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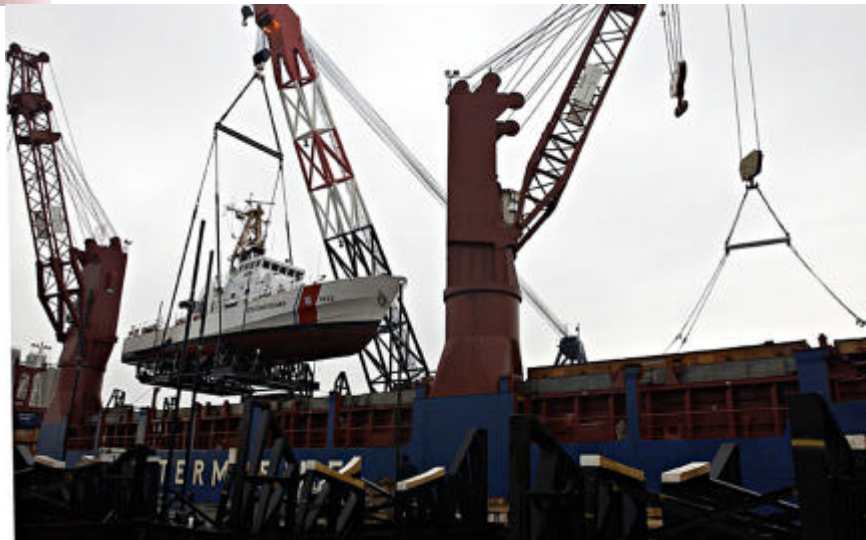
Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty

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CG Units Deployed for Operation Enduring Freedom



The CGC *Adak* being pulled into the hoist of the cradle which was lifted onto the deck of the *Industrial Challenger*. Eight 110-foot cutters were shipped overseas to aid with Operation Enduring Freedom.

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PORTSMOUTH, Va. – The Coast Guard’s Atlantic Area Commander ordered the deployment of eight, 110-foot Island Class patrol boats and two Port Security Units (PSUs) comprising of about 600 Coast guard men and women, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF).

Vice Adm. James Hull ordered the deployments this week as the United States repositions some of its military forces where required to support the global war on terrorism and to prepare for future contingencies.

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“The Coast Guard has a long history of operating jointly with Department of Defense forces in matters of national security,” said Vice Adm. Hull. “These deployments demonstrate how the Coast Guard’s missions and expertise can play an important role in the broader DOD operation to fight terrorism and prepare for future contingencies.”

Coast Guard patrol boats receiving orders to deploy overseas in support of Operation Enduring Freedom include: USCGC *Wrangell*, USCGC *Adak*, USCGC *Aquidneck*, USCGC *Baranof*, USCGC *Bainbridge Island*, USCGC *Grande Isle*, USCGC *Knight Island* and USCGC *Pea Island*.

Approximately 400 Coast Guard men and women assigned to these cutters, along with operations and support personnel from 20 other commands, including Yorktown and Miami-based Tactical Law Enforcement Teams (TACLETs), have been training here over the past several weeks to prepare for this deployment.

Another 200 Coast Guard reservists from two Port Security Units (PSU 305 based in Yorktown and PSU 309 based in Port Clinton, Ohio) also received orders to deploy this week. PSUs, a component of the U.S. Naval Warfare Command, provide waterborne and land-based protection for shipping and critical port facilities in support of U.S. and allied naval forces throughout the world.

Coast Guard members assigned to the Navy’s Harbor Defense Command Unit 206, based in Jacksonville, Fla., also received orders to deploy.

The specific dates of departure, duration and destination of the deployment are not being disclosed for operation security reasons.

“This deployment illustrates the Coast Guard’s commitment to protecting America from terrorism both at home and abroad,” Hull said.

The patrol boats, built in the late 1980s, and crews are specifically equipped and trained to conduct Search and Rescue, port security, anti-terrorism/force protection and maritime boarding and interdiction duties. Six members of the Coast Guard National Strike Force, with expertise in maritime pollution response received orders last week to deploy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

USCGC *Boutwell*, a 378-foot high endurance cutter, deployed from its homeport of Alameda, Calif., Jan. 3 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

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

A Note from RADM Piché, Chairman, National Coast Guard Retiree Council

Coast Guard Retirees can still serve! After I retired in 1998, I quickly became aware that the Coast Guard retired community was essentially disengaged from the rest of the Service. HRSIC does a wonderful job taking care of our personal needs, but there did not appear to be any other connection! So when I accepted the position as Co-Chair of the Commandant of the Coast Guard National Retiree Council, I vowed to try and change that. Progress has been slow, but our web site and its links are a giant step forward. I encourage you all to explore the links for information that may affect you and indeed help you.

As you go about your daily lives in whatever community you live in, I urge you to promote the Coast Guard as you did when on active duty. See where you can give back, be it in mentoring, recruiting or just telling our positive story. My Co-Chair, Retired Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Vince Patton and I urge you to become involved with the active Regional Retiree Chapters; and if you live in an area where the councils are inactive, get it going again ... we will help! Check back often to the site (<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-w/g-wp/g-wpm/retiree/retiree.htm>) for updates on programs that the Council is developing and drop us a line with your ideas, accomplishments, or new links for this site. Remember, retirees are still a part of the Coast Guard. Let's do our part to see that the service remains, Semper Paratus!! ~RADM Gordon Piché, U.S. Coast Guard (Retired)

Retired from the Coast Guard but want to stay connected? The National Council and local chapters will help you stay in touch. Anyone who has local retiree concerns should feel free to contact the appropriate Regional Retiree Council.

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Inactive Councils:**New England Retiree Council****Western Pennsylvania Retiree Council****Southern California Retiree Council****New Orleans Retiree Council****Greater Mobile Retiree Council**

North Coast Area Coast Guard Retiree Council Chartered

Admiral Thomas Collins, Commandant of the Coast Guard, has signed the charter for the North Coast Area Coast Guard Retiree Council. It becomes the newest council in the Commandant of the Coast Guard National Retiree Council Program and serves the retirees and annuitants in the Great Lakes region. Rear Admiral Ronald Silva, Ninth Coast Guard District Commander, officially presented the charter at a ceremony on February 28, 2003.

The Council has 21 charter members and sees its role as fostering positive lines of communications between the active and retired Coast Guard communities, providing useful information to retirees & annuitants and speaking out on matters of concern to the Coast Guard, its active members and its retirees.

The Council provided a panel of retirees to answer questions at a December retirement seminar in Cleveland for 30 Coast Guard officer and enlisted members approaching retirement. Positive feedback from that seminar led the Council to identify members to serve as one-on-one mentors to assist CG members in making the transition to retirement.

The Council is establishing a WEB page that may be accessed through the Ninth Coast Guard District home page at www.uscg.mil/d9/uscgd9.html. Information of interest to retirees is also being disseminated through periodic Sitreps to Council members, retirees and annuitants.

Retirees and annuitants who might be interested in joining the Council or simply being placed on the E-mail distribution list for information being disseminated by the Council need only contact Bill Wilkins by e-mail at wrwilkins@aol.com or by telephone at 440-892-3495.

Thanks again for all your assistance in helping us get our new Council off the ground!

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TRICARE Management Activity

Fact Sheet



When beneficiaries become entitled to Medicare Part A upon attaining the age of 65 and purchase Medicare Part B, they now experience no break in TRICARE coverage. The only change is that TRICARE will pay secondary to Medicare, beginning on the 1st day of the month they turn 65.

Eligibility:

TRICARE For Life is provided to the following beneficiaries:

Medicare-eligible uniformed service retirees, including retired guard and reservists. Medicare-eligible family members, including widows/widowers', and certain former spouses if they were eligible for TRICARE before age 65.

Note: Dependent parents and parents-in-law are not eligible for TRICARE benefits. They may continue to receive services within a military treatment facility on a space available basis.

Cost to beneficiaries:

There are no enrollment fees for TRICARE For Life. You are required to enroll in Medicare Part B and must pay Medicare Part B monthly fees. Please check with the Social Security Administration online at www.ssa.gov, toll-free at 1-800-772-1213, or visit Medicare online at www.medicare.gov, for more information about enrolling in Medicare Part B and monthly fees that will apply to you.

Benefits:

- For services payable by both Medicare and TRICARE, Medicare will pay first and the remaining out-of-pocket expenses will be paid by TRICARE.
- For services payable by TRICARE, but not Medicare, such as overseas care, TRICARE will pay the same as if you were under age 65. You will be responsible for the TRICARE annual deductible and cost shares.
- For services payable by Medicare, but not TRICARE, such as chiropractic services, Medicare will pay as usual, but TRICARE will pay nothing. You will be responsible for Medicare co-pays.
- For services not payable by TRICARE or Medicare, you are entirely responsible for the medical bill.

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If you receive care from a civilian provider, your provider will file claims with Medicare. Medicare will pay its portion, then automatically forward the claim to TRICARE for the remaining amount. TRICARE will send its payment directly to your provider. You will receive an Explanation Of Benefits (EOB) that indicates the amount paid to your provider.

Medicare Part B:

The Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS) notifies beneficiaries within 90 days prior to their 65th birthday that their medical benefits are about to change. They will ask you to contact the nearest Social Security Office regarding enrollment in Medicare. It is important to remember that you must elect to enroll in Medicare Part B in order to be eligible for TRICARE For Life benefits.

If you are age 65 and over and only have Medicare Part A, you can enroll in Medicare Part B during the annual General Enrollment Period, which runs from January 1st to March 31st every year. Medicare Part B coverage will then begin on July 1st of the year in which you enroll.

For more information about enrolling in Medicare Part B, please visit the Social Security Administration online at www.ssa.gov or call toll free at 1-800-772-1213 or TTY 1-800-325-0778 for the hearing impaired.

TRICARE For Life overseas:

Living overseas does not mean you cannot take advantage of TRICARE For Life, if you are enrolled in Medicare Part B. Since Medicare does not typically provide health care coverage overseas, TRICARE will provide the same benefits available to retirees under age 65, and you will be responsible for the same cost shares and deductibles.

Services in military treatment facilities:

Beneficiaries using TRICARE For Life may continue to receive care in military treatment facilities. Under a new program, TRICARE Plus, you may be allowed to enroll to a military treatment facility for primary care. TRICARE Plus is based on local availability.

If you have specific questions about how TRICARE For Life will affect you, please call 1-888-DoD-LIFE (1-888-363-5433). You can also visit the TRICARE Web site for more information at www.tricare.osd.mil/ndaa.

Source: www.tricare.osd.gov

Life should begin with age and its privileges and accumulations, and end with youth and its capacity to splendidly enjoy such advantages.

- Mark Twain Letter to Edward Dimmitt, 7/19/1901

How stunning are the changes which age makes in a man or woman while they sleep!

- Letter to W. D. Howells, 8/22/1887



Planning for Your Retirement? Remember to Consider Long Term Care Insurance!

“Help protect your assets from the potentially high costs of long term care. Find out more about the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program today!”

Kay Coles James

Director

U.S. Office of Personnel Management



Understanding the Impact of Long Term Care Expenses on Your Retirement Assets...

As you think about your approaching retirement, it's possible you may have overlooked one very important detail. Some people concentrate only on increasing their savings — through an annuity, Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), IRA, pension, or some other type of investment. But what about protecting the money you've saved and preserving the lifestyle you enjoy? Without long term care insurance, you and your family could seriously jeopardize the savings you've worked so hard to build for your retirement, and the lifestyle to which you've become accustomed.

Also, obtaining long term care insurance today can help ensure you won't need to rely on your family should you need long term care services during your retirement.

What Is Long Term Care?

Long term care is ongoing care for people who need lengthy or even lifelong help with activities they perform every day — such as bathing and dressing — due to an illness, injury, or severe cognitive impairment (such as Alzheimer's disease).

Here's Why Long Term Care Insurance Can Be So Important During Your Retirement:

- Over half (60%) of people who reach age 65 will need long term care at some point in their lives.¹
- Long term care could be the most expensive type of care you ever face — and costs are only going to get higher. As you can see, these costs can significantly jeopardize the savings you've set aside for your retirement:

The average annual cost for home care is well over \$20,000. That's \$18/hour,² five hours per day, five days a week for a home health aide. That cost is expected to climb to \$68,000 by 2030.³

The national average annual cost for care in a nursing home is \$52,000 for a semi-private room.² That cost is expected to climb to \$190,600 by 2030.³

- Long term care expenses are not covered by traditional medical insurance plans. Most health care programs, including the FEHB Program, TRICARE, and TRICARE for Life, cover very few long term care expenses, if any!
- While Medicare covers some care in nursing homes and at home, it does so only for a limited time, subject to restrictions.

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- Medicaid (Medi-Cal in California) is the Federal/state program for the impoverished. It provides certain types of coverage, including long term care; but to qualify you must “spend down” virtually all of your money and assets to state required levels. Under Medicaid, you may have little choice or control over the care you receive.

- Some people wonder if it would be smarter to invest their money rather than purchase long term care insurance. The numbers show the impact of such a decision. At age 40, if you invested \$79.20 each month at 8% interest, compounded annually, you would have saved \$118,824 by age 70. BUT, if you used that same \$79.20 each month to pay for long term care insurance under the Federal Program, you would have a whopping \$1,191,725 available to cover the cost of care at age 70!*

*Based on a Comprehensive Plan with a \$150 Daily Benefit Amount, 90-day Waiting Period, 5-year (1,825 day) Benefit Period and Automatic Compound Inflation. This example assumes you have not used any of your benefits up to age 70.

¹ Long-Term Care Insurance, Baby Boom or Bust?, Conning & Company, 1999, page 13.

² MetLife Market Survey of Nursing Home and Home Care Costs, April 2002.

³ Can Aging Baby Boomers Avoid the Nursing Home?, Stucki, B., and Mulvey, J., American Council of Life Insurers, March 2002, page 15.

Created exclusively for members of the Federal family...

The Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program

The Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program is the only long term care insurance program sponsored by the Federal Government for the Federal Family! It reflects the careful efforts of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and two insurance leaders — John Hancock and MetLife — to provide comprehensive benefits and group premiums. Long term care insurance helps preserve your retirement savings should a long term care need arise. The result? Peace of mind and financial independence in your retirement.

Here are some of the great advantages offered by the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program:

- Competitive group rates
- An expansive home care benefit that includes informal care
- Innovative inflation options
- Premiums that can be deducted from your retirement annuity

And remember:

No other plan has OPM oversight and sponsorship.

Don't Wait!

It's to Your Advantage to Apply Sooner — Not Later!

Unlike some other insurance products, long term care insurance is something you must apply for, and pass a medical screening (called underwriting), in order to be enrolled. Certain medical conditions will prevent some people from being approved for coverage. By applying now, before you retire, you could avoid the risk of having a change in health disqualify you from obtaining coverage. Spouses of retirees can also apply.* But that's not all — the younger you are when you apply, the lower your premiums!

* Spouses of living retirees can apply at any time; widowed spouses can only apply if they were elected a survivor benefit at retirement.

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Editors Note: *This is not included with TRICARE For Life and is an added supplement. The Evening Colors is providing strictly on an informational level, and not giving official endorsements. We simply provide the information for the Retiree to make a choice best for them.*

Former Academy Life Insurance Policyholders May Be Eligible for Payments

By Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample, USA
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20, 2003 -- The Academy Life Insurance Co. seeks immediate contact with an estimated 110,000 current and former service members who may be eligible to receive payments from a fund established as part of a settlement it reached with the Justice Department Dec. 19, 2002.

Col. Steve Strong, director of legal policy in the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, said the insurance company will mail notices and payment applications to the last address it has for thousands of former policyholders it believes are eligible. Notices will be mailed by Feb. 24, he added.

Eligible persons have until June 24 to file, he said. After that deadline, applications won't be considered, Strong emphasized.

The payments of up to \$200 per policy are part of a \$160 million settlement reached after the Justice Department filed a civil complaint against Academy Life for defrauding service members from 1991 to 1998. The complaint alleged the insurers sold more than 92,000 policies of a particular life insurance plan to service members and their families between 1993 and 1998 and reaped more than \$200 million in premiums. Academy Life has not admitted to any improper act.

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As part of the settlement the company will pay more than \$2.7 million to persons who purchased their policies from 1991 to 1998.

Academy Life also agreed in the settlement to never again sell another insurance policy in the United States or ask DoD for permission to conduct business on U.S. military installations. The Defense Department in 1998 barred the company from doing business on military installations for three years.

Strong said former policyholders must meet all the following conditions to be eligible for payment from the settlement fund:

- ⌵ The person was the last owner of a Genesis Series policy issued from Jan. 1, 1991, through Dec. 31, 1998.
- ⌵ The policy terminated prior to Sept. 30, 2002.
- ⌵ No death benefit was paid under the policy.
- ⌵ The person was living on Sept. 30, 2002.
- ⌵ The person accurately completes an application for payment and mails it to Academy Life by June 24.
- ⌵ Academy Life verifies eligibility.

For more information on eligibility requirements or a notice and application, Strong said call Academy Life at toll free (800) 523-5625.

Retired Pay Dates for 2003

2 January
3 February
3 March
1 April
1 May
2 June
1 July
1 August
2 September
1 October
3 November
1 December

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT
RETIRED PAYMENTS
SHOULD ARRIVE ON THE
FIRST WORKING DAY
FOLLOWING THE MONTH
FOR WHICH PAYMENT HAS
BEEN AUTHORIZED.
WEEKENDS AND FEDERAL
HOLIDAYS ARE NOT
CONSIDERED WORKING
DAYS.



WHAT HAPPENS IF A BIG ASTEROID
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-DAVE BARRY

State Tax Exemptions:

There are currently 16 states which exempt military retired pay in one form or another including **Alabama, Hawaii, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Wisconsin.** Each state has specific qualifications so you need to check with your state tax authority for details.



HRSIC Email Data

HRSIC-RAS now has the capability of capturing your Email addresses for future correspondence, announcements, and notifications. This option/tool is very helpful to both the member and personnel working at HRSIC. If you have an Email address you would like to add, please send to:

hrsic-ras@hrsic.uscg.mil. Please include your SSN and full name. If you change your Email address in the future, simply send us the new one for updating.

If you were previously receiving an E-mail notification that Evening Colors was available for viewing on the Internet, please make sure you mention this when changing your e-mail address. The editor works in a different branch, and HRSIC-RAS will forward if mention is made.



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 importantly –

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY!



Nautical Terms, Phrases & Trivia

The term "Nautical" is rooted in the Greek word "NAUT", meaning sailor.

Big Chicken Dinner

Bad Conduct Discharge. In many ways, equivalent to a felony conviction.

Chit

One tradition carried on in the Navy is the use of the word "chit." It is a carry over from the days when Hindu traders used slips of paper called "citthi" for money, so they wouldn't have to carry heavy bags of gold and silver. British sailors shortened the word to chit and applied it to their mess vouchers.

Its most outstanding use in the CG today is a form used for requesting leave and liberty, and special requests. But the term is currently applied to almost any piece of paper from a pass to an official letter requesting some privilege.

Davit

Not used until 1811; which is the term for the tackle on the main and foremost shrouds for hoisting heavy boats aboard ship. -First called 'davitt', and by Captain John Smith, 'The David's End', in 1626. It itself is derived from 'Daviet', or 'David'; since it was the custom in those days to give proper names to implements, such as 'billy', or 'jack'. A few scholars have theorized that the true origin is related to the Biblical story of King David's son, Absalom, who was caught hanging from a tree branch by his hair.



Concurrent Receipt for Disabled Veterans

Editor's Note: As a supplement to January 2003 Evening Colors' article –



The Department of Defense (DoD) is continuing work on a dedicated information system to address retiree concerns and issues about this benefit. Representatives from Coast Guard Headquarters, Commandant (G-WPM-2) have attended meetings at the Pentagon and will provide the policy and procedures to HRSIC (RAS) when finalized. HRSIC (RAS) will pass along the policy and procedures when received.

COMBAT RELATED SPECIAL COMPENSATION VA FACT SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 10, 2002

BACKGROUND

On December 2, 2002, the President signed the Defense Authorization Act of 2003. Section 1413a of title 10, USC, enacted by section 636 of that bill includes a new benefit for certain disabled military retirees who have completed at least 20 years of service in the uniformed services that are creditable for purposes of computing the amount of retired pay to which the member is entitled.

GENERAL POINTS

Question: Who is eligible for this benefit?

Answer: To receive this benefit the following criteria (as stated in the DoD Appropriation Bill) must be met by the retiree:

1. have completed at least 20 years of service in the uniformed services that are creditable for purposes of computing the amount of retired pay to which the member is entitled; and
2. has a qualifying combat-related disability.
3. A qualifying combat-related disability means either of the following:
 - a) A disability that is attributable to an injury for which the member was awarded the Purple Heart; and is rated as not less than 10 percent disabling by the Secretary concerned as of the date on which the member is retired from the uniformed services under criteria prescribed by the Secretary of Defense; or by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
 - b) A service- connected disability that was incurred (as determined under criteria prescribed by the Secretary of Defense) as a direct result of armed conflict; while engaged in hazardous service; in the performance of duty under conditions simulating war; or through an instrumentality of war; and is rated as not less than 60 percent disabling by the Secretary concerned, as of the date on which the member is retired from the uniformed services under criteria prescribed by the Secretary of Defense; or by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Question: Who determines eligibility for Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC)?

Answer: (DoD) has sole responsibility for determining an individual's entitlement to this program.*

***For the Coast Guard: It is anticipated either Commandant (G-WPM-2) or HRSIC (RAS) will be the initial point of contact, as well as submission point for CG Retirees. Please await further**

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guidance.

Question: Will a retiree have to apply for CRSC?

Answer: Yes. DoD is currently developing an application that must be submitted (probably with supporting documentation).

Question: Does a retiree have to be in receipt of VA disability compensation to get CRSC?

Answer: Yes

THE APPLICATION AND INFORMATION PROCESS

Question: Where can a retiree get the application?

Answer: DoD is developing the application to be available no later than May 2003.

Question: When can a retiree expect to receive this new benefit?

Answer: The program does not begin until June 2003.

Question: Will new retiree applicants for compensation still have to waive retired pay to receive VA disability compensation?

Answer: Yes, this law does not affect current procedures. CRSC is not retired pay and must be applied for directly to DoD.

Question: Will there be other requirements to be eligible for this benefit?

Answer: DoD is responsible for developing the rules associated with this program. DoD has not finalized those rules.

Question: Is there a website or a phone number I can call to get more information?

Answer: DoD is developing a communication plan for retirees. Thus far a website with information or an 800 number have not been promulgated.

Question: Will the retiree have to provide specific information with his/her application?

Answer: Yes, DoD expects to require retirees to submit copies of correspondence from VA establishing service connected conditions.

Question: Will CRSC reimburse a retiree for the full amount by which his/her retirement has been reduced?

Answer: Not necessarily. The only reimbursements expected to be made under CRSC will be for conditions that meet the definitions in the law.

Source: CRLegislation.com, VA, and HRSIC-RAS

To all Retirees: The staff of HRSIC is working hard, and continuing to work with Commandant (G-WPM-2) to bring you the latest procedures as soon as possible. Retirees who think they may be eligible should begin to collect pertinent paperwork and have them available when an application procedure is announced. We thank you for your patience.



Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Kicks off 2003 Fundraising Campaign – Pulling Together



Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA) has been a steady force for good within the Coast Guard community for over 78 years, playing a vital role in supporting the Coast Guard's most important resource—its people.

Through financial counseling and need-based loans and grants, CGMA helps thousands of Coast Guard people each year. During 2002, close to 7,000 loans and grants were issued totaling in excess of \$6.5 million. Retired members received \$1.02 in assistance for every \$1 contributed. At any given time, CGMA has over \$5 million in outstanding loans, with over 90% of those to active duty and retired members.

Whether assisting junior enlisted members trying to make ends meet early on, or career members facing financial circumstances beyond their control, CGMA serves as a vital financial safety net, helping families and individuals get back on their feet and maintain financial health. At the same time, it minimizes the impact of financial crises on members' ability to perform their duties and pursue a successful Coast Guard career.

Contributing to CGMA is a good way to invest back into the Coast Guard community and help ensure that the Coast Guard continues its strong tradition of looking after its own—a way to ensure that, whatever else changes, Coast Guard people can rely on a solid, reliable relief organization.

Once a year, and only once a year, CGMA conducts a fundraising campaign. In March, campaign materials were mailed out to the retired community. Retirees are encouraged to respond with a generous contribution using the form and postage-paid return envelope included in the mail out.

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 contribution forms are available on the CGMA Web site, www.cgmahq.org. Mail contributions to Coast Guard Mutual Assistance, 4200 Wilson Blvd., Suite 610, Arlington, VA 22203. Make checks or money orders 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 tax deductible.

For more information about CGMA, visit their web site or call CGMA Headquarters at 1 (800) 881-2462.

Your support of Coast Guard Mutual Assistance is greatly appreciated!

“We Look After Our Own”



Reunions and Notices



Reminder from the Editor: If you are searching for one individual vice a group of people please send us a self addressed and stamped envelope, and we will be glad to forward to the person you are trying to locate. Mail to:

Commanding Officer (RAS)
CG Human Resources Service and Information Center
444 SE Quincy Street
Topeka, Kansas 66683

Thanks!!!

All "8x6" Retirees are requested to please contact Cdr. Bill Lordge at walordge@earthlink.net to discuss your TRICARE benefits if you are using the VA as your primary care provider.

OWENSBORO UNIT REUNION 2003 The date for the 2003 Reunion is set for Saturday April 26, 2003 starting about 1400 Central time. This year we will be meeting at the Restaurant of PS1 Bob Sheldon, Sheldon's Country Fixins located near Munfordville, KY. Phone #(270) 524-3100. The Restaurant can be reached by the following:
From the Louisville area, take I-65 South to Exit 65 (about 75 miles), turn towards Munfordville. The restaurant is about 150 yards from I-65. From the South take I-65 North to exit 65 (about 35 miles from Bowling Green.) Reasonable cost lodging should be available at Cave City or Horse Cave. The Restaurant is a short distance from Mammouth Cave National Park. Additional information contact either Lt. Les Allen (502) 495-2457 E-mail lesallen@hotmail.com or CWO Radin at (859) 885-1236 E-mail gpradin@Juno.com

USCG 255 FT CLASS CUTTER Sailors Reunion III The 255 Sailors Reunion III for all thirteen 255 ft Cutters will be held at the Plaza Hotel/Casino in Las Vegas, NV on 4 through 8 May 2003. For more information contact the Reunion Committee at P.O. Box 33523, Juneau, AK or call (907)789-2579. Also Email: doak17@gci.net.

REUNION OF THE USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS ASSN
On 2-3-4 October 2003, Lewes, DE. Contact Lou Toobert, 111 Sonant Dr., Newark, DE 19713, Tel: 302-738-9020, Email: jtruffles@aol.com

USCGC JARVIS WHEC 725 will have a reunion on 15-16 May 2003 in Ft Lauderdale Fl. Please contact Walter Stanczyk 6935 NW 17th Ct. Margate Fl 33063 or E-Mail at stanczyk1790@juno.com or by phone (954) 979-3750.

USCGC Rockaway (W-377) 2 - 5 October 2003

Cape May, New Jersey

All who ever sailed on the USCGC Rockaway (W-377), or on the USS Rockaway (AVP-29) in WWII, are welcome to join over 100 shipmates for the second reunion of her crews from 2 to 5 October 2003 where many of their memories began: Cape May, New Jersey. Events include the graduation ceremony of our newest Coast Guardsmen, a dinner dance at the officers club, war-story sessions in the hospitality suite as well as rooms on the beach with seaside balconies.

Details, registration forms and photos are available on the Internet at <http://www.cccnews.net/rockaway> and shipmates may add their names to the reunion information list by phoning Chief Harris at 623 933-2226, or by emailing Lou Woods at rockaway311@earthlink.com or Tom Woloski at tomwoloski@aol.com .

A Reunion is in the planning stage for USCGC CHASE this August 8th in Boston. If so it would be great. The reunion is open to all former and present members of the ship. We are working out details for hotels and transportation around Boston during the event. The Reunion is August 8th thru the 10th. We will be having some events during the weekend and a Happy Hour Friday night and a formal dinner on Saturday night. Anyone interested should contact myself, Pete Levine, email at plevinr@keeneadvertising.com. We are trying to get a number as soon as possible for planning purposes.

Come be a part of Maritime history. **Join the Indian River Life Saving Station Foundation.** For more information contact:

Indian River Lifesaving Station
130 Coastal highway
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971
(302) 227-0478, Email dspf@splus.net We also have a web site which is, www.irlss.org

USCGC CAMPBELL W-32 - Association will have its 18th Annual Reunion on May 13 - 16, 2003 at the Radisson Hotel Hampton, 700 Settlers Landing Road, Hampton, VA 23669. 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 USCGC CAMPBELL W-909 are welcomed and urged to attend.. For details contact Mike Truex, President USCG Association, W-32 W- 909, 8 Harvard Ave., Neptune, NJ 07753, Tel: 732-922-6245, Email mrtruex@worldnet.att.net or James Kelly, Vice President, 40 Lisa Lane, Uncasville, CT 06382. Tel: 860-848-1160, Email: Jkelly3@earthlink.net.

USS BURTON ISLAND (AG-88) & (AGB-1), USCGC BURTON ISLAND (WAGB-283) Reunion. USS/USCGC Burton Island Operation Deep Freeze support ship has scheduled a reunion for June 9th thru June 13th, 2003 at the Sands Rengency Hotel/Casino in Reno, NV. For more information please contact: Greg Reel, 4900 NE Park Lane, Kansas City, MO 64118-5928. Tel 816-454-7991 and email gnbreel@kc.rr.com

USCGC COURIER (WAGR-410, WTR-410) Association will hold next reunion at San Diego on September 1 thru 6 2003. All crew members and guests are invited. Please contact Gill Riggs, P.O. Box 28, San Rafael, NM 87501, Tel: 505-287-3338, or Email Dave Newell, at dnewell3@charter.net.



Locator



The USCG National Association of Former Stewards and Stewardmates Inc. will be celebrating their 14th Reunion at the Ramada Inn, 850 South Beltline Highway, Mobile, Alabama 36609 from August 1st thru August 3rd 2003. Please contact CPO Norman McGlone, USCG (Ret.) at 632 Henry St. – Attucks, Norfolk, VA 23510, Tel: 757-640-0524.

From Lura D. Jarvie, 81 Old Norway Drive, Bar Harbor, ME 04609 “I have been trying to locate an old school friend whose father was in the Coast Guard in Southwest Harbor, Maine in 1954-56, or at least part of those years. Unfortunately, I do not know the father’s first name, only his nickname which was “Whitey” and the last name was Grant. I do not know the mother’s name. The daughter I am trying to locate was named Rachel and her birthday was April 4, 1945. She had a sister born while they were stationed in SWH whose name, I believe, was Louisa Katrina, born Oct 23, 1956. Rachel and I were close friends during their time there and I eventually lost track of her. Can you help me or give me advice as how to locate her or her parents? Thank you so much.” *Lura D. Jarvie*

USCG Manned Attack Transport 37th Reunion. ALL HANDS – USS CALLAWAY (APA-35) - Former crew members will gather on 8 – 11 September 2003 in Orleans, Massachusetts at Orleans Holiday Motel. For more details contact Wallace E. Shipp, 5319 Manning Place NW, Washington DC 20016-5311, Tel: 202-363-3663.

SBP Info Online

The following links on the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) and the Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RCSBP) are provided to help you understand the Plans and how important it is to all retirement eligible personnel and their families. As always, if you would like further information, or have specific questions about either of these programs, please contact us by phone, toll-free at: 1-800-772-8724; via fax at: (785)339-3770; email at HRSIC-RAS@hrsic.uscg.mil, or write to us at:

**Commanding Officer (RAS)
U.S. Coast Guard Human Resources Service
& Information Center
444 SE Quincy Street
Topeka, Kansas 66683-3591**

http://www.uscg.mil/hq/hrsic/sbp_rcsbp.htm

<http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsepcalc/eomain.htm>

<http://arpc.afrc.af.mil/dpsse/index.htm>

<http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/>

https://osprey.manpower.usmc.mil/manpower/mi/MRA_OFCT.nsf/mmsr/Survivor+Benefit+Plan+Home

<http://www.odcsper.army.mil/Directorates/retire/retire1.asp>

North Coast New York CG Assn. Seeking any Coastie who served at Erie, PA Lifeboat Station, Buffalo Base, Fort Niagara LBS, Rochester LBS, Sodus Pt. (AUX OP), Oswego LBSU, Big Sandy Life Saving Station, Galloo Island LBS, Sackets Harbor (AUX OP), Cape Vincent Light Attendant Station, Station Clayton, WWII, CG Station Alex. Bay, MSD Massena, Burlington Base, VT, ATON Saugerties, Reserve Unit (PSU) Buffalo/Syracuse, Loran Station Seneca. Also any Lighthouse, small unit or CG Cutter that was home ported or worked in the above area. Any year, regular, reserve, auxiliary and civilian CG including M&R teams and Ets. Contact NORTH COAST NEW YORK COAST GUARD ASSN., 4712 Glenwood Dr., Mantua, OH 44255, Tel: 330-274-2927. Reunion is set for 12 thru 14 September 2003, Sackets Harbor, NY.

US Coast Guard Institute in Oklahoma City (OKC) is planning a reunion for a group of people stationed at, or employed as civilians from 1969 – 1975. The reunion will be held in OKC over the Armed Forces Day weekend May 15 thru 18 2003. Please contact Deny Davis, 4186 Runningfawn Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45247, Email dcarldavis@aol.com. If you have internet, you can also log on to the “Extutes” webpage at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/extutes>. Here you can leave a message for the Web Page’s admin on how to join the group, currently 180 strong.



USCG Retirements



| Name | Rank | Date of Retirement | Years of Service |
|-----------------------|-------|--------------------|------------------|
| ADAMS, JAMIE | SN | 20021220 | 02 |
| ALANO, JONATHAN | EM3 | 20030123 | 02 |
| ALLEN, MICHAEL | QMC | 20030101 | 22 |
| ANDERSON, DAVID | MKC | 20021119 | 35 |
| ANDREW, AVERY | TCC | 20030201 | 21 |
| AVERY, ETHEL | HSC | 20021122 | 25 |
| AYMETT, CHARLES | HSC | 20021201 | 21 |
| BANACH, ROBERT | AVT1 | 20030201 | 20 |
| BARNWELL, GILBERT | SK1 | 20021201 | 20 |
| BARTOLINI, THOMAS | MK1 | 20030201 | 20 |
| BASNIGHT, ARNOLD | ENG4 | 20030114 | 37 |
| BAUGH, BRADFORD | HSCM | 20030118 | 41 |
| BAUSKA, BRADLEY | FTC | 20030101 | 20 |
| BEASLEY, JOHN | PERS3 | 20030201 | 26 |
| BECKY, GREGG | ET1 | 20021201 | 20 |
| BEKKER, ROGER | LT | 20021206 | 36 |
| BILTON, BOBBY | MKC | 20021104 | 32 |
| BOCKUS, BRIAN | FSC | 20030201 | 24 |
| BOGGS, PARKER | BMCM | 20030117 | 25 |
| BONEKEMPER, EDWARD | CDR | 20021207 | 34 |
| BOURGEOIS, JOHN | LCDR | 20021201 | 20 |
| BOWER, JAMES | ENG4 | 20030201 | 30 |
| BRADLEY, CURTIS | BOSN3 | 20030201 | 27 |
| BRAY, KAREN | SKC | 20030201 | 20 |
| BRENNAN, TERRENCE | YNC | 20021201 | 26 |
| BREWER, ALVIN | ENG3 | 20030201 | 26 |
| BREWER, GASTON | YNC | 20021201 | 22 |
| BROWN, RONALD | CDR | 20021030 | 36 |
| BROWN, TERRY | COMM2 | 20021201 | 20 |
| BRUNER, JAMES | MK1 | 20030111 | 24 |
| BUONADIES, JOSEPH | BM1 | 20011018 | 37 |
| BURUM, CHAD | TTC | 20021201 | 22 |
| BUTLER, PATRICIA | PSC | 20021126 | 28 |
| BUTLER, WILLIAM | ETC | 20030126 | 38 |
| CACCUITTO, MICHAEL | CDR | 20030201 | 37 |
| CALDWELL, DOMINIC | PERS2 | 20030201 | 20 |
| CARLSON, RICHMOND | BOSN4 | 20030119 | 34 |
| CHEN, SCOTT | MST1 | 20021101 | 20 |
| CLARK, CHRISTOPHER | LCDR | 20030101 | 20 |
| CLARK, DAVID | BMC | 20030201 | 24 |
| CLONTZ, WILLIAM | CDR | 20021116 | 34 |
| COLLINS, KENNETH | MK3 | 20021201 | 20 |
| COLLINS, RICHARD | EM1 | 20021106 | 31 |
| CONROW, SETH | BMC | 20030101 | 20 |
| COOMBS, MATTHEW | ENG4 | 20030201 | 26 |
| COOPER, RICHARD | YNC | 20021201 | 27 |
| CORP, BRIAN | FSC | 20030101 | 20 |
| COX, DAVID | ET2 | 20030201 | 20 |
| CROCKETT, KEVIN | MKCS | 20030101 | 22 |
| CUIPENSKI, PETER | AMTC | 20030119 | 35 |
| CZELUSNIAK, STANLEY | MK1 | 20021204 | 40 |
| DAMRATH, RONALD | LCDR | 20021117 | 37 |
| DANIELS, RONALD | PS1 | 20030122 | 38 |
| DAVIS, ANTHONY | WEPS2 | 20021201 | 20 |
| DAVIS, LESLIE | SKCS | 20021201 | 20 |
| DEAN, TANCY | SN | 20021121 | 06 |
| DEKORT, MICHAEL | BM1 | 20021201 | 20 |
| DELANY, VINCENT | QMC | 20021201 | 23 |
| DOBNEY, MARK | BOSN4 | 20021201 | 30 |
| DRAVES, SHAWN | MKC | 20021201 | 20 |
| DREGER, JOHN | ETC | 20021201 | 24 |
| DUNHAM, LESTER | FSCM | 20021201 | 22 |
| DUNN, CASEY | DC1 | 20021201 | 20 |
| DUPLESSIS, TONY | SK1 | 20021114 | 32 |
| DWYER, RAYMOND | AMTCS | 20021201 | 23 |
| EMGE, ALBERT | RDC | 20030201 | 20 |
| ENNENGA, KENNETH | MKC | 20030101 | 20 |
| EVANSSTEWART, BLANCHE | YN1 | 20021201 | 20 |
| EVERETT, WILLIAM | ENG2 | 20030201 | 20 |

| Name | Rank | Date of Retirement | Years of Service |
|---------------------|-------|--------------------|------------------|
| FARMER, ALLAN | BOSN4 | 20011212 | 42 |
| FARRINGER, ROBERT | CAPT | 20030124 | 38 |
| FELCYN, KEITH | WEPS4 | 20030201 | 26 |
| FIGURA, JERZY | ELC4 | 20030201 | 30 |
| FISCHER, GEORGE | ENG4 | 20021111 | 32 |
| FITZPATRICK, PETER | MK1 | 20021101 | 20 |
| FLYNN, JOHN | LCDR | 20030101 | 24 |
| FLYNN, THEODORE | CAPT | 20030127 | 36 |
| FONTAINO, FRANK | BM2 | 20021101 | 32 |
| FORD, DAVID | LCDR | 20030101 | 20 |
| FRASER, RONALD | CDR | 20021210 | 36 |
| FREEMAN, JEFFREY | CDR | 20030101 | 22 |
| FROELICH, STEVEN | CAPT | 20030101 | 29 |
| GABOURY, RANDYL | FS1 | 20030101 | 20 |
| GALLAGHER, JOHN | F&S4 | 20021207 | 40 |
| GALLAGHER, PAUL | AMT2 | 20021201 | 22 |
| GAMBERS, CHRIS | YNC | 20030101 | 20 |
| GARCIA, RUBEN | YNC | 20030101 | 24 |
| GARLITZ, RAYMOND | MKC | 20021201 | 20 |
| GAUTHIER, ROBERT | BMCM | 20000103 | 31 |
| GEER, CATHERINE | SK1 | 20030101 | 20 |
| GILBERT, KENNETH | LCDR | 20030103 | 37 |
| GOINS, DONALD | PS1 | 20021103 | 37 |
| GOLDEN, JACK | LCDR | 20021111 | 29 |
| GOLDEN, MICHAEL | HS1 | 20030101 | 20 |
| GOOD, JA | YNCM | 20030201 | 24 |
| GOVERNALE, BENJAMIN | CDR | 20021109 | 39 |
| GRAHAM, ROBERT | COMM2 | 20021201 | 21 |
| GRIFFIN, JEFFREY | CDR | 20030101 | 20 |
| GROMACK, KENNETH | MED3 | 20030125 | 39 |
| GUDGEL, GARY | YNCS | 20021201 | 24 |
| GUERRA, OSCAR | PS1 | 20030124 | 22 |
| HAGLER, JAMES | MKC | 20021127 | 35 |
| HAINES, STEPHEN | FS1 | 20030101 | 20 |
| HALL, DOUGLAS | CDR | 20021220 | 37 |
| HAVRANEK, JAMES | YNCS | 20021107 | 37 |
| HAYES, LEE | LCDR | 20021210 | 34 |
| HAYES, LEONARD | LT | 20021208 | 36 |
| HEITSTUMAN, THOMAS | CDR | 20021201 | 20 |
| HESS, DAN | BOSN4 | 20030201 | 28 |
| HEUER, CYNTHIA | LT | 20030110 | 07 |
| HIGGINS, DENNIS | BMC | 20030111 | 38 |
| HIGH, SHERALD | PSC | 20030129 | 34 |
| HIXSON, CAREY | LT | 20030201 | 21 |
| HOLLAND, RONALD | PSCM | 20021111 | 35 |
| HOLMES, CHRISTOPHER | LT | 20021201 | 20 |
| HORMELL, GARY | BMC | 20021110 | 38 |
| HORN, YOLANDA | YN1 | 20021201 | 20 |
| HOWARD, WILLIAM | MST1 | 20021215 | 22 |
| HUFFMAN, ANDREW | FSCS | 20030201 | 20 |
| HUGHES, TREVOR | CDR | 20021124 | 40 |
| HUMPHREYS, JOHN | SR | 20010919 | 21 |
| HUNTER, WILLIAM | MK1 | 20021216 | 35 |
| HUSK, FLOYD | BOSN2 | 20021201 | 21 |
| JACOBS, JOSEPH | CDR | 20030101 | 27 |
| JAMES, ANDREW | PSS3 | 20021206 | 38 |
| JENKINS, CRAIG | FN | 20021122 | 04 |
| JENNINGS, MACE | MST1 | 20030118 | 20 |
| JOHANSEN, JASON | FS1 | 20030201 | 20 |
| JOHNSON, ROBERT | ENG2 | 20021201 | 20 |
| JOHNSON, STEVEN | RDC | 20011001 | 20 |
| JOHNSON, TIMOTHY | MKC | 20030101 | 23 |
| JOHNSTON, WALTER | MK2 | 20021201 | 20 |
| JOLY, PAUL | PS3 | 20030111 | 32 |
| JONES, DARWIN | MKCS | 20021201 | 23 |
| JONES, RICHARD | YNCM | 20030101 | 28 |
| KAHLE, WILLIAM | MK1 | 20021119 | 31 |

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| KEARNEY, MATTHEW | QMC | 20030201 | 21 | POTTER, RICHARD | AMT1 | 20030201 | 20 |
| KIME, ANTHONY | CDR | 20021124 | 36 | PUGH, ARCHIE | MSTC | 20030119 | 25 |
| KLACZKIEWICZ, MIKE | EMC | 20021111 | 25 | REAGAN, STEVE | DCC | 20021201 | 20 |
| KNOTHON, JAMES | MK1 | 20021222 | 34 | REDD, JAMES | BMC | 20030201 | 20 |
| KOCH, ROBERT | FSCS | 20021201 | 24 | RICH, LEONARD | ENG2 | 20030201 | 24 |
| KOFRON, HENRY | CAPT | 20030101 | 36 | RICHARDSON, EVERAGE | YN1 | 20021201 | 22 |
| LACEY, MAURICE | ET1 | 20030101 | 20 | RIVERA, ARIEL | YN1 | 20021122 | 14 |
| LAMPER, MARC | BMC | 20021201 | 20 | ROBERTS, JOEL | LT | 20030101 | 23 |
| LANTZ, JEFFREY | CAPT | 20030201 | 28 | ROLDAN, GEORGE | ENG2 | 20030201 | 27 |
| LEBEAU, ARTHUR | MK1 | 20021201 | 20 | ROSADO, ISMAEL | SK1 | 20021201 | 20 |
| LEOPOLD, PAUL | SK2 | 20030115 | 35 | ROSENHOLM, GLENN | PACM | 20030101 | 22 |
| LEWIS, JUDY | SK2 | 20021114 | 23 | RUSSELL, JAMES | LT | 20021114 | 38 |
| LICHTY, LOREN | ETC | 20021201 | 20 | RUTHERFORD, MARK | CDR | 20030201 | 21 |
| LINDLEY, RICHARD | MKCM | 20021217 | 37 | RZEMENIEWSKI, ROBERT | CAPT | 20030101 | 29 |
| LOEWENTHAL, RONALD | QM1 | 20021201 | 20 | SANCHEZ, ATILANO | YNC | 20021201 | 20 |
| LOEWENTHAL, RONALD | QM1 | 20030126 | 20 | SASSIN, MARK | AMTC | 20021201 | 26 |
| LOMONACO, LAWRENCE | LCDR | 20021210 | 29 | SATTERTHWAITE, STEVEN | CAPT | 20030106 | 38 |
| LUCKOW, WR | IV1 | 20021118 | 34 | SEALE, ROBERT | LT | 20030101 | 22 |
| LYLE, WILLIAM | PSCM | 20030122 | 36 | SEBALD, MARK | AVTCS | 20021201 | 22 |
| MACK, PERCY | YN1 | 20021201 | 20 | SHYE, CHARLES | EM2 | 20021201 | 23 |
| MADDOCKS, RALPH | DC1 | 20030118 | 26 | SIEBRANDS, ALDA | CDR | 20030101 | 24 |
| MAGARO, STEVEN | LT | 20030201 | 18 | SIMMERMAN, JEFFRY | LCDR | 20030101 | 21 |
| MANDELL, JERALYN | BMC | 20021201 | 20 | SIMPSON, DOUGLAS | LT | 20021129 | 39 |
| MARTIN, PAUL | BOSN4 | 20030201 | 27 | SINGLETON, HENRY | BMC | 20030201 | 30 |
| MARTINSEN, RICHARD | PSC | 20030122 | 36 | SMITH, BRIAN | FSCS | 20030101 | 28 |
| MAXWELL, JAMES | PS1 | 20030118 | 33 | SMITH, CHRISTOPHER | YN1 | 20021201 | 20 |
| MAYA, DANIEL | ET1 | 20030201 | 22 | SMITH, JEFFREY | LT | 20030201 | 20 |
| MCCLEARY, MICHAEL | AVT1 | 20030101 | 23 | SNYDER, GEORGE | FS2 | 20021201 | 20 |
| MCCONNELL, ADAM | BOSN2 | 20021201 | 21 | SOUTHARD, THOMAS | F&S3 | 20021201 | 30 |
| MCCRACKEN, MARK | YN1 | 20030101 | 25 | SPEED, STEVE | QMC | 20021201 | 20 |
| MCGEARY, MICHAEL | ET2 | 20021201 | 20 | SPELLMAN, VICTOR | TCC | 20021201 | 20 |
| MCGHEE, FRANK | TC1 | 20021201 | 20 | SQUIRES, JOHN | ET1 | 20021201 | 20 |
| MCGOWAN, LINDA | YNCS | 20021122 | 28 | STEINBACH, MICHAEL | AST1 | 20030201 | 20 |
| MCGREGOR, TERRY | BOSN2 | 20030101 | 20 | STERLING, HUBERT | LT | 20030120 | 38 |
| MCGUIRE, CLIFFORD | LCDR | 20021206 | 24 | STEVENSON, SHELDON | MAT2 | 20030201 | 22 |
| MCKAY, JOHN | BM2 | 20021201 | 20 | STLAURENT, STEPHEN | AVT3 | 20021216 | 25 |
| MCKEOWN, MARY | LCDR | 20030201 | 20 | STONE, WILLIAM | PA1 | 20021104 | 34 |
| MCKIERNAN, MICHAEL | BOSN4 | 20030201 | 27 | STYRON, ROBERT | LCDR | 20030101 | 21 |
| MCKINNA, ROBERT | BOSN4 | 20021201 | 30 | SULLIVAN, MICHAEL | ENG3 | 20030201 | 26 |
| MCMILLAN, JERRY | ENG4 | 20030201 | 27 | SULLIVAN, WILLIAM | BM3 | 20021220 | 05 |
| MCNAMARA, JOHN | GMC | 20030201 | 24 | SYDNOR, LEVERN | RDSCS | 20021201 | 20 |
| MEADE, LARRY | FSC | 20021201 | 20 | SYMON, WILLIAM | PSCS | 20030103 | 31 |
| MEDINA, MANUEL | YNC | 20021121 | 31 | TAYLOR, JAMES | MKC | 20030201 | 27 |
| MEISTRELL, SONJA | TCC | 20021228 | 29 | TAYLOR, JOSEPH | CDR | 20021115 | 41 |
| MENDICELLI, EUGENE | AVTC | 20030201 | 22 | TERESINSKI, GEORGE | SK1 | 20030104 | 39 |
| MEREDITH, DAVID | HSC | 20021201 | 20 | THOMPSON, DEBRA | YNCM | 20021201 | 21 |
| MEZZASALMA, ANDREA | BM1 | 20030201 | 20 | THURMAN, LLOYD | MK1 | 20021216 | 40 |
| MIDDLETON, WILLIAM | F&S4 | 20030201 | 30 | TORRESGONZALEZ, LUIS | FS1 | 20021201 | 20 |
| MILLER, ALAN | LCDR | 20030126 | 32 | TROMBLEY, DANIEL | TC1 | 20030201 | 20 |
| MILLER, ANTHONY | SK2 | 20021201 | 22 | TURCOTTE, KEVIN | BMC | 20030201 | 20 |
| MILLER, GREGORY | ASTCM | 20030201 | 29 | TWILLEY, EDWARD | MSTC | 20021217 | 26 |
| MILLER, HARRY | PS1 | 20021211 | 30 | ULLMER, BRUCE | F&S4 | 20030201 | 29 |
| MITCHELL, ANDREW | LT | 20030118 | 28 | VINCENT, JAMES | LCDR | 20030201 | 20 |
| MITCHELL, KENNETH | ENG4 | 20030201 | 27 | VOGEL, CHARLES | YN2 | 20021204 | 31 |
| MONTEE, TRACY | ET2 | 20030127 | 36 | VOGEL, FRED | FSC | 20021213 | 38 |
| MONTICOLOR, ROCKY | BM3 | 20021122 | 04 | WALTERS, ROBERT | CDR | 20030201 | 26 |
| MORRISON, WILLIAM | LT | 20021201 | 22 | WEGRYN, LOUIS | BMC | 20021128 | 33 |
| MUMFORD, MICHAEL | AST2 | 20030101 | 20 | WERT, SARAH | PERS4 | 20021116 | 27 |
| NASS, TIMOTHY | MKC | 20021201 | 22 | WETHE, CHRISTIAN | CDR | 20021219 | 35 |
| NELSON, DAVID | PSC | 20021224 | 36 | WHITE, PERRY | EMCS | 20021224 | 42 |
| NEWMAN, DAN | TTC | 20030201 | 20 | WILKINSON, LEON | YN2 | 20030201 | 20 |
| NICHOLSON, JOHN | CDR | 20021115 | 39 | WILMOTH, DARWYN | LCDR | 20030101 | 21 |
| NOTMAN, RAYMOND | COMM4 | 20021201 | 30 | WILP, JOHN | SKC | 20021201 | 24 |
| OBRIEN, EDWARD | MK1 | 20021231 | 28 | WOLF, RICHARD | MK1 | 20021201 | 20 |
| OCONNOR, FRANCES | YNCS | 20021220 | 28 | WOLF, WALDON | PSC | 20030129 | 37 |
| OLSON, DWIGHT | YNC | 20030115 | 31 | WOLFE, BRIAN | BM1 | 20021201 | 21 |
| OMALLEY, STEVEN | LCDR | 20030201 | 20 | WORSENCROFT, CHARLES | FSC | 20030111 | 36 |
| ORTIZ, FLOBERTO | IV1 | 20030126 | 27 | WRIGHT, WILLIAM | BM2 | 20030103 | 33 |
| OSTERHAUS, DONALD | PSCS | 20021218 | 27 | YUST, JOHN | PSCM | 20021227 | 40 |
| OUELLETTE, ARCHIE | YNC | 20021207 | 27 | ZACHEWICZ, GERALD | HS1 | 20021209 | 38 |
| OWENS, JESSE | BOSN3 | 20030101 | 26 | | | | |
| PATCHETT, ALBERT | TCCS | 20021201 | 30 | | | | |
| PATLAK, DAVID | MAT4 | 20030101 | 24 | | | | |
| PAYNE, JAMES | AMTC | 20030101 | 20 | | | | |
| PEREZ, PHILLIP | LCDR | 20030201 | 20 | | | | |
| PETERSON, DANIEL | MED2 | 20021201 | 21 | | | | |
| POMALES, DEMETRIO | PS1 | 20030105 | 35 | | | | |
| PORTER, RONALD | ELC4 | 20030101 | 29 | | | | |

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| KENNY, MAUREEN | CAPT | 20030101 | 27 |
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| PETERSON, DAVID | CAPT | 20030201 | 31 |



Daily Planner

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| 8:00 am | coffee, newspaper |
| 9:00 am | aimless puttering |
| 10:00 am | doughnut(s). start crossword |
| 11:00 am | nap |
| Noon | lunch. continue crossword |
| 1:00 pm | open mail, pile haphazardly |
| 2:00 pm | nap |
| 3:00 pm | snack. abandon crossword |
| 4:00 pm | stare out window |
| 5:00 pm | call it a day |

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



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Yorktown Retiree Luncheon

Traditionally, the second Wednesday of every month, TRACEN's Retiree Council hosts a luncheon at the Port of York in keeping with our motto, "Lending a Helping Hand." It appears that the word is getting out as the number of retirees attending continues to increase each and every month. The cost of the luncheon is minimal, includes entrée, beverages, and desserts. Reserved tables are set aside and include other retired members of the armed forces. Tall stories, war stories, sea stories and exaggerations are all part of the camaraderie.

Approximately once every quarter the Retiree Council hosts an evening dinner at the Port of York in keeping within the guidelines of COMDTINST 1800.5D. This dinner is open to everyone including spouses and begins at 1730 hours and ends at 1930 hours. Pertinent information is passed, discussed and disseminated. Invited guests include the Commanding Officer and CMC TRACEN Yorktown, and usually a guest speaker. If you wish to attend, please call and leave either your name, telephone number, or e-mail address, and you will be notified at least a week in advance with all of the particulars.

One of the biggest concerns of this retiree council is to constantly stay abreast of what seems to be the ever – dwindling benefits received by the retired military community. We are committed to seeking all the benefits our retirees are entitled to as well as doing our best to take care of those retirees in need of assistance.

Contact us with your e-mail address if you would like to be informed of important information, meetings, luncheons, etcetera.

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| LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | RANK | DATE OF DEATH | CITY | STATE |
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| ABEL | WILLIAM | MK1 | 20021229 | XENIA | OH |
| ADAMS | ROBERT | CDR | 20021202 | FREDERICK | MD |
| BARKER | WILLIAM | PSCM | 20021222 | YUCCA VALLEY | CA |
| BARR | ROBERT | LCDR | 20030105 | MIAMI | FL |
| BASNETT | DAVID | BOSN1 | 20030210 | FRISCO | NC |
| BENGTSON | KARL | CDR | 20021110 | LACONIA | NH |
| BENSON | HARRY | CSCS | 20030205 | HAYWARD | CA |
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| BONDS | CURTIS | SSC | 20030215 | JEFFERSON | GA |
| BRESNAHAN | RICHARD | ALC | 20021226 | BEVERLY | MA |
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| COLLINS | HERBERT | EMCS | 20030102 | SWANSEA | MA |
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| COREY | DWIGHT | RDCM | 20030116 | CHARLOTTESVLE | VA |
| COUSINS | EDWARD | ATCM | 20030118 | STAFFORD | TX |
| CRAIG | EDWARD | CAPT | 20021125 | SEBASTIAN | FL |
| DASHER | HOWARD | BMC | 20021211 | FORT PIERCE | FL |
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| DEEM | JEFFERY | ETCM | 20021119 | PORT ANGELES | WA |
| DETZEL | ROBERT | CAPT | 20030124 | FAIRVIEW | PA |
| DICK | GEORGE | CAPT | 20030126 | SEATTLE | WA |
| DILLINGHAM | GEORGE | DC1 | 20030217 | LAVERGNE | TN |
| DOMINGO | AQUILINO | SD1 | 20021124 | REDMOND | WA |
| DOWDY | WELLFORD | CWO3 | 20030210 | MIDLOTHIAN | VA |
| DUCKWORTH | CLIFTON | DCC | 20021128 | LYNN | MA |
| DUNLEA | DENNIS | BMC | 20021214 | GROTON | CT |
| DUNWOODY | THOMAS | CDR | 20021123 | CHATTANOOGA | TN |
| ENIS | JOHN | CAPT | 20030129 | OMAHA | NE |
| EPSTEIN | JOSEPH | LT | 20030103 | VIRGINIA BCH | VA |
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| EVERETT | KENNETH | BM1 | 20021215 | POTEET | TX |
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| FRYE | WILLIAM | EN1 | 20030114 | FAIRBORN | OH |
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| GRAHAM | RANSON | BMC | 20030126 | CAPE MAY | NJ |
| GRANGER | JOHN | DCCM | 20021103 | FREMONT | CA |
| GUERRA | OSCAR | PS1 | 20030124 | SAN ANTONIO | TX |
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| HERRMANN | LLOYD | BM1 | 20021205 | BARD | CA |
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| STINSON | FRANK | RMC | 20021223 | SANTA ROSA | CA |
| STRAVINSKY | RALPH | RMC | 20021101 | GRETNA | LA |
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| SWANSON | FRANKLIN | BMC | 20021112 | HARRISBURG | OR |
| TAYLOR | ROBERT | RMC | 20030118 | VACAVILLE | CA |
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| THOMAS | GLENN | HMC | 20021108 | FAIRFIELD | OH |
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| TOLIVER | EUGENE | BMC | 20030217 | GOLDEN VALLEY | AZ |
| TRAHAN | CONRAD | CSCS | 20021208 | NEWINGTON | CT |
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| TUITASI | GALU | BMC | 20021224 | TRACYTON | WA |
| TULLIS | GEORGE | YNCS | 20021215 | LARGO | FL |
| VALLIER | KENT | AVI4 | 20030121 | SATSUMA | AL |
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| WARD | JERRY | MKC | 20021211 | UNION CITY | TN |
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| WHITE | GERALD | ADC | 20030125 | CHARLESTON | OR |
| WILLIAMS | BRYANT | BMCM | 20021216 | GAINESVILLE | FL |
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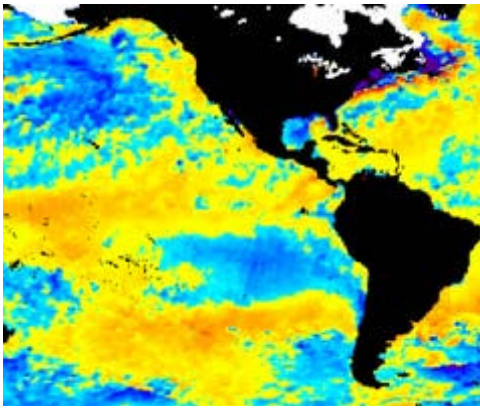
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EL NIÑO INFLUENCE NOT OVER FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Rains May Yet Provide Some Drought Relief

February 11, 2003 — For parched areas of southern California, lingering El Niño influences may bring some relief within the coming months, top officials from NOAA said today. While the region has not seen the full distribution of precipitation associated with most El Niño episodes, its influence still remains.

At a news conference today at the American Meteorological Society's Annual Meeting in Long Beach, Calif., retired Navy Vice Adm. Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Ph. D., undersecretary of commerce for oceans and atmosphere and NOAA administrator, said, "The dryness of this winter in southern California is a stark contrast to our vivid memories of the last El Niño, when relentless rains eroded hillsides, causing beach houses to collapse into the surf."

The latest NOAA Drought Monitor shows moderate-to-extreme drought across interior southern California. "El Niño usually flexes its muscles during late winter and spring in this area. This moderate El Niño didn't pack the punch of some previous versions. A moderate El Niño reduces the chance for above-normal rainfall in southern California, but it's too early to count it out as a significant rainmaker," Lautenbacher said.

He added, "El Niño remains a phenomenon we need to learn more about. In 70 percent of the last 11 El Niño events, the region received above-normal rainfall from February through April. So far, this season has been an anomaly."

El Niño occurs when sea-surface temperatures in the equatorial Pacific Ocean remain significantly above average for three or more months, which can change atmospheric and weather patterns around the world.

Based on the latest computer models and observations, NOAA forecasters expect El Niño, which reached its "mature stage" last month, to continue weakening through April, with near-normal sea-surface temperatures returning from May through October.

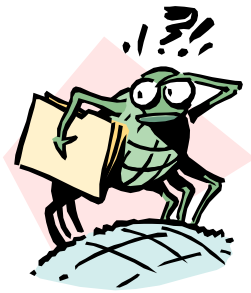
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Southern California and the Southwest can expect increased storminess from mid-February into March, according to NOAA National Weather Service Director retired Brig. Gen. Jack Kelly. "We think the rain is going to come. When it does, it will help provide some relief to these drought-stricken areas," he said.

Overall for the United States, Kelly said NOAA forecasters expect El Niño to continue favoring: warmer-than-normal temperatures across the northern tier of the nation and southern and southeastern Alaska; drier-than-normal conditions in the northern Rockies, Ohio Valley and Great Lakes regions; wetter-than-normal conditions in states along the U.S. southern tier, and cooler than normal in South Carolina, Georgia, and states bordering the Gulf coast.

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