation safety specialist and one of the founders of the Ancient Order of the Pterodactyl.

NOAA NEWS

NOAA SHIP RONALD H. BROWN RETURNS TO CHARLESTON AFTER YEAR OF GLOBAL CLIMATE AND OTHER RESEARCH

December 11, 2001 — After nearly a year in the Pacific Ocean that included studying climate systems that affect the weather and climate variability across the globe, probing submarine volcanoes that vent superheated plumes into the northeastern Pacific, and exploring the deep Astoria Canyon off the Oregon coast, the NOAA research vessel Ronald H. Brown will return to its home port in Charleston, S.C., in mid-December. Since it left Charleston last January, the ship transited the Panama Canal twice and circumnavigated the Pacific Ocean from southern latitudes to the Bering Sea, and from the U.S. West Coast to the East China Sea and Sea of Japan. Scientists representing many organizations and disciplines worked aboard during the year, studying global climate variability, greenhouse gases, underwater volcanoes and hydrothermal vents, and geologic, physical and biological processes that affect the growth and populations of fish stocks off the Pacific Northwest and in Alaskan waters.



In addition, Brown recovered, deployed and repaired deep ocean moorings in the North Pacific and Gulf of Alaska that detect and warn of tsunamis and geologic events, and others in the eastern Equatorial Pacific that provide oceanic and atmospheric data essential to the study and prediction of El Niño and La Niña events.

During the year, Brown hosted more than 260 scientists from the U.S. and eighteen foreign countries.

"Brown and its crew have demonstrated once again the ship's unique and truly remarkable capability as a multipurpose ocean research platform, able to satisfy the needs of an extraordinarily diverse group of scientists," said the ship's commanding officer, Captain Donald Dreves, NOAA Corps.

Ronald H. Brown is a state-of-the-art oceanographic research vessel that was commissioned in Charleston, S.C., in 1997. The 274-foot ship is operated and managed by NOAA's Office of Marine and Aviation Operations, which includes civilians and officers of the NOAA Commissioned Corps, one of the nation's seven uniformed services. The largest ship in the NOAA fleet, Brown is equipped with state-of-the-art atmospheric, meteorological and ocean sensors, and data collection systems to handle a broad range of research objectives. It carries one of only three ship-mounted Doppler radar systems in the world.

The ship will be in Charleston for repairs, crew training and leave taking for just one month. It sails in mid-January, beginning its 2002 research schedule with a voyage to Brazil. Research projects in the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea follow. The ship will return to Charleston many times during the year to exchange scientific parties and begin new projects.



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Reunions and notices

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. 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.

USCGC ANDROSCOGGIN (WHEC-68)
Officers and Crew from Viet Nam era 1967-68.
Date: September 2002 – Specific dates to be announced later. Location: Jacksonville Beach, Florida. Please contact RMCM J. L. Thomas, Sr., (Ret), 6605 Morocco Drive, Louisville, KY 40214. Email NBNP374@aol.com, Tel: 502 364 9861 or RMCM Jack Cunniff (Ret), 1130 Oceanwood Drive, Neptune Beach, FL 32266, Email RMCM JACK@aol.com.

The first reunion of the **USCGC Rockaway WAVP-377**, will be in Orlando, Florida on the weekend of 26-28 April 2002. All former Coast Guard crew members (and Navy crew members of the USS Rockaway AVP-29) are eligible to attend. For details, log onto the Rockaway web site on the Internet at: <http://www.cccnews.net/rockaway> To register, email Chuck Harris at tio@inficad.com or phone 602-274-8980.

USCGC WESTWIND (WAGB-281) Reunion
Date: August 9, 10, and 11 2002. Location: Philadelphia, PA, please contact Alex Mavica, 13 Knightsbridge Court, Nanuet, NY 10954 Tel: 845 352 7040, Fax 845 352 7440 Email: amavica@aol.com

C G C Cape Fairweather
First Reunion of WPB 95214 - Cape Fairweather crewmembers is contemplated for October 2002, in Orlando Florida, depending on response. Any ex-crewmembers interested, please contact CDR Harry Oldford, e-mail HARBAR-ONE@aol.com or 407-834-8245.

The 1951 Class of Nevis High School, Nevis Minnesota are looking for Carl Selstead who they reported as joining the USCG in the 1950 era. They want to invite him to an all class reunion and the high schools centennial recognition. Information can be reported directly to the High School at 218 652 9200 or to me, CWO2 Retired Orville O. Sullivan at 360 892 6664 or write at address 9107 NE 9th Street, Vancouver, WA 98664-3237

Reunion for Reserve Unit Traverse City MI
Planning is underway for August 25, 2002. Need names and addresses for all members. Please contact asap pat Scharf HSC (Ret) at 4252 North 5 Mile Rd., Williamsburg, MI 49690. Or Email at bingoleta@hotmail.com

Reunion Posting uss/USCGC LANSING (DE/DER-388, WDE-488) October 16-20, 2002. Best Western Landmark Hotel, Metairie LA (New Orleans). Please contact: Terry A. Moberg, 902 Cindy St., Brainerd MN 56401-3959 and Tel 218 829 3288. Email tmoberg@brainerd.net, Web contact www.uslansing.org

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Notice of Reunion USCG Lightship Sailors. Date: 1-2-3 August 2002. Location New Bedford, MA, Please contact Marty Krzywicki, 940 Albermarle St., St. Paul, MN 55117, Tel: 651 488-0504. Email Lightshipsailor@msn.com

Reserve Unit Owensboro. Saturday, April 27, 2002 meet at 1:00 (1300) PM Central time at the Shadyrest Restaurant, Route 60, East Owensboro, KY. Please contact LT Les Allen USCGR (RET), Email leswallen@hotmail.com, Tel: 502 495 2457 or CWO Gene Radin at gpradin@Juno.com, Tel: 859 885 1236.

Reunion of the USCGC CAMPBELL W-32 – W-909 Association will be in May 15-18, 2002 at the Radisson Hotel, Charleston, SC. All hands who served on the Campbell during the 46 years she served her country, as well as all current active duty and former crew members of the Campbell W909 are welcomed and urged to attend. For more details contact James Kelly, Vice President USCGC Association, W-32 – W-909, 40 Lisa Lane, Uncasville, CT 06382. Tel: 860 848 1160, Email: Jkelly@uconnect.net

The USCGC Courier (WAGR-410, WTR-410) Association will have its next reunion in RHODES, GREECE, Celebrating the 50th anniversary of going to Rhodes and begin broadcasting for the Voice of America, and continued for 12 years. Reunion date: 11 through 18th of October 2002 at the Hotel Mediterranean. Banquet (Gala Dinner) Approx. 80 in attendance at this time. Tours/sightseeing planned. The Courier was probably the only U. S. Ship that was stationed out of the USA FOR THAT LONG OF PERIOD. It was known as the Strangest Ship in the World. Contact Gil Riggs, P.O. Box 28, San Rafael, NM 87051, Tel: 505 287 3338 or Dave Newell, Email: dnewell3@charter.net

WWII STORIES SOUGHT. The Catalina Island Museum Society is planning to publish a book in 2002 regarding WWII activities on the island. As the Coast Guard maintained a Training Station, on the Island, from 1942 to 1945, they desire stories/information/data from World War II Coast Guard Veterans who trained or served on Catalina Island. Please send material to:

Curator of Collections
Catalina Island Museum Society, Inc.
P. O. Box 366
Avalon, CA 90704-0366



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Does anyone know the origin of the names of the **125 ft Cutters AGASSIZ, BEDLOE, BONHAM, and CARTIGAN?** If you know these people's full names, where they were from or any other info on them, please contact CAPT Charles B. Hathaway, USCG (Ret), 42 Lakewiew Ave., Chatham, MA 02633, Phone 508-945-4042.

Gordon M. Gillies, LTJG (Ret) would like to hear from Joe Thompson who was OPS Officer at COTP Baltimore in 1967 and Dom Campbell, who was with the 1st District personnel in 1972. Please write to PO Box 111, Hebron, Maine 04238.

HSC Pat Scharf (Ret) would like to find the following Shipmates:

RD1 Bruce Fahringer (Stationkeeper for RU Traverse City 1982)

CDR Don Wear (CO for RU Traverse City)

All members of Reserve Unit Traverse city, MI.

HSC Scharf can be contacted at bingoleta@hotmail.com or at 4252 North 5 Mile Rd., Williamsburg, MI 49690.

Lightship Personnel. Anyone having served in a lightship, please contact Jim Gill at 642 Marina Pkwy #63, Chula Vista, CA 91910, Tel: 619 427 8501 or Email pdp@cts.com

New Newsletter Name Picked from 209 Entries

Evening Colors, submitted by Richard C. Cunan, Capt USCGR Ret.

Entered Reserves as an SA/OC in January 1959 and attended last Reserve OCS class to graduate from the U. S. Coast Guard Academy in New London in June of that year.

Served first tour of active duty for one year aboard the PONTCHARTRAIN on ocean station November between Los Angeles & Honolulu before being reassigned for two years as a Rescue Coordination Center Controller in Juneau, Alaska. After RELAD as a LJTG continued in the Reserves on active status until 1982 reaching the rank of Captain before acquiring retired status.

Over the years I have held as many as six experience indicators at one time including Underway Deck (87), SAR (71), Public and International Affairs (03), Legal (04), Training – all levels (15) and Administration (05).

Affiliated with four Reserve Units between 1962 and 1982, serving as commanding officer of three of the units in the former Twelfth (San Francisco) District. The unit missions provided training and integration with the regular service in Search and Rescue, Maintenance and Repair and District Mobilization and Training.

Served annual ACDUTRA in a variety of positions: ABC/NBC warfare school at Port Hueneme, CA; two Headquarters promotion Boards, serving as president of a LCDR board; Underway deck officer aboard the CAMPBELL on Alaska Fisheries Patrol and the TANAGER on Reserve training to Mexico; OJT Assignments as a lawyer for District and HQ legal staffs and; Armed Forces Staff College Reserve orientation in Norfolk, VA.

In civilian life I worked for twenty years for a \$400 million agricultural cooperative where I went to law school at night, passed the California bar and became Vice president and Corporate Counsel of the cooperative. After participating in marathons and triathlons for six years, spent three years in private law practice and as sole proprietor of a triathlon store. Between 1987 and 2001 worked as an attorney for the U. S. Department of Justice as Special Counsel for the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization Service, retiring in January 2001 after serving for ten years as an Assistant District Counsel/trial attorney for INS.

Married Judith Anne in 1959, one week after joining the Coast Guard, which has had a lifelong affect on our values and opportunities. We have three children: Jeff, Jennifer and Christina - a lawyer, a writer and an architect - who have given us ten precocious grandchildren.

Life is good! Is this a great country or what? *Capt Cunan*

Thank you all for your submissions, it was not an easy task picking the winner. There were many imaginative and creative entries. The names were submitted through other Retirees, both Enlisted, Officer, and Flag. These encompassed generations from the WWII era to the present. Votes for the names pared the list down until we had a final 5, and from those with majority rules were in effect from a select panel. The name best represents a change from hard work to rest, a transition of one's routine, and taking the retirement to (pardon the cliché) riding off into the sunset. This also represents a very respected tradition of the ceremony of evening colors, retiring our flag for the evening until another day rises to wave again. Thanks again for your participation.

~Ron

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The Retiree Newsletter is a publication containing news of general interest, suggestions, and information to keep Coast Guard retirees and their dependents informed of recent developments. This publication shall not be considered authority and is non-record material.

USCG Retirements

Name	Rank	Date of Retirement	Years of Service
ABBOTT, ROBERT	COMM4	20010805	39
ADAMS, TIMOTHY	BMC	20011001	22
AGUINIGA, JESUS	PS1	20010831	27
AIKENS, LLOYD	MKC	20011101	20
AKAU, NOLAN	ENG4	20011001	24
ALLEN, TRACY	CDR	20010901	21
ALSTON, KAREN	YN1	20011001	20
ANDERSON, GERALD	LCDR	20010901	17
ANDRADE, MICHAEL	SKC	20010901	25
ANDREWS, DEXTER	ENG2	20011001	22
ANDREWS, THOMAS	TTC	20011101	20
ANDRIE, JEFFERY	MKCM	20011101	26
ANGST, RUDOLF	MKC	20010901	22
ARCHER, KENNETH	EMC	20011101	20
ARCOBASCIO, ALFRED	RD2	20011101	20
ARNETT, EARL	ELC4	20011001	24
AUSTIN, STEPHEN	SKC	20010901	20
BABINETZ, MICHAEL	AMTC	20011101	20
BAILEY, DIANE	YN1	20010901	23
BAILLARGEON, MICHAEL	ENG3	20011101	23
BALLANCE, MICKEY	PSCM	20011010	40
BARBER, REX	DCC	20011001	20
BATTENFELD, PAUL	HSC	20011101	22
BATZ, MARK	AVT2	20011101	21
BEALL, JEFFREY	RD2	20011101	20
BELCHER, KORY	AVT1	20011101	20
BENNETT, CHRISTOPHER	TCC	20010901	20
BENSEN, BERNARD	ETC	20011001	22
BEVERLY, JEFFERY	ELC4	20010901	24
BIEGEL, STEPHEN	AMT1	20010901	20
BLEEKER, RANDY	AMTCM	20010901	26
BOBBITT, JAMES	BM1	20011015	34
BOGLE, AUBREY	CDR	20010801	26
BOGLE, JOHN	CDR	20011001	26
BOSTIC, MARLIN	TCC	20010901	21
BOUCHARD, JAY	AMT1	20010901	21
BOYD, THOMAS	YN3	20011005	27
BRADLEY, RICHARD	PERS4	20011001	30
BRIGHT, ROGER	MK1	20010901	20
BRINKLEY, ROGER	MK1	20011001	20
BROOKS, CARLICE	SK1	20011001	21
BROSSARD, HOWARD	LT	20010901	24
BROWN, CHARLES	RDC	20011101	20
BUCHANAN, WALTER	MKC	20010826	31
BUCKNER, MICHAEL	FSC	20011001	26
BURNS, DAVE	SKC	20011001	25
BUTLER, GRALLIN	EMCS	20010901	24
CADDY, CHARLES	AMTCM	20011001	29
CAPERS, MICHELE	ET1	20011101	23
CAPOZZELLA, VINCENT	PSC	20010901	21

Name	Rank	Date of Retirement	Years of Service
CAPRA, LOUIS	BMC	20010901	20
CARROZZA, ROSEMARY	PERS2	20011001	20
CARTER, JENNY	AVTCM	20010901	24
CASAREZ, SHARI	PERS2	20011001	20
CATO, MURRAY	GM1	20010901	20
CAVERLY, RANDALL	LT	20011001	28
CHACE, DONALD	QMC	20011001	20
CHADWICK, RONALD	BMC	20010901	21
CHANDLER, CHRISTIAN	YN1	20011001	20
CHANDLER, TERRY	ETC	20010901	21
CHAVEZ, WILLIAM	DC1	20011101	20
CLARK, BRIAN	CAPT	20011101	28
CLINE, MITCHELL	BMCM	19991101	21
COBB, MICHAEL	QMC	20011001	23
COLE, ALLEN	BM2	20010901	20
COLLARD, JOHN	F&S3	20010807	34
COMBES, FRANK	ET1	20010901	20
CORBIN, ROBERT	CDR	20011001	22
CORNS, JEFFREY	BMC	20010901	20
CORSNITZ, HOWARD	BM1	20010901	21
CROUSE, JAMES	BOSN4	20011101	21
CULLARS, AXEL	EMC	20011001	22
CURLEY, THOMAS	LCDR	20011001	29
CURRIE, JOHN	MK1	20011001	22
CURZON, KENT	ENG3	20010901	27
CUSACK, JOHN	PS1	20010920	31
CUSUMANO, NOCENZO	PSC	20011024	32
DANGELO, DAVID	LCDR	20011101	21
DANIELS, KEVIN	AVT1	20011001	20
DAUGHDRILL, WILLIAM	LCDR	20011101	20
DAVIS, PHILLIP	SKC	20011001	32
DAVIS, WILLIAM	GMC	20011001	20
DEACON, GEORGE	LT	20011101	22
DEWITT, ROBERT	FS1	20010901	20
DICKENS, CHARLES	CAPT	20011001	29
DINI, MATTHEW	TC1	20011101	20
DITTES, WESLEY	BOSN4	20011101	28
DONG, TONY	FSC	20011101	21
DOOLEY, JAMES	LCDR	20010806	38
DUBINKA, ROMANA	PERS2	20011001	27
DUBUC, ROGER	CDR	20011001	20
DUFFY, JOSEPH	LCDR	20011001	26
DUNBAR, TIMOTHY	MKC	20011001	22
DUPREE, GEORGE	CDR	20010901	21
DZEDULONUS, JAMES	MK1	20010819	31
EAIRHEART, ERIK	MKC	20010901	20
ECKEL, ROBERT	ELC2	20010901	21
EDWARDS, JAMES	ET1	20010901	20
ESCOBAR, ALBERTO	ETCS	20010901	21

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FAIRBEE, SCOTT	AMTC	20010901	21	HAYES, RAYMOND	LT	20010901	20
FARLEY, MARK	ET1	20011001	20	HAYMANS, JAMES	SK1	20010828	26
FARTHING, JOHN	LCDR	20010901	20	HENNESSY, DENNIS	AMT1	20010901	22
FEDERICO, LOUIS	MKC	20011001	20	HENRY, NELSON	EM2	20010915	31
FENNELL, SEAN	FSC	20011001	20	HERRICK, JOHN	MK2	20011018	26
FERRARO, RICHARD	CDR	20010901	20	HERTZLER, KENNETH	LCDR	20010701	21
FESER, JOSEPH	AMT1	20011001	22	HIGGINS, LEONARD	EM1	20010523	27
FEURSTEIN, JOHN	BMC	20011001	22	HILLIS, RONALD	FSCS	20011101	22
FINNEY, THEODORE	AST1	20011001	23	HOFFMAN, AARON	RDC	20010901	21
FIRTH, BRUCE	MAT4	20011001	30	HOFFSES, PEARLEY	BOSN4	20010916	35
FISHER, LEWIS	BMCM	20011101	30	HOLLOWAY, RANDY	QM2	20011001	20
FLANDERS, ROY	MK1	20011101	20	HOLLOWAY, STEPHEN	AMT2	20010827	30
FLEMING, MICHAEL	BM1	20010807	13	HOPE, REGINALD	HS1	20010901	21
FONTAINE, WALTER	QMCM	20010901	26	HORROCKS, RONALD	BMCM	20010824	30
FORTIN, GERALD	F&S4	20010901	30	HOWARD, JEFFREY	BM2	20010901	21
FRANKS, BRADLEY	BMCS	20011101	22	HUMMELL, ERNEST	FSC	20010926	35
FRECK, SCOTT	LCDR	20011001	20	HURLEY, THOMAS	ASTC	20011001	20
FREDERICK, CHRISTOPHER	ETC	20011001	24	INGLIS, DAVID	BMC	20010901	25
FREIER, FRIEDRICH	MKC	20010901	20	INMAN, DAVID	TCC	20011001	20
FREISHEIM, FRANK	CAPT	20010904	41	JACKSON, JOEL	MKC	20010901	21
FREY, ALBERT	BMC	20010801	20	JAMES, KENNETH	MKC	20010901	22
FRIEL, PAUL	EM1	20010901	20	JASPER, CHAD	CDR	20010901	21
FROST, KEVIN	LCDR	20010901	24	JEAN, PAUL	SK1	20010901	21
FURTNEY, KRISTOPHER	LCDR	20011101	20	JENNINGS, CHARLES	LCDR	20011001	26
FYFFE, JOSEPH	YN1	20010901	20	JERSEY, DAVID	QMC	20010901	20
GANTZ, DOUGLAS	MAT3	20011001	26	JOHNSON, DANIEL	QMC	20011101	22
GARDEN, JEFFREY	CDR	20010901	20	JOHNSON, DAVID	YNCM	20011001	29
GARRITY, MICHAEL	MAT4	20011001	25	JOHNSON, ROBERT	MKCM	20011001	41
GENTHER, ARTHUR	ETC	20011001	20	JOHNSON, STEVEN	RDC	20011001	20
GILLEST, PAUL	SKC	20011001	25	JOHNSTON, NICHOLUS	MKC	20011001	21
GLEN, DAVID	AMT1	20010901	21	JONES, ELLSWORTH	AVT1	20011101	20
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GOLDRING, ROBERT	QMC	20010901	23	JONES, JAMES	SKC	20011101	20
GOLIGHTLY, MICHAEL	FSC	20011001	20	JONES, KAREN	SKC	20010901	22
GORTON, JOSEPH	BM1	20011001	21	JONES, MARCUS	SK1	20011001	22
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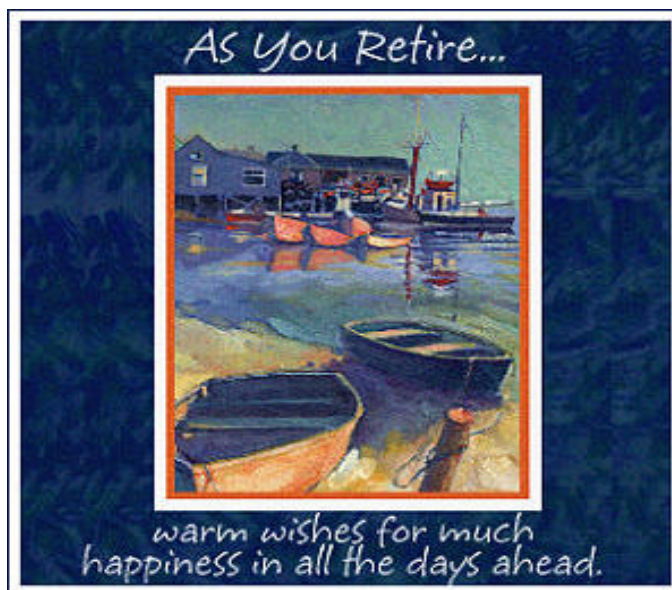
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MILIAN, RAYMOND	LT	20010924	31	SANDEEN, ERIK	ETC	20010901	25
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Vets Warned to Avoid Benefit/Pension Buyouts

Federal officials are warning veterans across the country to be wary of a growing number of companies that are offering to buy their disability benefits or military pensions for a lump-sum payment. Knight Ridder News Service reports that companies who buy veterans' benefits are not doing anything illegal because they are taking advantage of loopholes and a gray area of the law. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) says the companies are taking advantage of desperate veterans who may be down on their luck and need quick cash. Some companies pay as low as thirty cents on the dollar. Veterans interested in signing up with lump-sum payment companies should ask themselves whether they can live without their monthly benefits after the cash advances is gone.

Source: Military.Com

MISSING IN ACTION



• MK1 Jeffrey A. Palazzo, USCGR, 33, of Staten Island, N.Y., Sept. 11, 2001, a member of the Coast Guard Reserve since September 1988 and drills at Station New York. He is a member of the New York Fire Department Rescue Unit 5.



• PS2 Vincent Gabriel Danz, USCGR, 38, of Farmingdale, N.Y., Sept. 11, 2001, a member of the Coast Guard Reserve since October 1983 and serves at Activities New York. He is a Police Officer in the Special Operations Division, Emergency Services Unit of the New York Police Department.



Both reservists were participating in rescue efforts at the World Trade Center when it collapsed.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of these men,
our fellow Coast Guard Reservists.



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Editor's Note... Since this was printed, a Casualty Report has been released listing Jeff Palazzo as deceased. Our prayers go out to all involved and to our soldiers and sailors currently serving.



LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	RANK	DATE OF DEATH	CITY	STATE
ABBOTT	MELVIN	JOCS	20010927	COLUMBUS	OH
ABDILL	MICHAEL	SS1	20010903	TIGARD	OR
ADAMEK	HARRY	LTJG	20011018	GROTON	CT
ANDERSON	HAROLD	LT	20010803	CENTRALIA	WA
BALLMAN	EUGENE	HSC	20011005	ERIE	PA
BELLOWS	ANNE	CDR	20010816	HOLMES BEACH	FL
BIRKHOFFER	ALFRED	ENC	20011005	DULUTH	MN
BJORNSON	ROLF	CDR	20010911	MASSAPEQUA	NY
BLAKELEY	THOMAS	ADC	20011114	NAUGATUCK	CT
BLOCKER	JEFFERY	MK1	20010820	WILMINGTON	NC
BONVILLE	ROBERT	CWO3	20011014	SEBRING	FL
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CALDBECK	SCOTT	MKC	20010918	LONGMONT	CO
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DIBBLE	WILLIAM	CWO3	20011103	ROCKVILLE	IN
DITTMER	GERALD	ENC	20010831	HAMPSTEAD	NC
DONOHUE	LOUIS	CAPT	20010829	BEEVILLE	TX
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FLEMING	JAMES	CDR	20010908	HOUSTON	TX
FLETCHER	BILLY	SKCM	20011028	HOLLYWOOD	FL
FOSLE	HENDRIK	MKC	20011026	DULUTH	MN
FRAZIER	RONALD	CWO3	20011012	MELBOURNE	FL
GARCIA	HERMENGILDO	BMC	20010924	SANTA ISABEL	PR
GIBSON	VERNON	DCC	20010829	LAKE WALES	FL
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HASTY	SAMUEL	MU1	20011010	NORWICH	CT

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HEDRICK	CARL	RMC	20011010	ELKINS	WV
HILL	JEARL	CS1	20010909	OMAHA	NE
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KERSTETTER	CLYDE	EMC	20011001	SEATTLE	WA
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KIERNAN	EDWARD	CWO4	20011028	KINGS PARK	NY
LAHERTY	CHARLES	RMC	20010910	BANDON	OR
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MAGEE	ROLAND	LTJG	20010920	ELIZABETH CTY	NC
MAJOR	HAROLD	LCDR	20011012	DALY CITY	CA
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MOE	JOHN	AEC	20010707	HOMER	AK
MURTHA	WILLIAM	RD1	20010923	FT BLISS	TX
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NOIL	ERRIER	SD1	20010915	NEW ORLEANS	LA
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PARKER	LYNN	CAPT	20010824	SAN RAFAEL	CA
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PEARSON	WILLIAM	LTJG	20010905	E GREENWICH	RI
PERKINS	ROBERT	LCDR	20010916	LK HAVASU CIT	AZ
PERRY	RONALD	SK1	20010914	PHILADELPHIA	PA
PERT	GLENDON	CWO4	20010819	LOS ANGELES	CA
PETERSEN	WILLIAM	CWO1	20010824	EL PASO	TX
POLAN	JOHN	BMC	20011111	SAN ANTONIO	TX
PRISKE	CLARENCE	PSC	20011103	LAKE ELSINORE	CA
RANDALL	ROBERT	PSC	20010730	AUBURN	NY
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 Coast Guard Human Resources
 Service & Information Center
 444 SE Quincy Street
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Commercial: (785)339-3415 FAX: (785)339-3770



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Find DEERS & RAPIDS information on the web at: www.dmdc.osd.mil



Call your local ID issuing office or call:
 Toll Free: 1-800-538-9552
 In CA: 1-800-334-4162
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TRICARE/Medical Benefits



Call your CG Health Benefits Advisor at:

1-800-942-2422



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

Final Active Duty Pay

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

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Service Records



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



National Personnel Records Center
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

Commercial: (314)538-4141



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



Social Security

Visit the Social Security Administration's web page at:
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For information about Social Security benefits contact your local Social Security Office or call Toll Free:

1-800-772-1213



VA Benefits



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

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



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

Veteran's Group Life Insurance (VGLI)

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

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

OSGLI
213 Washington Street
Newark, NJ 07102



1-800-419-1473



Travel Claims



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

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