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RESTORATION AND REHABILITATION WORK ON COAST GUARD STATION AT EAST BEACH, ST. SIMONS ISLAND, GEORGIA COMPLETED



Source: Coastal Georgia Historical Society

ST. SIMONS ISLAND, GA—Since 1936, the Coast Guard Station at East Beach, St. Simons Island has stood watch over the ever-changing waters of the island. Today, the Coastal Georgia Historical Society is standing watch over the Coast Guard Station. Adaptive rehabilitation and restoration work began on this unique station in April of 2004 thanks to an ISTE A grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Historical Society worked closely with the Glynn County Board of Commissioners and EDS Services of Savannah to preserve this historic building on the island.

This unique historic resource has been an integral part of the changing landscape of the island. Construction crews of the Public Works Administration (PWA) began work in 1935 on what was originally a life-saving station. Commissioned in 1937, the 2.5 acre complex includes the station house, surf boat and jalopy garage, signal tower, and a series of concrete sidewalks. St. Simons Island Coast Guard Station was the only Coast Guard life-saving station established on the Georgia coast at that time. The former boathouse was 3 1/2 miles away at the Frederica River. At the time of construction, the water's edge reached the current parking lot, directly in front of the station.

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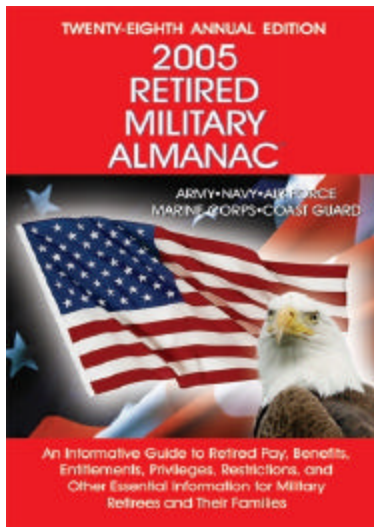
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If the widow's walk could talk, stories of U-boats, observation blimps, lost shrimpers, weekend sailors gone awry, and changing coastlines would fall from the perch. Local residents remember watching "their boys" make practice runs in surf boats along the beach. Descendants of the original crews reminisce about the days of fish fries, Friday night dances at the King and Prince, and hours of standing watch over the ocean. The tripartite effort of the Coastal Georgia Historical Society, Glynn County Board of Commissioners, and EDS Services has saved another island icon and unique piece of coastal Georgia's heritage.

By the decommissioning of this station in 1995, accumulated sand had placed the waterline over 300 feet from the station house. Adding to the frustrations, modern traffic patterns along the island made it difficult to get to the boat-house during rush hour times. Referred to as a "Roosevelt-Era style" station, it is only one of 45 Coast Guard stations constructed during the administration of President Franklin Roosevelt that is still in existence. After decommissioning the Station, the Coast Guard moved to new quarters along the Turtle River in mainland Brunswick.

The adaptive rehabilitation work has included replacing out-of-code wiring and plumbing, repairing damaged wooden windows, upgrading the HVAC system, replacing vinyl windows with new, historically-correct wooden windows, recovering the floors with historically-appropriate linoleum, removing vinyl siding, and complete restoration of the exterior cypress shingles. As inappropriate repairs and remodeling efforts were removed during the demolition phase, architectural features unique to this era buildings were revealed. Built-in tool lockers, dress uniform-length closets, radiator niches in the bunk rooms, and original government-issued drawer pulls were restored and reused within their original contexts.

The beaches, marshes, forests of oak and pine have greatly influenced the history of Georgia's barrier islands. These natural assets are in danger of being lost and must be interpreted and understood if they are to be appreciated and preserved. The planned Maritime Center at the Historic Coast Guard Station offers an exciting opportunity not only to illuminate the region's natural assets, but also to preserve a significant historic structure.



2005 Retired Military Almanac

The **Retired Military Almanac** is now available, not only for the already retired members, but for all military personnel considering retirement. This 256 page edition contains information on benefits, entitlements, privileges and restrictions, as well as detailed coverage of retired pay, Concurrent Retirement and Disability payments Program (formerly known as Concurrent Receipt), TRICARE, VA and Social Security, SBP, legislation, installation listings and many other subjects of interest to retirees. Also included is important information regarding Federal and State taxes. The Retired Military Almanac is published in February each year. Order directly from the publisher by calling toll-free (888) 872-9698 or you can order online at www.militaryalmanac.com. **(Evening Colors does not stock or sell the almanacs).**

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Letters to the Editor***“The Past meets the Present on the Black Sands of Iwo Jima”***

By LCDR Nicholas Caron & Auxiliariist Steven Herman

In the hot and humid air on the small pork-chop shaped island, a grey-haired 79-year-old Coast Guard veteran takes slow but sure steps in the black volcanic sand on the beach. Marvin J. Perrett is back on Iwo Jima – 60 years after one of the fiercest and most memorable battles in American history. Perrett, with a boatswain whistle around his neck, is the only vet in uniform among the 600 or so people who flew to the island from Guam for a day trip to commemorate the Battle of Iwo Jima, 660 miles south of Tokyo. The Japanese defenders had been ordered to fight to the death and most did. All but 1,000 of the 21,000 Japanese died during the 36-day battle. More than 23,000 Marines were wounded or killed in a fight that the U.S. military had expected would last only a few days.

The Commander of Coast Guard Far East Activities (FEACT), Captain Michael Blair, and myself, FEACT's XO, had flown in on an USAF C130. Wearing our ODUs and being the only Coast Guard representatives in a sea of Marine Corps green both the CO and I stand out in the crowd, prompting numerous vets to approach and tell us their stories. But it's our fellow Coastie, the former coxswain who we are most drawn to. Perrett, a New Orleans native, was the first Coastie to land on Iwo Jima, serving aboard the Coast Guard-manned attack transport USS *Bayfield* (APA-33) as a coxswain of one of the *Bayfield's* landing craft. He overcame what he recalls was “border chronic seasickness” on his initial voyage from the States to Europe before he got his sea legs.

Standing on the Iwo beach in his light blue uniform and bell bottoms, he recounts his experience in front of a History Channel camera. It is a story of survival more than anything else; Perrett had also been part of the invasions at Normandy and Okinawa and had lived to tell about the tales. Perrett recalls that maneuvering the watercraft was like “driving a bulldozer in the water.” The young coxswains would hit the beach full throttle – at eight to ten miles an hour. The stories of the men who transported the troops to the beaches have generally been overlooked by historians. But as Perrett points out that with people with him, the invasions would not have been possible.

Perrett skillfully navigated his Land Craft Vehicle/Personnel (LCVP) onto several beaches before Iwo Jima. The 36-foot flat-bottomed craft, made primarily of wood and powered by a 671-Gray Marine Diesel could hold three dozen fully equipped assault troops. The men were packed in like sardines, standing up with 80 to 90 pounds of gear on their backs. Perrett admits he was scared as he maneuvered onto beaches under hostile fire, but says he was never about to show fear to those 36 troops in his craft. Now on the very same beach that he saw turn from black to red with American blood, Perrett takes a short break from the interviews and story-swapping to open a can of sardines to eat with some crackers – just as he did 60 years ago on the same beach. Perrett reflects on what he calls the unexpected “warm reception” received at Iwo Jima, a much more treacherous landing than what he experienced at Utah Beach. The same landing craft that he had maneuvered successfully and without incident at Normandy and southern France was lost the first day he hit the beach at Iwo Jima. It all happened in a split second, he recalls, as he hurriedly backed off to avoid crushing a young Marine. Because the craft's ramp was not yet up, water came over the stern. By the time Perrett was 50 feet or so off the beach, water had seeped in through the open bow and “the boat just went out from under us.” After an unsuccessful towing attempt his boat was cut free and went under. Suddenly the Coasties found themselves evicted from their ride and put ashore. He and three of his mates held Springfield rifles at the ready but in the confusion they had left their ammunition in their now sunken boat.

Perretts' journey back in time on the beach is momentarily interrupted when a Marine with three stars on his uniform approaches us and expresses his appreciation to the Coast Guard for expertly planting so many grunts on the beach in 1945. After talking, shaking hands and slaps on the back, we jump into a Humvee to head to the ceremony honoring "Our Greatest Generation" vets. The Marine Corps Commandant, General Michael W. Hagee, more than 20 other stars and three Congressmen, as well as former Japanese Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori, join hundreds of spectators, paying respect to the casualties from both sides. The theme was one of transition from war and hatred to peace and friendship.

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Perrett continues his stories after the ceremony, with several former Coasties and a Congressman from Indiana listening. Captain Blair and I break from the party and proceed on a short climb up Mt. Surabachi, the 550-foot inactive volcano, where the classic photograph of Marines raising the American flag was snapped by the AP's Joe Rosenthal. That large flag and the 21-foot long galvanized steel steamfitter's pipe on which it was raised, incidentally, was courtesy of the Coast Guard, requested by one of the young Marines immortalized in the photograph who had come calling to LST-758 and Coast Guard quartermaster Robert Resnick. At the top of Surabachi, Captain Blair and I imagined that flag being hoisted and tens of thousands of Americans below cheering. It was hard not to wonder what it must have been like fighting in the harshest of environments. It made me realize that the freedom we enjoy today comes from the sweat, toil and blood of vets, such as Marvin Perrett and men and women like him who fought across Europe, Asia, Africa and the Pacific.

Navy Retiree Seeks Pictures

HMC Jim Flynn, USNR, Retired, is trying to locate photos of WAVR's (110-foot, wooden hulled Sub Chasers (SC's)) transferred from the Navy to the Coast Guard shortly after World War II. If anyone has any photos of this class of ship and would like to share with Chief Flynn, please contact him at:

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Air Oriole WAVR-440, at Savannah, GA. Oct/Nov 1945. (from NavSource)

Retirees Interested In Keeping Up With Coast Guard News

Seattle— Retirees living in the Pacific Northwest, who want to stay informed about Coast Guard news, may sign up to receive Coast Guard news releases. The sign up process is easy and can be done from your home computer. Go to www.d13publicaffairs.com on the home page you will see Communicate with USCG. Click on that link, next click on join news release list. Then simply fill out the information required and you will start receiving our news releases.

NEW LONDON RESIDENT RETIRES AFTER FOUR DECADES OF MILITARY SERVICE



CWO4 Dan S. McIntyre (left) receiving Coast Guard Commendation from CAPT James S. Thomas, Asst. Superintendent USCG Academy

Press Release

Date: March 31, 2005

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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CENTER, New London, Conn.— A retirement ceremony yesterday highlighted Chief Warrant Officer Dan S. McIntyre's 42 years of service to the Coast Guard. He publicly thanked his wife, Mary, whom he's been married to for 29 years, and of the opportunities the Coast Guard gave to him.

CWO McIntyre, a New London resident and an instructor at Leadership Development Center, enlisted in the Coast Guard Reserves on Dec. 23, 1960. He advanced to Chief Petty Officer nine years later and made Chief Warrant Officer in 1982.

During CWO McIntyre's civilian career with Xerox Corporation between 1962 and 1994, he was assigned to reserve units in Atlanta, Miami, Rochester, N.Y. and Syracuse, N.Y. After his civilian retirement in 1994, he went on active duty for two years and served as a Quality Performance Consultant at the Coast Guard Seventh District in Miami. He continued his reserve duty until his first retirement in September, 2000.

CWO McIntyre, a 1958 graduate of Bass High School in Atlanta, was recalled from retirement in 2002 and served at the Leadership Development Center here, fulfilling a personal longtime goal of being involved with an institute of higher learning. CWO McIntyre's top three awards include a Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal and a Coast Guard Achievement.

With his wife, Mary, who is also a Coast Guard reserve retiree, they are finalizing plans to relocate to Melbourne, Fla. They are the proud parents of two daughters and two sons: Heather Jallad of Atlanta, Holly Bally of Melbourne, Fla., Mark McIntyre of Atlanta and Keith McIntyre of Tampa, Fla.

TRICARE NEWS

Advance News Release
March 3, 2005

TRICARE Retiree Dental Program sweetens benefit for members of the National Guard/ Reserve

TMA grants waiver of 12-month waiting period for full scope of services

Sacramento – National Guard and Reserve personnel who elect to enroll in the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) within 120 days after retirement are now eligible to skip the 12-month waiting period normally required for certain TRDP benefits, according to Delta Dental, the program's administrator.

Effective February 1, 2005, TMA authorized a waiver from requiring retired National Guard/Reserve men and women who meet the criteria to be enrolled in the TRDP for 12 months prior to gaining the maximum allowed benefits for cast crowns, cast restorations, bridges, dentures and orthodontics for both adults and children.

Additionally, this new waiver will be applied retroactively to February 1, 2004 for any Guard and Reserve enrollees who can document their enrollment in the TRDP within 120 days after their retirement effective date. Delta will process any claim adjustments resulting from this retroactive waiver, upon notification from the enrollee and submission of the appropriate documentation.

All new enrollees seeking to obtain the waiver should submit a copy of their retirement orders together with their application.

The nation's largest voluntary, all-enrollee-paid dental program continues to offer coverage for diagnostic and preventive services, basic restorative services, periodontics, endodontics, oral surgery, dental emergencies and a separate dental accident benefit with no waiting period. The program currently covers over 800,000 retired members of the uniformed services, including National Guard and Reserve personnel, and their families.

"We are working in partnership with TMA to offer a comprehensive dental program with the fewest possible restrictions in the first year of enrollment," said Lowell Daun, DDS, senior vice president for Delta's Federal Services division. "We are also working to keep premiums affordable for members of the National Guard/Reserve."

Eligibility for the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program extends to all retirees of the Reserve and Guard and their family members, including "gray area" retired Reservists who are entitled to retired pay but will not begin receiving it until age 60. Although eligibility for this group has been in effect since the TRDP first began in 1998, many retired Reserve and Guard members, and even more "gray area" retirees, still do not realize they are eligible. It is important to note that as with all new retirees, the 120-day period during which a "gray area" retired Reservist can enroll in the TRDP to qualify for the 12-month waiting period waiver begins with his/her retirement effective date, not the date he/she reaches age 60.

The TRDP, first authorized by Congress in 1997, continues today to offer one of the few affordable, comprehensive dental benefit programs available to the nation's Uniformed Services retirees, as well as to retirees of the Reserve and Guard. The TRDP is a nationwide, combined fee-for-service/ preferred provider program that offers enrollees access to any licensed dentist in all 50 states, plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Canada.

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Enrollees may seek care from any licensed dentist, with optimal benefits available when choosing a participating "Delta Dental PPO" dentist in over 80,000 locations nationwide.

The TRDP carries a \$50 per person annual deductible. The program also includes a family deductible cap of \$150 and an annual maximum amount of \$1,200, against which preventive and diagnostic services are not counted. In addition to the annual maximum, the TRDP also has a separate dental accident annual maximum of \$1,000 and a lifetime orthodontic maximum of \$1,200.

Eligible retirees and their family members can find answers to their questions about the program as well as enroll using Delta's dedicated TRDP web site at www.trdp.org or by calling the toll-free number at 1-866-567-1658.

Delta Dental of California belongs to a larger holding company system, formed jointly with Delta Dental of Pennsylvania and several affiliate companies, covering nearly 21 million enrollees in 16 states and the District of Columbia. Both the California and Pennsylvania Delta Plans are members of the national Delta Dental Plans Association, which collectively covers 43 million Americans.

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Benefits offered with the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program:

Covered Services	Delta Pays	Applied to Annual Deductible	Applied to Annual Maximum
Available during the First 12 months of enrollment			
Diagnostic (exams)	100%	N	N
Preventative Services	100%	N	N
Basic Restorative (fillings)	80%	Y	Y
Endodontics (root canals)	60%	Y	Y
Periodontics (gum treatment)	60%	Y	Y
Oral Surgery (extractions)	60%	Y	Y
Emergency (treatment for minor pain)	100%	Y	Y
Dental Accident Coverage	100%	N	N
Additional services available after 12 months of continuous enrollment			
Cast Crowns, Onlays, & Bridges	50%	Y	Y
Partial/Full Dentures	50%	Y	Y
Orthodontics	50%	N	N
Deductibles and Maximums			
Annual Deductible	\$50 per person, limit \$150 per family per benefit year		
Annual Maximum	\$1,200 per person per benefit year		
Orthodontics Maximum	\$1,200 per person per life time benefit		
Dental Accident Maximum	\$1,000 per person per benefit year		
Benefit Year	1 May - 30 April		

(Source: TRICARE News Release)

NOAA TRANSFERS MAPPING SHIP TO MEXICAN NAVY



May 3, 2005 — [NOAA](#) transferred ownership of Whiting, a decommissioned hydrographic survey ship, to the Mexican Navy upon authority of Congress and by order of the Secretary of Commerce. The transfer took place during a special ceremony at Town Point Park, Otter Berth, in Norfolk, Va. At the ceremony held last Thursday, the vessel was accepted by Vice Admiral Edgar F. Narro y Quesda, director general de investigacion y desarrollo, who was the senior representative of the Mexican Navy. The ship was then recommissioned Rio Tuxpan.

"For years, Whiting supported NOAA's mission to promote safe navigation," said Rear Admiral Samuel P. De Bow Jr., director of the [NOAA Commissioned Officers Corps](#) and [NOAA Marine and Aviation Operations](#), which operates, manages and maintains the NOAA fleet. "We replaced her with a former Navy hydrographic survey ship two years ago as part of our fleet modernization program. We're delighted Whiting now will be of service to the Mexican Navy."

Whiting was decommissioned in 2003. Until then, the ship conducted hydrographic surveys of U.S. coastal waters to determine least water depths and locate obstructions on the sea floor and other dangers to navigation.

"Whiting will be Mexico's first dedicated hydrographic survey vessel, and will significantly contribute to that country's mapping and charting capabilities," said Captain Roger L. Parsons, director of the [NOAA Office of Coast Survey](#). Parsons is also the National Hydrographer of the United States. "We are looking forward to collaboration in hydrographic activities between our two nations. The transfer is part of our cooperative efforts to share data and resources," he added.

The legislative authority for the Secretary of Commerce to transfer Whiting to Mexico stipulates that the ship support hydrographic activities of the U.S.-Mexico Charting Advisors Committee and enhance the two countries' cooperation regarding surveying and charting activities in the border waters of both countries in the Gulf of Mexico and in the Pacific Ocean.

The United States and Mexico plan hydrographic efforts together via the United States-Mexico Cooperative Charting Advisory Committee. In an effort to make surveying and nautical charting operations more compatible, the International Hydrographic Organization's MesoAmerican-Caribbean Sea Regional Hydrographic Commission established the committee in 2002 to promote coordination of respective requirements. The NOAA Office of Coast Survey represents the United States on this committee. Specific areas of collaboration include hydrographic survey data acquisition and exchange, tidal and current data harmonization, and hydrographic and cartographic personnel exchanges.

NOAA, an agency of the [U.S. Department of Commerce](#), is dedicated to enhancing economic security and national safety through the prediction and research of weather and climate-related events and providing environmental stewardship of the nation's coastal and marine resources.

(Source: NOAA News Release)

Concurrent Retirement and Disability Payments (CRDP)

By Ursula Ford, Military Pay Technician

Due to the number of inquiries we have received on CRDP, we are providing the following information to help clarify our current policy guidance.

CRDP and retroactive Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) disability compensation awards:

According to the Coast Guard program guidance of Section 1414 of Title 10, United States Code, **CRDP is not retroactive**. CRDP is only payable starting the month the Coast Guard actually **starts offsetting** your VA award from your retired pay. If you are in receipt of VA compensation and for some reason the Coast Guard did not offset your VA award, then there is nothing to restore, no concurrent payment was made. Even if the VA withheld the difference of the award and retired pay for the prior months, CRDP is still not retroactive, **if the Coast Guard did not start** the offset. If the VA did not withhold the difference, then an overpayment to the member would have resulted.

VA Unemployability Codes and CRDP:

Those members who are rated 100 percent with the VA and meet the CRDP criteria, will have their full retired pay restored effective January 1, 2005. Those members who have been rated less than 100 percent, but are receiving 100 percent from the VA due to an unemployability code, will not receive their full retired pay up front. They still fall under the 10-year phase in plan, in which they will see full restoration by the year 2014. The CRDP is paid on the actual VA rating not the unemployability code.

Chapter 61 retirees and CRDP:

Certain individuals who retired from the Coast Guard with a disability under Chapter 61 of Title 10, United States Code; will not see restoration of their full retired pay. CRDP is based on the longevity percentage, not the disability. So if your disability percentage is greater than your longevity percentage, under current policy, your CRDP will be based on the longevity percentage and will be less than your full retired pay.

More TRICARE news

TRICARE Retiree Dental Program Enrollment

Uniformed service retirees and their family members are offered dental benefits through **voluntary** enrollment in the TRDP. They are not eligible for dental benefits under the TRICARE Dental Program (TDP)

There are three ways to enroll in the TRDP:

1. Complete and return an enrollment application with your check, money order or credit card payment information to Delta Dental at: Delta Dental Plan of California, Federal Services, P.O. Box 537008, Sacramento, CA 95853-7008.
2. Enroll online with acceptable credit cards at www.trdp.org.
3. Call toll-free at 1-(888) 838-8737 between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Pacific Time, Monday through Friday and enroll over the phone using acceptable credit cards.

Additional information about the TRDP including enrollment forms is available at the TRPD web site. TRDP representatives are also available as follows:

Customer Service: P.O. Box 537008, Sacramento, CA 95853-7008, Toll-free telephone: 1-888-336-3260 or 1-888-838-8737, E-mail: ddpservice@delta.org

Enrollment: P.O. Box 537008, Sacramento, CA 95853-7008, Toll-free telephone: 1-888-838-8737 or 1-888-336-3260, E-mail: ddpenroll@delta.org

Premium Billing: P.O. Box 537008, Sacramento, CA 95853-7008, Toll-free telephone: 1-888-336-3260 or 1-888-838-8737, E-mail: ddpbill@delta.org

Source: TRICARE Handbook Chapter 16

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Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs)
News Release

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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DoD Announces Criteria for Two New Campaign Medals

The Department of Defense announced today the creation of two campaign medals for Afghanistan and Iraq.

Presidential Executive Order 13363 established the Afghanistan and Iraq campaign medals to recognize members, who made specific sacrifices and significant contributions in these areas of operation.

Service members authorized the Afghanistan Campaign Medal must have served in direct support of Operation Enduring Freedom on or after Oct. 24, 2001, to a future date to be determined by the Secretary of Defense or the cessation of the operation. The area of eligibility encompasses all land areas of the country of Afghanistan and all air spaces above the land.

Those authorized the Iraq Campaign Medal must have served in direct support of Operation Iraqi Freedom on or after March 19, 2003, to a future date to be determined by the Secretary of Defense or the cessation of the operation. The area of eligibility encompasses all land area of the country of Iraq, and the contiguous water area out to 12 nautical miles, and all air spaces above the land area of Iraq and above the contiguous water area out to 12 nautical miles.

Service members must have been assigned, attached or mobilized to units operating in these areas of eligibility for 30 consecutive days or for 60 non-consecutive days or meet one of the following criteria:

- ◆ Be engaged in combat during an armed engagement, regardless of the time in the area of eligibility; or
- ◆ While participating in an operation or on official duties, is wounded or injured and requires medical evacuation from the area of eligibility; or
- ◆ While participating as a regularly assigned air crewmember flying sorties into, out of, within or over the area of eligibility in direct support of the military operations; each day of operations counts as one day of eligibility.

Service members qualified for the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal by reasons of service between Oct. 24, 2001, and April 30, 2005, in an area for which the Afghanistan Campaign Medal was subsequently authorized and between March 19, 2003, and Feb. 28, 2005, in an area for which the Iraq Campaign Medal was subsequently authorized, shall remain qualified for that medal.

Upon application, any such service member may be awarded the Afghanistan or Iraq Campaign Medal in lieu of the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal for such service. No service member shall be entitled to all three medals for the same act, achievement or period of service.

The awarding authority for the Afghanistan and Iraq campaign medals shall be the prescribed by the member's respective military service regulations. Both medals may be awarded posthumously.

Only one award of the Afghanistan Campaign Medal and Iraq Campaign Medal may be authorized for any individual. Service stars are not prescribed.

Individuals may receive both the medals if they meet the requirement of both awards; however, the qualifying period of service used to establish eligibility for one award cannot be used to justify eligibility for the other.

The Afghanistan Campaign Medal shall be positioned below the Kosovo Campaign Medal and above the Iraq Campaign Medal. The Iraq Campaign Medal shall be positioned below the Afghanistan Campaign Medal and above the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

Each military department will prescribe appropriate regulations for processing, awarding and wearing the medals and ribbons for their service members, to include application procedures for veterans, retirees and next-of-kin.

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Afghanistan Campaign Medal & Iraq Campaign Medal



OBVERSE:

Description: On a bronze metal 1 3/8 inches (3.49 cm) in diameter above a range of mountains is a map of Afghanistan. Around the top is the inscription "AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN."

Symbolism: Mountains dominate the landscape of Afghanistan. The map of the country highlights the theater of operation and our commitment to Operation Enduring Freedom.

REVERSE:

Description: A radiating demi-sun superimposed by an eagle's head couped. Inscribed across the bottom half of the reverse side are the three lines "FOR SERVICE IN AFGHANISTAN" all enclosed by a laurel wreath.

Symbolism: The eagle, a symbol of the United States and the American spirit, is constantly vigilant, ready to defend freedom. The rising sun embodies a new start for Afghanistan and its road to a free and prosperous future. The laurel wreath is for honor and high achievement.

RIBBON: The ribbon reflects the colors of the new Afghanistan flag and the red, white and blue represent the United States and its allies.



OBVERSE:

Description: On a bronze disc 1 3/8 inches (3.49cm) in diameter, a wreath of two palm fronds surmounted by a representation of the land mass of Iraq with the two primary rivers delineated, represents the area of operation. Above is the inscription "IRAQ CAMPAIGN."

Symbolism: The lines symbolize the Tigris and Euphrates River, recalling Iraq's title as "the land of two rivers." The palm wreath denotes peace and honor.

REVERSE:

Description: A representation of the Statue of Freedom on the Capitol Building surmounting a sunburst, encircled by two scimitars points down crossed at tip of blades, all above the inscription "FOR SERVICE IN IRAQ."

Symbolism: The Statue of Freedom represents the ideals and goals of the campaign to bring stability and to improve the way of life for Iraq. The sunburst behind the figure symbolizes hope and success. The two scimitars in base recall an arch of swords erected by Saddam Hussein during his reign, and with the tip of the swords pointing down represent his fall from power and symbolize the goal for freedom of the Iraqi people.

RIBBON: The right and left sides are the colors: Scarlet 67111, White 67101 with a narrow Green stripe 67129 in the middle, Black 67138 and Khaki 67142 in the middle. Black and green represent Iraq and its quest for freedom, white denotes idealism, and scarlet signifies courage and sacrifice. Khaki represents the desert.

REUNIONS AND NOTICES

32nd USCGC SPENCER REUNION

The reunion will be held in Cleveland, OH 15 through 19 September 2005 at the Holiday Inn Express, 629 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH, located in the Cleveland Financial district in the Historic City Bank Building. Room rates for the reunion will be \$79.00 per night plus 15.5% tax. Reservations deadline is 15 August 2005.

Breakfast—A complimentary expanded continental breakfast is available from 6:30 a.m.—9:30 a.m. M-F and 6:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. S-S

Transportation—Red Sparrow Limousine is the transportation carrier for the hotel. Please contact them directly at (216) 695-7550.

The Holiday Inn Express is located downtown, near Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame, Coast Guard Base, Cleveland Browns Stadium, Cleveland Zoo, Great Lakes Science Center, Galleria Mall as well as other attractions.

Registration fee per person will be \$140. The registration fee includes:

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| 9/15 | Registration 3:00 p.m., room check-in (after 4:00 p.m.) and hospitality room. |
| 9/16 | Buffet breakfast in private dining room, meeting to follow. 2-hour trolley tour of downtown, evening pizza party. Hospitality room. |
| 9/17 | All-day bus trip and visit to Football Hall of Fame—includes lunch. Dinner “your choice”, on your own. hospitality room. |
| 9/18 | 2-hour boat tour with lunch, banquet and comedy show, hospitality room. |
| 9/19 | check-out and farewell |

Hospitality room will be open during ‘free’ times at the hotel where snacks and beverages will be available.

Registration fee must be received by 30 August 2005 in order to insure availability for all functions. Please make your checks payable to **Spencer** Association and mail to Jack Shampine, 7398 Rt. 31, Cicero, NY 13039. For more information contact Jack, before May 15 at (315) 699-3127 or Mike Hagerman at (330) 928-5119.

POSITION AVAILABLE NOTICES (3)

Hagerstown Community College, 11400 Robinwood Drive, Hagerstown, Maryland 21742-6590 Visit our web site at www.hagerstowncc.edu and click on “Human Resources”

April 4, 2005

TITLE AND SUMMARY OF POSITIONS:

Faculty Positions

Web Design and Multimedia Technology—Reg# 05-054.

Courses Taught:

- Introduction to Internet/Web
- Web Developer Fundamentals
- Web Site Design and Production
- Web Server Administration
- Advanced Web Development
- Web Application Programming

Simulation and Digital Entertainment—Reg# 05-055.

Courses Taught:

- Multimedia Authoring I
- Game Programming I and II
- Multimedia/Algorithms
- 3D and Advanced Animation
- Multimedia Project Development

Industrial Technology (Industrial and Facilities Maintenance) - Reg# 05-056.

Courses Taught:

- Introduction to Industrial Technology
- Introduction to PLC
- PLC Applications
- Facilities Layout and Industrial Safety
- Plumbing and Pipefitting
- Welding
- Introduction to HVAC
- Machines, Motors, and Mechanical Devices
- Fundamentals of Electronics

For further information, please contact Margaret Spivey, Director, Technology and Computer Studies Division at spiveym@hagerstowncc.edu

DEADLINE:
Open until filled

THE COLLEGE: Hagerstown Community College was established in 1946 and is the oldest public community college in the State of Maryland serving approximately 5,200 credit students and 9,000 noncredit students each year. Hagerstown Community College is recognized for producing graduates sought by industry and transfer institutions. The community college is a continuously improving enterprise and hub of high technology, industry training and certification, and economic development. The college is committed to and encourages multicultural diversity and varied perspectives.

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*(Continued from page 12)***REUNIONS AND NOTICES****TELEPHONE TECHNICIANS (TT/EMT) REUNION**

When: 9-11 September 2005

Where: Pat and Marty Nilson's home
309 Lawrence Lane
Colonial Beach, VA

Phone: (804) 224-0545

All TT/EMT's, enlisted and officers, and others associated, are invited to the **reunion**. For additional information contact Marty Nilson at (703) 971-9131, Bo Stapleton at (757) 340-3732, Ray Snow at (540) 729-1045, or Sam Merritt at (757) 336-5721.

GUARDSMEN OF YESTERYEAR BREAKFAST

On September the 10th 2005, Coast Guard Station Chincoteague will host a breakfast for anyone that has served or is currently serving in the U.S. Coast Guard. Coffee will be served at 0700 and the breakfast will start at 0800. This event will be held at the Chincoteague High School Gymnasium located at 4586 Main Street in Chincoteague, VA. Ticket price is \$5.00 and can be purchased by contacting BMC Jerry Tarr at (757) 336-2874 or e-mail Jtarr@stachincoteague.uscg.mil. If you are coming from out of town you can call or e-mail to reserve your tickets. Please get your tickets early so we can ensure that there is enough food for everyone. Come out and see shipmates of the past, enjoy good food and possibly win a door prize. We will have a guest speaker as well as representatives from TRICARE and Admin to answer any questions you might have. If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact Chief Tarr.

USCG CHIEF PETTY OFFICER ANNUAL CONVENTION

When: 12-16 September 2005

Where: Millennium Hotel
St. Louis, MO

The 37th Annual CPOA Convention, 27th Annual CPOAA Convention and the 6th Annual CGEA Convention will be held 12-16 September 2005. For further information see the CPOA's web site www.uscgcpoa.org and click on 2005 Convention. Information on the hotel and the necessary forms are on the web site and will also be in the next issue of the CHIEFS Magazine.

1966 SQUADRON ONE DIVISION-13 CAT-LO VIETNAM REUNION

When: September 2005?

Where: Reno or Las Vegas, NV

Contact: Jerry Sampont
Phone: (360) 457-6671
E-mail: division131966@yahoo.com
Or
Mike Mattie
Phone: (425) 672-7521

A reunion is being planned for anyone who was assigned to Squadron One Division-13 Cat-Lo Vietnam during 1966. We are still in the planning stages and would like to see how many are interested. A reunion was held for the 1966 crew of the Point White WPB 82308 in August 2003 and was such a success, we would like to have one for the entire Division-13. If interested please contact Jerry or Mike at the above phone numbers or email address.

THE WISCONSIN LANDING SHIP TANK ASSOCIATION (LST) REUNION

When: 14-16 August 2005

Where: Days Inn City Centre
Green Bay, WI

Contact: Robert G. Reeners, President,
Wisconsin LST Association
4313 Hillcrest Drive
Oneida, WI 54155-9110

Phone: (920) 494-4440

The Wisconsin Landing Ship Tank Assn. (LST) consisting of Navy and Coast Guard veterans of WWII, Korea, Viet Nam, and other more recent conflicts, will be holding their 19th annual reunion. All LST'ers in the mid-west are invited to attend and join in the festivities with tours to Lambeau Field, National Railroad Museum, Oneida Casino, and followed by the annual banquet.

A recent undertaking of the Association was the design and development of an "Honor Roll" plaque, which was dedicated at last years reunion. Hope to see you there.

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*(Continued from page 13)***REUNIONS AND NOTICES****2005 PTERODACTYLS' ROOST IN SAVANNAH, GA**

This year's Pterodactyl Roost is going to be held in Savannah, GA on 6-9 November 2005. Headquarters Hotel is the downtown Hyatt located on the Savannah River in the city's famous Historic District. If desired, early arrivals can plan on showing up on Sunday 6 November for the full slate of activities commencing Monday 7 November. In addition to the usual schedule of events, preliminary planned activities will offer guided tours of the Military Forts, Downtown Historic District, Gallery Hop, Antique Shop Walk, Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum, Hilton Head Outlet Mall shopping, Historic Downtown Beaufort, SC, and a river cruise. The "Low Country Lifesavers" of the Air Station Savannah look forward to welcoming you to the history, charm and hospitality of the Deep South. For more information, contact LTJG Ryan Allen at (912) 652-4646 or rjallen@AirStaSavannah.uscg.mil or Art Wagner at (912) 898-8939 or awagner50@comcast.net.

**COAST GUARD CW OPERATORS ASSOCIATION
7TH ANNUAL REUNION**

When: 28 September-1 October 2005
 Where: Biloxi Beach Resort & Fox's RV Park
 Biloxi, MS
 Contact: David Johnson ZUT 213
 E-mail: zut213@earthlink.net

See Comm-One Newsletter and www.comm-one.org

USS CAVALIER (APA-37) WWII ASSOCIATION

When: 21-25 September 2005
 Where: Holiday Inn Green Tree
 401 Holiday Drive
 Pittsburgh, PA 15220
 Contact: John Giles, Association President
 P.O. Box 325
 Pacific City, OR 97135-0325
 Phone: (503) 965-6732
 E-mail: jegiles@mac.com

PARACHUTE RIGGERS REUNION

When: 20-24 October 2005
 Where: Kissimmee, FL
 Contact: Ray Weismann
 Phone: (407) 281-4888
 E-mail: riggerray@juno.com

All Coast Guard, Navy and Marine Corps members, active, retired and reserve, interested in this reunion please contact Ray at the above e-mail address or phone number.

**U.S. COAST GUARD NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
FORMER STEWARDS AND STEWARDMATES, INC.
REUNION**

When: 4-7 August 2005
 Where: Clarion Hotel & Conference Center
 Atlantic City, NJ
 Contact: BMCM Robert E. Hammond
 USCG, Retired
 97 Curtis Avenue
 Piscataway, NJ 08854
 Phone: (732) 752-2512

USCGC NORTHWIND (WAGB-282) REUNION

When: 14-16 October 2005
 Where: Shell Island Resort
 2700 N. Lumina Ave.
 Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480
 Phone: (800) 689-6765
 Contact: CAPT Ken Morris, USCG, Ret
 640 Bayshore Dr.
 Wilmington, NC 28411
 Phone: (910) 686-7905
 E-mail: icecap282@earthlink.net

Please contact CAPT Morris if interested in attending the reunion. Oceanfront suites are \$79.00 per night for this event.

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REUNIONS AND NOTICES**NORTH COAST NEW YORK COAST GUARD ASSN**

When: 23-25 September 2005
 Where: Sackets Harbor, NY
 Contact: North Coast New York Coast Guard Association
 4712 Glenwood Drive
 Mantua, OH 44255
 Phone: (330) 274-2927

U.S. Coast Guard: Seeking any Coastie who served aboard USCGC's *Cherry, Maple, Ojibwa, White Lupine, Buckhorn, Arundel, Point Steele, Wire* and CG's 83359, 65024-D (*Chockberry*), 55030, 45305, 49414, 45308, or 49404 while home ported in upper New York, Burlington, VT or Saugerties, NY. Any year, regular, reserve, auxiliary or civilian Coast Guard.

COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION 20TH REUNION/CONVENTION

Come join us for this great celebration!

When: 20-24 October 2005
 Where: Holiday Inn Busch Gardens
 2701 E. Fowler Avenue
 Tampa, FL 33612
 Contact: E. P. "Ed" Burke
 17728 Striley Drive
 Ashton, MD 20861-9763
 Phone: (301) 924-3727
 E-mail: **Ed Burke**

Or e-mail: www.coastguardcombatvets.com for information regarding registration forms, itinerary and general information.

COAST GUARD USS CALLAWAY (APA-35) 39TH REUNION

When: 19-23 September 2005
 Where: Branson, MO
 Contact: Wallace E. Shipp
 5319 Manning Place, NW
 Washington, DC 20016
 Phone: (202) 363-3663

NORTH COAST NEW YORK COAST GUARD ASSN

When: 23-24 September 2005
 Where: Sackets Harbor, NY
 Contact: North Coast New York Coast Guard Association
 4712 Glenwood Drive
 Mantua, OH 44255
 Phone: (330) 274-2927

U.S. Coast Guard: Seeking any Coastie who served at Erie, PA Lifeboat Station, Buffalo Base, Fort Niagara LBS, Rochester LBS, Sodus Pt. (AUX OP), Oswego LBS, Galloo Island LBS, Sackets Harbor (AUX OP), Cape Vincent Light Attendent Station, CG Station Alex. Bay, MSD Massena, Burlington Base, VT, ATN Saugerties, Reserve Unit (PSU Buffalo/Syracuse, Loran Station Seneca). Also any Lighthouse, small unit or CGC in the above area. Any year, regular, reserve, auxiliary and civilian.

CUTTERS AROUND THE CONTINENT REUNION

When: To be determined (sometime in 2007)
 Where: To be determined
 Contact: Jim Loback
 10436 Teal Circle
 Fountain Valley, CA 92708
 Phone: (714) 968-8964

The 50th anniversary of the historic voyage by *Storis, Bramble* and *Spar*, circumnavigating the North American continent during the summer of 1957, will be remembered with a reunion in 2007. Anyone who served on *Storis, Bramble* and *Spar* at any time are invited to attend. If any interest, please respond by e-mail to: StorisBrambleSpar@msn.com. Or visit the website: <http://www.storisbramblespar.org>. Please include your full name, rank or rate, address and name (s) of the vessels and approximate dates of your service.

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REUNIONS AND NOTICES

USCGC UNIMAK (WHEC 379) REUNION INFORMATION

When:	9-11 September 2005	You may also contact:	John Cadarette 11 Ruth Ave. Grizwold, CT 06351 (860) 376-5452 (between 6-10 PM) E-mail: cadmando@myeastern.com
Where:	Radisson Hotel New London 35 Governor Winthrop Boulevard New London, CT 06320		
Phone:	(860) 443-7000	Or	Eric Heald Phone: (518) 828-6876 E-mail: eric.heald@verizon.net
E-mail:	www.radisson.com/newlondonct		
Reunion web	www.unimak379.org		

We have negotiated a very good deal with the hotel for this event. They have reserved a block of 50 rooms for Friday and Saturday evening (25 king and 25 double) for the price of **\$89.00 per night** (plus tax). The room cost includes a **complimentary breakfast buffet** on Saturday and Sunday. Reservations may be made by calling 1-800-333-3333 or 1-860-443-7000. Tell them that you are attending the **USCGC Unimak Reunion** to get this special low rate. **You must make your reservation no later than August 10, 2005 to lock in this great rate.** You may reserve via phone, or by mailing in a check or money order made payable to the Radisson Hotel New London (in the amount of 1 night's room plus tax). All personal checks must have DL# and DOB on the check in order for payment to be entered into their system thru telecheck. **Any cancellation of a reservation must be made 24 hours in advance to avoid forfeiture of this deposit.**

The USCGC Unimak Reunion:

The Reunion Cost: \$50.00 per person. It includes the itinerary listed below.

Friday Evening: The reunion officially begins on Friday evening at 5 PM in the Hospitality Room. There you will receive your Welcome Aboard package with information about the reunion, the itinerary, and information on local attractions. The Hospitality Room will be stocked with light food and complimentary beverages (coffee, soda, beer, and wine). The Hospitality Room will be open between 5 and 11 PM. Socialize with old friends or make new ones! You may also visit the hotel restaurant and bar, or take a dip in the indoor heated pool.

Saturday Morning: Hotel guests get to start the day by enjoying a complimentary breakfast buffet provided by the hotel. We are trying to arrange a tour aboard the USCGC Eagle for late Saturday morning. Hopefully we will have more info on this soon! Saturday afternoon has been left free for you to pursue the many attractions in the local area. These include:

Mystic Seaport, Olde Mystic Village, Mystic Aquarium, USCG Museum, Fort Trumbull State Park, New London, USS Nautilus, Foxwoods Resort Casino, Mohegan Sun Casino.

Saturday Afternoon: The hospitality room opens at 1 PM for registration and socializing. We will again be providing Welcome Aboard packages with information about the reunion, the reunion itinerary, and information on local attractions for the new arrivals. The Hospitality Room will be stocked with light food and complimentary beverages (coffee, soda, beer and wine). The room will be open until 5 PM. Guests are also welcome to use the hotel pool and spa.

Saturday Evening: 6-7 PM: The Hospitality Room will reopen at 6 PM for a cocktail hour. There will be a cash bar (from 6-11 PM) and complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

7-8 PM: Dinner is served! The dinner buffet will include:

Garden Salad, Sliced Roast Beef, Seafood Stuffed Filet of Sole, Oven Roasted Chicken, Rosemary Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Assorted Cakes, Coffee.

8-8:30 PM: Keynote Speaker (to be announced soon)

8:30-11 PM: Fun, libation, camaraderie, reminiscing, renewing old friendships, making new friends and of course...Sea Stories!

Sunday Morning: Hotel guests again get to enjoy the hotels complimentary breakfast buffet. Checkout time Sunday morning is 11 AM. Don't forget to fill out the Reunion Critique sheets that you got in your Welcome Aboard package and drop them off before you leave. We want to know how to make next years reunion even better!

Registration forms are available via our website: [Registration Form](#)

Editor's notes**KEEPING RETIREE AND ANNUITANT SERVICES INFORMED**

There have been a few recent instances on retiree accounts where retirees failed to report the unfortunate passing of his/her spouse. It is critical when the spouse predeceases the retiree and Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) costs are being deducted for spouse coverage. In one of these cases, the spouse had predeceased the retiree 20 years prior to the retiree himself passing, and PSC (RAS) only became aware of the spouse's death during final pay processing. Title 31, U.S. Code 3702 states "A claim against the Government presented under this section must contain the signature and address of the claimant or an authorized representative. The claim must be received by the official responsible under subsection (a) for settling the claim or by the agency that conducts the activity from which the claim arises within 6 years after the claim accrues..." Following enactment of Public Law 107-314 (Bob Stump National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003), for claims presented on or after December 2, 2002, waivers of the 6-year time limit can be made by the Secretary of Defense upon application by the secretary (Department of Homeland Security for U.S. Coast Guard) for amounts less than \$25,000. Any waivers submitted to Secretary of Department of Homeland Security would require clear documentation as to why the necessary information had not been reported in a timely fashion.

All retirees are reminded to inform PSC (RAS) as soon as possible following changes of marital status (divorce, death, annulment, marriage just to mention some), death of a designated SBP beneficiary, or any other changes which could impact retired pay.

Personnel Locator: If you are searching for an individual, we can help. Place your personal correspondence to that individual in a sealed envelope, making sure to include how they can get in touch with you. On the outside of that envelope, address it to them with their full name and rank/rate (for military). Please write your return address and attach a stamp on the envelope. Then, place that envelope in a larger envelope and address it to:

**Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG Personnel Service Center
444 SE Quincy Street
Topeka, KS 66683-3591**

RAS will complete the person's address and place it in the mail.

CHANGE IN BOND INTEREST RATE COMPUTATION

The Treasury Department has changed the method for accrual of interest on series EE savings bonds. For more information, see <http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov>. This web site provides information on both series EE and I bonds to assist you in your long-term financial planning. If you desire to start, stop, or change a savings bond, send your request to:

Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG PSC
444 SE Quincy St.
Topeka, KS 66683-3591
or call us at 1 800 772-8724.

Link to the Retiree Survey

RAS will no longer be sending out customer service surveys via mail anymore. Now you can access the survey at <http://www.zoomerang.com/survey.zgi?p=WEB22443SU3FUF>. Please take a few moments to fill out a survey and let us know how we're doing. Your input is valuable to us and can only help us provide better service to you, our customers.

Need a corrected DD-214?

If your DD-214 is incorrect and you want a corrected form (DD-215), you need to send your request in writing to:

Commander CGPC (ADM-3)
United States Coast Guard
4200 Wilson Blvd, Suite 1100
Arlington, VA 22203-1804

Please include your name, rank/rate, SSN, and date of retirement.

Send your reunion or other notices to:

Evening Colors
Commanding Officer (P & D)
U.S. Coast Guard Personnel Service Center
444 SE Quincy Street
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

E-mail: PSC-RASNewsletter@hrsic.uscg.mil

Phone: (toll free, U.S. only) 1-800-772-8724 or (785) 339-2236

National Security Cutter Keel Laying

by PAC Jeff Murphy
U. S. Coast Guard
April 05, 2005

Pascagoula, Miss. - On Tuesday, Mar. 29, senior Coast Guard and industry officials laid the keel of the newest weapon in the war on terror, the first National Security Cutter (WMSL 750), during a ceremony at Northrop Grumman Ships Systems Ingalls shipyard in Pascagoula, Miss. The multi-mission cutter is being built by Integrated Coast Guard Systems, a joint venture between Northrop Grumman and Lockheed Martin Corporation, as part of the Coast Guard's Integrated Deepwater System modernization and recapitalization program

Honored guest speakers included Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff and his wife, Meryl; Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour; Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss.; Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss.; Commandant of the Coast Guard Adm. Thomas H. Collins; Rear Adm. Patrick M. Stillman, Integrated Deepwater System program executive officer; Dr. Philip Dur, president of Northrop Grumman Ship Systems; and Fred P. Moosally, president, Lockheed Martin Maritime Systems & Sensors.

"Today's ceremony marks a significant milestone in the history of the Deepwater program and the transformation of the Coast Guard for its 21st-century missions," said Collins, as he addressed more than 300 invited guests, distinguished visitors and members of the media.

The construction of the National Security Cutter, at 418-feet long and displacing 4,300 tons, is the centerpiece of the Integrated Deepwater System's System of Systems. The cutter will be the largest and most technically advanced class of cutter in the Coast Guard.

"The National Security Cutter is designed to be the flagship of the Coast Guard fleet," said Sen. Cochran, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee. "It features helicopters, inflatable boats, and secure communications."

"We've got to make sure we have what we need to protect [and defend] our shores, our ports, and our harbors," said Sen. Lott.

"This National Security Cutter, the keel of which we lay today, is a visible symbol of the new generation of equipment that we are going to provide to the men and women of the Coast Guard," said Secretary Chertoff, principal speaker at the keel-laying ceremony. "Importantly, this cutter is not just a ship, but it is an integrated system - a system that is designed to perform in the defense of this country. In a way, that's emblematic of the Deepwater program itself, which is not simply a collection of individual assets, cutters, ships and aircraft, but is part of a capability...part of a performance-based effort designed to deliver a result, a successful mission of protecting these United States.

"As you build this cutter you are demonstrating that your goals and those of the Department of Homeland Security are the same: operational efficiency, first in class excellence, and extraordinary service," said Chertoff. "You have chosen a sponsor for this ship that embodies all of those qualities."

Mrs. Meryl J. Chertoff, the sponsor of the U.S. Coast Guard's first in class NSC cutter, authenticated the laying of the keel. "As sponsor, I have to be the mother of this ship. Let's hope that will be easier than being the mother of two teenagers."

"As I stand here today, seeing how the Deepwater fleet is getting built by such a talented team, I look forward to the day when American families can rest a little easier knowing that the men and women of the Coast Guard are running missions up and down the coasts of the nation in this fine ship," she said.

The keel-laying ceremony is the long-recognized maritime tradition of laying down the backbone of a ship, and in modern times has come to represent the traditional start-of-construction milestone. During the authentication, Adm. Collins and Mrs. Chertoff traced their initials on the keel plate, signifying the keel of the first new Deepwater cutter has been "truly and fairly laid." Minutes later, Northrop Grumman Ship Systems welder L.W. "Billy" Ross permanently inscribed the initials into the keel.

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"This shipyard is 'America's shipyard' because it is the most productive in America with the greatest workforce in America that produces the best product in the shipbuilding industry," said Barbour. "This shipyard has been the crown jewel of our state's economy, because the people that work here do their jobs so well; and because Northrop Grumman and our state have insured that the capital investments have been here."

"Today's keel laying ceremony is the culmination of countless hours of research, planning and commitment to making the National Security Cutter program the pre-eminent national security asset in America's homeland security investment," said Dur. "We've planned for this ship to be the model for all first of class ships and it already is. The lead National Security Cutter the best first-time quality ship for a first in class that has ever been built here."

The ship represents the first major multi-mission cutter to be introduced to the Coast Guard in the past 25 years. The production contract for this first in class was awarded in June 2004, and the start of fabrication occurred in September last year.

"Integrated Coast Guard Systems is delivering to the men and women of the Coast Guard the tools they need to get their job done," said Moosally. "Our entire team is committed to the Coast Guard's success. This includes our colleagues in the shipyards...at test facilities...and at Coast Guard facilities around the nation."

Northrop Grumman Ship Systems is leading the production effort. Lockheed Martin also plays an important role, with its work focused primarily on the cutter's command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (C4ISR) capabilities.

The first National Security Cutter is scheduled to be delivered to the Coast Guard in the spring of 2007. The contract for construction of the second National Security Cutter was signed in January and calls for a total of eight National Security Cutters to be constructed in this program.

More TRICARE news

TRICARE Introduces New Web-Based Pharmacy Search Tool

**April 13, 2005
No. 05-13**

TRICARE announces the new pharmacy Formulary Search Tool, which allows beneficiaries to find medication-specific information using either a drug name or a medical condition. The Formulary Search Tool can be accessed through the TRICARE Pharmacy Web site. The Formulary Search Tool can be used to:

- ◆ Check availability of specific medications through the TRICARE Mail Order or Retail Pharmacy programs.
 - ◆ Discover which medications are on the Basic Core Formulary. These medications must be made available at all full service military pharmacies.
 - ◆ Find co-payment information for prescription medications, including injectable medications.
 - ◆ Learn about generic equivalents for brand-name medications, quantity limits prior authorization requirements.
 - ◆ View and print prior authorization criteria and forms.
- Learn about FDA approved drug uses, side effects and potential interactions with other medications.

Beneficiaries should consult their provider, pharmacist, or other health care professional for specific questions regarding their medications.

For more information on the TRICARE Pharmacy Program and at access the Formulary Search Tool, visit the TRICARE Pharmacy home page, www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy. The search tool is accessible directly at www.tricareformularysearch.org.

Source: TRICARE news release



USCG Retirements

Name	Rank	Date of Retirement	Years of Service
ABBATE, THOMAS	CDR	20050501	22
ABBOTT, MICHAEL	CDR	20050501	23
ACTON, ROBERT	MKC	20050428	28
ADAMSON, WILLIAM	PSC	20050209	38
AMOROSO, ORLANDO	CDR	20000301	34
ANDERSEN, DUANE	OS1	20040816	09
ANDREWS, JAMES	SK2	20050211	24
ARNOLD, JAMES	MKC	20050403	37
BACA, PATRICIA	BM1	20050415	10
BALL, DANIEL	ELC4	20050301	29
BARNACHIA, JOHNNY	AETC	20050501	22
BARON, MICHAEL	BMC	20050501	23
BARRETT, HARVEY	LCDR	20050212	32
BATTISTA, EDWARD	AET3	20050315	04
BEITEL, WARREN	PS2	20050227	31
BEKKEN, PETER	PERS3	20050401	28
BELL, MELANIE	LT	20050315	03
BENSON, ROBERT	OSC	20050401	22
BLAKESLEY, RUDOLPH	PS1	20050329	35
BOVEE, RAYMOND	ENG4	20050501	30
BOWEN, JON	LCDR	20050301	21
BROOKS, KARL	LT	20050314	37
BROOKS, SHIRLEY	HS1	20050210	29
BROWN, DENNIS	MKC	20050323	39
BROWN, GARY	GMCS	20050501	30
BRUCE, BARNARD	LCDR	20050305	38
CAMPBELL, ROBERT	PSC	20050401	26
CAMPOS, MARTIN	AET3	20050315	03
CANADY, DARRELD	SKC	20050401	20
CASH, JAMES	MSTC	20050324	29
CAUDLE, KEVIN	FS1	20050401	21
CHAMPION, DONALD	DC1	20050327	28
CLARK, ERIC	YN1	20050301	21
CLEMENT, MARK	MK1	20050301	20
CLEMONS, JOHN	MK1	20050219	37
COCKING, JOSEPH	BOSN4	20050401	32
COLLIER, MARK	LT	20050401	20
COLOME, CARY	MK2	20050418	07
COPLAN, STUART	SN	20050315	04
COURTNEY, HAMILTON	BOSN4	20050401	31
DAILEY, SUZANNE	YN1	20050301	20
DAMRON, DONALD	AETCS	20050501	30
DAVIES, BRYAN	AMT1	20050301	20
DAVIS, ROGER	MKCS	20050417	32
DAY, EUGENE	BMC	20050501	22
DECKERT, DAVID	EMC	20050301	25
DEVARGAS, TIMOTHY	DC1	20050401	20
DIETZE, ARNO	YN1	20050324	29
DOLAN, JOHN	LCDR	20040901	20
DON, THOMAS	BM1	20050426	39
DONE, SAMUEL	EM3	20050120	13
DONOVAN, CHRISTIAN	YN1	20050301	20
DORCHESTER, LISA	YN1	20050501	21
DOUGHTY, ROBERT	DC2	20050501	20
DOWNNEY, JOSEPH	PS1	20050410	39
DUTTON, JAMES	EM3	20050210	03
EALEY, RONNIE	LT	20050301	26
EGGER, SAMANTHA	BM3	20050315	02
ENGLER, RICKEY	GM1	20050401	20
ESSER, MICHAEL	SA	20040521	03
FEINAUER, DONALD	PERS3	20050420	39
FIGLIO, DAVID	MKCM	20050501	24
FLANNERY, MICHAEL	PS1	20050211	37

Name	Rank	Date of Retirement	Years of Service
FRAUSTO, ESPIDIDION	OS1	20050417	39
FREY, LOUIS	ELC4	20050301	30
GALES, THOMAS	AMT2	20050415	10
GIANOTTI, DON	YN1	20050203	29
GONZALES, JOHN	LT	20050501	22
GOSNELL, ANDREW	DC3	20041230	05
GRUVER, LAURENCE	CAPT	20050301	37
HAIRELSON, GARY	PERS2	20050301	24
HALL, LAWRENCE	CAPT	20050401	29
HALL, SAMUEL	OSC	20050401	20
HANLEY, RAYMOND	EM1	20050315	25
HARGADON, MICHAEL	CDR	20050501	28
HARRIS, NATHANIEL	YN3	20050315	01
HARRISON, MARK	LT	20050401	20
HAWKS, WILLIAM	PS2	20050422	31
HEAGY, SHANE	BM1	20050415	13
HERNANDEZ, RAFAEL	AET2	20050120	05
HERSHBERGER, MICHAEL	LCDR	20050501	31
HIGHLEY, MICHAEL	GM1	20050301	21
HIGHTOWER, NATHANIEL	FS2	20041201	20
HITCH, W	FS3	20000623	02
HOGGE, THOMAS	GMC	20050301	27
HOLBROOK, JON	CDR	20050326	36
HOLDEN, ERNEST	AET1	20050315	18
HOOKE, RODERICK	LCDR	20050402	29
HORROCKS, TREVOR	AET2	20050428	06
HUBBERT, DELBERT	ETC	20050401	20
HUGGINS, BRIAN	SR	20050315	03
JOHNSON, MICHAEL	YN1	20050301	20
JOHNSTON, SCOTT	AMT1	20050401	20
JONES, DEIDRE	YN3	20050215	06
JONES, RODERICK	SKC	20050301	20
KAMMERER, TERRANCE	COMM3	20050501	27
KEANE, PETER	CDR	20030701	29
KEELER, LARRY	BM1	20050217	25
KEEN, PATRICK	AET3	20050415	02
KELLEY, WILLIE	PSS4	20050219	36
KENNEDY, WAYNE	PS1	20050228	38
KIEGEL, ANTHONY	AET3	20050215	04
KING, ROBERT	ELC4	20050401	30
KNAPP, GEOFFREY	AMT3	20050415	04
KNIGHT, KARIE	MST3	20050215	02
KNUTH, ROBERT	CDR	20050208	36
KREFFT, CALVIN	BMCS	20050409	34
LANE, KEITH	LCDR	20050501	23
LANE, WILLIAM	CDR	20050213	36
LANGE, CHRISTOPHER	MK3	20050315	02
LAWTON, JEFFREY	FSC	20050301	26
LEDBETTER, PAUL	AMTC	20050401	27
LEFRERE, HERVEY	ET1	20050301	20
LEONARD, MICHAEL	CDR	20050301	21
LONG, JEFFERY	DCC	20050401	24
MACLENNAN, CRAIG	LT	20050501	26
MARLEY, LAVERNE	PO1	20050419	31
MARTIN, WILLIAM	MST1	20050301	20
MASON, DONALD	FSC	20050305	37
MATHEWS, MARK	LT	20050415	13
MATTA, JOHN	DCCS	20050430	36
MATTON, SHIRLEY	BM2	20050315	08
MCCRAVEN, ANTONIO	MKC	20050301	22
MCDONALD, SEAN	BMC	20050301	20

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MCEWEN, JOHN	F&S4	20050401	30
MCGILLVRAY, PATRICK	LCDR	20050401	31
MELLENDEZ, CARLEEN	PA3	20050215	03
MENDOLIA, JOHN	PS3	20050311	32
MERGENTHALER, DAVID	BOSN2	20050501	20
MESERVEY, BRUCE	PSCM	20050228	37
METZO, JOHN	BMCS	20050215	39
MILLER, ANTHONY	MK2	20050315	13
MILLER, ROBERT	MK1	20050430	39
MILLET, JOHN	PSS4	20050329	34
MILLS, STEPHEN	BOSN3	20050401	20
MOORE, BRIAN	LCDR	20050401	20
MORRILL, MICHAEL	PO2	20050401	39
MORRING, IRA	EMC	20050501	22
NEWMAN, ROBERT	PS2	20050307	34
NOGA, JAMES	BMCM	20041110	39
OLIVER, WILLIAM	CDR	20050301	20
ORR, ROBERT	SKC	20050303	30
PEELO, DAVID	PO1	20050326	38
PENNEL, DANNY	BM2	20050401	21
PEPE, ANDREW	PERS3	20050401	24
PETERS, CHESTER	OS1	20050501	20
PETERS, MARK	DCC	20050501	24
PEVEN, BENTON	COMM2	20050401	20
PIASECKI, WILLIAM	ETCS	20050401	25
PIAZZA, LOUIS	SKCM	20050411	34
PIERCE, DAVID	LCDR	20050501	28
POORE, RICHARD	CAPT	20050326	28
POPE, ARTHUR	MST2	20050428	30
PORTER, AUDREY	YNC	20050413	32
POWELL, ROBERT	LT	20050223	39
PROVOST, WILLIAM	AVI4	20050501	30
RAINEY, OWEN	MKCS	20050501	22
REDDING, GEORGE	PSS2	20050424	35
REED, SUSAN	PERS3	20050401	21
REHM, CHARLES	FS2	20050401	31
ROBERSON, THOMAS	MKC	20050225	42
ROBINSON, KEITH	GMC	20050201	23
RODRIGUEZ, JOE	MKC	20050426	40
RUEGGER, LARRY	ET1	20050324	39
SABOE, JOSEPH	CAPT	20050501	27
SAWICKI, STANLEY	MK1	20050307	28
SCHACHT, ERIC	BM3	20050120	05
SCHEWE, CHARLES	LTJG	20050403	35
SCOTT, DALLAS	DC2	20041203	09
SHELTRY, LEONARD	LT	20050501	30
SLEDGE, THOMAS	MAT2	20050501	21
SPANN, EDDIE	MKC	20041223	15
SPETZ, MARTIN	AMTC	20050501	29
STEVENS, JAMES	LCDR	20050401	20
STOKES, MICHAEL	LT	20050501	22
SYLVESTER, RALPH	MKC	20050213	39
TAUBE, STEVEN	HS2	20050301	20
TAYLOR, ERNEST	YN3	20050401	25
THRIFT, CHRISTOPHER	GM2	20050315	04
TINGQUIST, ALAN	CAPT	20050404	36
TOMAN, ROBERT	BM3	20050415	04
TOMER, HERBERT	EM1	20050218	36
TREBBE, PETER	LT	20050401	20
TREUHERZ, PETER	HS1	20041201	24
TUCCIARONE, KATHLEEN	SN	20050211	03
TUCCIO, WILLIAM	SN	20050315	01
ULRICH, ROBERT	AMT1	20050301	20
VANDEVOORDE, MARK	BMCM	20041201	27
VINSON, LONNIE	WEPS4	20050501	30
WALKER, MARTIN	LCDR	20050501	20
WALKER, ROBERT	SK1	20050412	34
WARD, PATRICIA	YN1	20050501	27
WASHBURN, ERIC	CDR	20050301	20
WEISS, DAVID	SN	20050315	07
WELSCH, CHARLES	PSS3	20050407	39

WEST, ROBERT	LT	20050301	27
WETZEL, CRAIG	MKC	20050323	28
WILSON, JOHN	AET1	20050401	24
WIRT, GREGORY	MUC	20041201	22
WITTERSCHEIN, JOHN	BM1	20050401	22
YENSZ, MICHAEL	LCDR	20050401	30
YUNKER, JEFFREY	MST1	20050301	21
ZAJACK, DENNIS	OSC	20050203	33

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

WHAT ARE THEY DOING NOW?

Lt. Paul J. Swisher, USCG, Retired

After a variety of jobs in the security and sporting goods industries since retiring from the Coast Guard, I have finally retired. I own forty acres in Eastern Alabama where I raise registered Pinzgauer cattle. Additionally I manage another registered herd for a total of 70 cows, 3 sire bulls and 40-50 calves. Last year I raised and sold a registered bull calf Hamilton and this year I have Mellon and Chase on the ground. I recently completed the Alabama Master Cattle Producers program through Auburn University.

FTCM Robert Geshel, USCG, Retired

On 3 June 2005, 2nd LT Richard Geshel, USAR, will graduate from the Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine. Upon graduation he will be commissioned a Captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps.

Dr. Geshel, who was formerly an Aerospace Medical Technician (Hospital Corpsman) in the U.S. Navy, previously earned a B.S. degree in Biology and a B.A. degree in History from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona. He will be stationed at Madigan Army Medical Center, Ft. Lewis, Washington for a three-year Residency in Family Practice.

After Dr. Geshel's wife pins on the Captain's bars, **FTCM Robert Geshel, USCG, Retired**, Dr. Geshel's father, will render Dr. Geshel's first salute as a Captain, for which, Dr. Geshel will present his father a silver dollar. The silver dollar will signify the birth year of Dr. Geshel's grandfather (1911).




TAPS

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	RANK	DATE	CITY	STATE
ACOPA	PEDRO	CSC	20050422	PHILIPPINES	RP
ADAMS	HARRY	QM1	20050301	READING	PA
ALSUP	DONALD	LCDR	20050402	WILLOW SPRINGS	MO
ANDERSON	DONALD	EMCS	20050213	BANCROFT	MI
ARMSTRONG	RAYMOND	SD2	20050502	HOUSTON	TX
BAILEY	EARNEST	RD1	20050429	NORTHVILLE	NY
BARKER	GERALD	CAPT	20050315	TOPEKA	KS
BEACH	LYMAN	BMC	20050404	YUMA	AZ
BESSO	JOHN	ENC	20050312	WAYLAND	MA
BILBRO	RICHARD	LT	20050411	OCEAN SIDE	CA
BISSEY	ROBERT	CAPT	20050430	CHARLESTON	SC
BLOMQUIST	HUBERT	CAPT	20050513	BRICK	NJ
BOLTE	HERBERT	ADC	20050226	PINELLAS PARK	FL
BOTELER	JAMES	CDR	20050407	CAMARILLO	CA
BOWDEN	ROBERT	BM1	20050307	CHINCOTEAGUE	VA
BRAILSFORD	CHARLES	YNC	20050408	WARWICK	RI
BROOKS	DONALD	PSC	20050302	RAINSVILLE	AL
BURK	LADISLAV	EMC	20050423	FRANKLIN SQUARE	NY
BUSH	ROBERT	LCDR	20050429	MOBILE	AL
CANTRELL	NEWMAN	CWO4	20050513	BEAUFORT	NC
CASIERI	ALFRED	CDR	20050126	FALLS CHURCH	VA
CHASE	KIM	F&S3	20050509	BALTIMORE	MD
CHILDS	KENNETH	CSC	20050309	ROCHESTER	NY
CHOQUETTE	HENRY	ENC	20050317	SAFETY HARBOR	FL
CLARK	RAY	TTC	20050314	LEBANON	MO
COGLIN	CHARLES	EMCS	20050325	SEATTLE	WA
COLLETTE	IRENE	YNCS	20050507	ROCKFORD	MI
COLLINS	ROBERT	ENG3	20050330	GREENVILLE	MS
CONGDON	BERNARD	LT	20050505	SWANSEA	MA
COOK	CURTIS	BM3	20050410	RAVENEL	SC
COTA	ELI	YNCS	20050308	VILLAS	NJ
CRAIG	DELBERT	BMC	20050513	FALMOUTH	KY
CROSBY	RONALD	F&S3	20050324	MARRERO	LA
CRUTHIRDS	SIDNEY	F&S4	20050402	BILOXI	MS
DAVIS	DONALD	CAPT	20050322	ELIZABETH CITY	NC
DENNEY	CHARLES	BMC	20050220	ZEPHYRHILLS	FL
DICKEY	FRED	CDR	20050320	BEAVERTON	OR
DOAN	HAROLD	CDR	20050428	HARBOR CITY	CA
DONNELLY	EDWARD	LCDR	20041220	SAN DIEGO	CA
DRINKWATER	GEORGE	CDR	20050430	HAMPTON	NH
DUBBIN	WILLIAM	CDR	20050203	SARATOGA	CA
DUNAHOE	JIMMIE	BMCM	20050417	HAWKINS	TX
EAST	CHARLES	ADC	20050513	PENSACOLA	FL
ECKERT	JACK	LCDR	20050323	PORT WASHINGTON	WI
ENSLOW	BEN	ENC	20050504	ALOHA	OR
ERICKSON	ARTHUR	CS1	20050424	ROCKPORT	MA

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FARINA	FRANK	CDR	20050309	STAMFORD	CT
FEEGER	FRANK	ENG2	20050326	KINGWOOD	TX
FELDER	MILLER	DCC	20050323	WAKEFIELD	MA
FERNALD	NORMAN	CAPT	20050501	PALM DESERT	CA
FOLSOM	DAVID	CAPT	20050426	MIDDLETOWN	NJ
FONTAINE	RONALD	LCDR	20050328	LONDONDERRY	NH
FORSMAN	JAMES	BMC	20050301	SUQUAMISH	WA
FRASER	WILLIAM	ENG4	20050429	SEMINOLE	FL
FREELAND	NORVON	LT	20050404	SEATTLE	WA
FRITZ	ANTHONY	FN	20050325	PHOENIX	AZ
GALLAWAY	JAMES	HMC	20050511	YAKIMA	WA
GARRETT	CHARLES	CAPT	20050303	MERCER ISLAND	WA
GODWIN	RALPH	EN1	20050208	LAURINBURG	NC
GOODWIN	KENNETH	CAPT	20050220	HOUSTON	TX
GRASSIT	KIPLING	CDR	20050206	SHORELINE	WA
GREIG	LESLIE	CDR	20050304	MASHPEE	MA
GRIFFIN	L	SS2	20050415	PORTLAND	OR
GROCE	JESSE	MKCM	20050426	BELHAVEN	NC
GUNDERSEN	DONALD	ENC	20050327	GRAPEVIEW	WA
HAARMANN	EDWARD	MKC	20050507	DAYTON	TX
HALE	KENNETH	MK1	20050226	MIDDLETOWN	OH
HAMILTON	FORREST	AE1	20050504	BAKER CITY	OR
HAMILTON	LELAND	MKCS	20050515	CHEBEAGUE ISLAND	ME
HAND	JAMES	PSC	20050403	WHITESTONE QN	NY
HARBAUGH	JOHN	BM1	20050328	ST CLAIRSVLE	OH
HARRIS	CHRISTOPHER	AMT1	20050227	CLEARWATER	FL
HARRIS	GLEN	BMLC	20050324	NEWPORT NEWS	VA
HATCH	EDWARD	BMC	20050325	NEWTON CENTRE	MA
HEDDEN	HOWARD	SKC	20050411	CLEARWATER	FL
HENNING	WILLIAM	ENG3	20050505	ESCONDIDO	CA
HICKS	PAUL	MK3	20041220	TOPEKA	KS
HOBBS	CLAUDIUS	DC1	20050303	WILMINGTON	NC
JOHNSON	KENNETH	MKCS	20050401	HARKERS ISLAND	NC
JONES	IDUS	BM2	20050312	GREAT FALLS	MT
JONES	WILLIAM	ADC	20050326	MARYSVILLE	WA
KELLEY	JOSEPH	SSCM	20050228	JUNEAU	AK
KERWIN	JOHN	YNCM	20050428	CLEARWATER	FL
KINNAN	JOHN	BM1	20050216	INKOM	ID
KNOWLES	NEVIL	EN1	20050301	OAKLAND	CA
KNOWLES	WILLIAM	ELC4	20050224	NEWPORT	OR
KORN	ALBERT	HSC	20050402	FIFE LAKE	MI
LADER	ALBERT	BMC	20050501	LYNN HAVEN	FL
LAWLOR	FENTON	HMCS	20050425	HALIFAX	MA
LEE	MICHAEL	BM2	20050301	ST PAUL	MN
LEWIS	EDWARD	CAPT	20050418	WALNUT CREEK	CA
LINTON	DEWEY	MKC	20050426	CHOCOWINITY	NC
LOCKHART	JAMES	CHMACH4	20050331	LINDENHURST	IL
LOMAX	JOHN	HMCS	20050315	KNOXVILLE	TN
LOVETT	GORDON	ADC	20050321	ST PETERSBURG	FL
LUGINBILL	JAMES	BMC	20050412	MESA	AZ
LUKER	LEE	ADC	20050322	PRESCOTT	AZ
MARSHALL	LAWRENCE	CDR	20050211	BOOTHBAY HAVOR	ME
MARTIN	RALPH	RMCS	20050329	NORTH HAMPTON	NH

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MARTIN	WILLIAM	CAPT	20050416	CORAL GABLES	FL
MASSEY	JACK	LCDR	20050407	PAHRUMP	NV
MCAFEE	WILLIAM	BM1	20050228	WEST PEABODY	MA
MCDERMOTT	WILLIAM	HMCM	20050426	EDGEWOOD	MD
MEADERS	RAYMOND	MKCM	20050221	ANACORTES	WA
MENDENHALL	HOWARD	MKCS	20050404	ST PETERSBURG	FL
MEW	ALFRED	BMC	20050504	CRESTVIEW	FL
MOORHEAD	CHARLES	CAPT	20050325	UNIVERSITY PL	WA
MORDICK	LEON	PSC	20050316	ST LOUIS	MO
MORTON	ROBERT	BMC	20050303	SYLVANIA	GA
MOXLEY	ROBERT	DCC	20050423	LARGO	FL
NARRACCI	JOSEPH	YNCM	20050511	ROHNERT PARK	CA
NIELSEN	DONALD	ELC3	20050505	WADSWORTH	OH
NODURFT	ERNEST	CDR	20050218	PENSACOLA	FL
OBRIEN	KEVIN	MKCM	20050509	VANCOUVER	WA
OLDMEN	THOMAS	ENCM	20050310	TUSTIN	CA
PAPP	ZOLTAN	CHRELE4	20050416	FAIRDALE	KY
PERKINS	HAROLD	CAPT	20050219	TALLAHASSEE	FL
PERUSKI	MELVIN	BM1	20050328	ANN ARBOR	MI
PERYER	GREGORY	BM1	20020917	NEW BEDFORD	MA
PHETTERPLACE	LARRY	BOSN4	20050307	COCOA	FL
POKIPALA	BENJAMIN	BM1	20050311	HONOLULU	HI
POLAK	FRANK	EMCS	20050321	TULAROSA	NM
POORE	RICHARD	CAPT	20050326	CHESAPEAKE	VA
PRATT	LEONARD	SKC	20050319	CASA GRANDE	AZ
PRITCHETT	JOHN	MKCS	20050417	NEWPORT NEWS	VA
QUINTAS	LEOPOLDO	ETC	20050510	PAWCATUCK	CT
RAMSEY	RICHARD	LCDR	20050304	BLK BUTTE RCH	OR
REED	EDWARD	SKC	20050214	OAKLAND PARK	FL
ROBERTS	DUAYNE	MAT4	20050405	SPRING CITY	TN
ROBINSON	PAUL	FTC	20050320	SAN JOSE	CA
ROCHE	JAMES	MKC	20050217	MARATHON	FL
RODGER	KENNETH	BMC	20050409	PORT ST LUCIE	FL
ROLLER	ELBERT	BOSN3	20050222	LOVELAND	CO
RUGGLES	VIRGIL	SS1	20050227	CLIFTON	CO
SAWYER	JAMES	EN1	20050510	AVON	NC
SCHARVER	STEPHEN	BMCS	20050413	ALTAMONTE SPRING	FL
SCHERTZL	JOHN	CAPT	20050224	OCONOMOWOC	WI
SCOTT	DALLAS	DC2	20041127	ARNOLD	MO
SHEARIN	JESSE	F&S4	20050214	REEDVILLE	VA
SHEFFIELD	THOMAS	BMCM	20050128	SAVANNAH	GA
SHELTON	JAMIA	TC2	20050411	LOUISVILLE	KY
SHORES	DWIGHT	LT	20050122	HARRISBURG	NC
SIMPSON	GEORGE	LCDR	20050317	CARY	NC
SIULUA	MAATAUA	SKC	20050409	HAYWARD	CA
SIVILS	TALMADGE	CDR	20050318	HERMITAGE	TN
SKAARE	ARNOLD	CS1	20050330	MELROSE	MA
SLIVA	GEORGE	HMC	20050412	WILMINGTON	NC
SMALL	JAMES	HMCM	20050222	REIDSVILLE	NC
SMITH	CLARENCE	CAPT	20050509	HARBOR OAKS	FL
SMITH	EDGAR	RM1	20050304	NORMAN	OK
STEED	FRANKIE	YNC	20050226	LINDALE	TX

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STINETTE	WILLIAM	HMC	20050310	VIRGINIA BEACH	VA
STOCKMAN	EDWARD	CDR	20050308	HINGHAM	MA
STRAY	THORVALD	BMCM	20050407	REDMOND	WA
STRONG	JAMES	PSCM	20050302	WINTER HAVEN	FL
STRONG	ROBERT	BM1	20050331	LAWRENCEVILLE	GA
SUCHORSKI	EDWIN	SSCS	20050501	SCOTTSBORO	AL
SULLIVAN	DONAL	BMC	20050219	CLEVELAND	OH
SWEENEY	MILTON	DCC	20050221	DULUTH	MN
SZIRISKI	ALEXANDER	RMC	20050425	GIRARD	PA
TATE	DANIEL	CSC	20050420	COINJOCK	NC
TAWES	LEEWOOD	MK1	20050420	JACKSONVILLE	FL
TICKLE	BILLY	YN1	20050327	SARASOTA	FL
UTECH	JAMES	MMCM	20050318	JACKSONVILLE	FL
VANZANT	WILBUR	ENC	20050319	CASSELBERRY	FL
VINCENT	LAMBERT	CSC	20050309	APEX	NC
VOIGT	FRED	MKCS	20050312	OLALLA	WA
VONNOH	GERALD	EM1	20050318	EAST ROCKAWAY	NY
WADE	EUCLID	ENG4	20050418	SMYRNA	NC
WATERMAN	JOHN	BM1	20050312	WAKEFIELD	RI
WEIHER	DAVID	LCDR	20050311	WILMINGTON	NC
WHEATON	GERALD	BMC	20050421	LOS LUNAS	NM
WHINHAM	STEVEN	MST1	20050324	ENOLA	PA
WHITTINGTON	ROY	CSC	20050320	LIVERMORE	CA
WILLIAMSON	JAMES	ENCS	20050515	LAKE CITY	FL
WILSON	STEPHEN	RDC	20050517	NORFOLK	VA
WILSON	THOMAS	MK3	20050414	EHRENBERG	AZ
WOODWARD	CARL	BMC	20050226	LEESBURG	FL
WRIGHT	JAMES	BM2	20050220	LANDISVILLE	PA
YAGERLINE	JOHN	LCDR	20050404	SPRINGFIELD	VA
YUNKER	JOHN	AVT4	20050519	ELIZABETH CITY	NC
ZAIGER	MARION	ENC	20050404	BLAINE	WA
ZAYE	LLOYD	RMC	20050313	BEAUMONT	TX

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MARTIN	WILLIAM	CAPT	20050219	FAYETTEVILLE	NC
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A Little Reminder About US Coast Guard Reserve Retirement Point Statements.

By Lynn Couch, Reserve Processing Technician

It is important to remember to check your point statements in a timely manner while you are still drilling. Please verify each entry on the point statement carefully, including your mailing address, correspondence, ADT and IDT. If you feel it is incorrect, you must notify your Servicing Personnel Office (SPO) within 45 days. You should highlight the discrepancies, and provide supporting documentation (copies of paid orders, your LES, or course completion letters) with your letter to your SPO. Be sure and also include a written explanation outlining the discrepancy. It is so much easier to get this corrected while still drilling instead of waiting several years then realizing that this will affect your retired pay. At this time we may have to order your record from the National Personnel Records Center and if you had served in another branch of the service then you will need to sign a release before we can even get your record so again please take a few minutes when receiving your point statement and review it for accuracy.



Dependent TAPS

Name of Dependent	Relationship	Date of Death	Location
Nancy A. Harrison	Wife of DCC Charles O. Harrison, USCG, Ret	15 Feb 05	Tobyhanna, PA
Doris J. Saunders	Wife of CDR George A. Saunders, USCG, Ret	03 Feb 05	Annapolis, MD
Dorothy E. Darnell	Wife of MMCS George W. Darnell, USCG, Ret	07 Dec 04	Bend, OR
Mary G. Maropis	Wife of CWO3 Chris Maropis, USCG, Ret	13 Mar 05	Freeport, TX
Clarence I. Pressler	Father of RDC Paul H. Pressler, USCG, Ret	17 Jan 04	Galveston, TX
Dura B. Pressler	Mother of RDC Paul H. Pressler, USCG, Ret	18 Nov 04	Galveston, TX
Willie L. Gardner	Wife of BMCM Cois C. Gardner, USCG, Ret	14 Mar 05	Semmes, AL
Dorothy Z. Mullen	Wife of ENC Howard D. Mullen, USCG, Ret	14 Apr 05	New Smyrna, FL
Judith J. Ocobock	Wife of BMCM Herbert C. Ocobock Jr., USCG, Ret	20 Mar 05	Coos Bay, OR
Margaret M. DiSalvo	Wife of MKCS Albert L. DiSalvo, USCG, Ret	06 Mar 05	North Reading, MA
Ann Palmer Dorr	Wife of FICM Leslie E. Dorr, USCGR, Ret	24 Mar 05	Portsmouth, NH
Mary F. Schmer	Wife of CWO4 Gerald W. Schmer, USCG, Ret	08 May 05	Seattle, WA

If you have lost a loved one and would like their name printed in Dependent TAPs, please contact PSC-RAS@hrc.uscg.mil with their name, date of death, your name and retired rank, and city/state of residence. RAS will make appropriate updates and then forward to the Evening Colors Editor. Or you can send your request in writing and mail to: Commanding Officer (RAS), Personnel Service Center, 444 SE Quincy Street, Topeka, KS 66683-3591. You may also fax your request to (785) 339-3770.

IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT!

On pages 27 and 28 of this issue is the Form CG PSC-3600, Designation of Beneficiary for Payment of Unpaid Retired Pay. Why is this form important to you? This is the form that RAS uses to pay the person **you designated** to receive your final retired pay due upon your death. You probably filled one of these out upon your retirement from the Coast Guard, which could have been many years ago and your designated beneficiary may have changed due to marriage, divorce, birth of a child or death of a loved one.

As an example, if you filled out this form when you retired ten years ago, were married at that time and elected for your spouse to receive 100% of your final pay and subsequently divorced and remarried but didn't fill out a new 3600 form, then passed away, your former spouse would receive any final pay due versus your current spouse.

A current Form 3600 also makes it easier and quicker for RAS to pay to your designated beneficiary your final pay due, thus helping relieve some of the financial strain a death and loss of income can create and depending on rank and time of the month of your death, could be a considerable sum.

If there has been a change in your beneficiary and you've not filled out a new form, do yourself and your beneficiary a favor and take a few minutes to complete this form and mail to RAS.

Department of Homeland Security U. S. Coast Guard CG PSC-3600 (Rev. 6/03)	DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARY FOR PAYMENT OF UNPAID RETIRED PAY
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1. Name (First, Middle, Last)	2. Grade/Rate	3. Social Security Number
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Under the provisions of Section 2771, Title 10, U.S. Code, and 4 CFR Part 34, you may designate whomever you wish to receive unpaid retired pay due at the time of your death.

I HEREBY designate the following beneficiary(ies) to receive retired pay due and payable at my death. I am aware that under the provisions of Section 2771, Title 10, U.S. Code, and 4 CFR Part 34, this designation will remain in effect unless canceled or changed by me.

4. Designated Beneficiary/Beneficiaries (See examples on reverse)

NAME (First, Middle Initial, Last)	Relationship	Address (Including Zip Code) And Phone Number (Including Area Code)	Date Of Birth	SHARE (Total Must Equal 100%)
a.				
b.				
c.				
d.				

5. Date	6. Signature Of Retired Member	7. Signature Of Witness
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8. Current Address (Including Zip Code) And Phone Number (Including Area Code) Of Retired Member	9. Address Of Witness (Including Zip Code) And Phone Number (Including Area Code)
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If none of the above beneficiaries survive you, or if you have not designated a beneficiary at the time of your death, pay that is due and payable will be paid in the following order of precedence:

- (1) Surviving spouse.
- (2) Children and their descendants, by representation.
- (3) Father and mother in equal parts or, if either is dead, the survivor.
- (4) Legal representative.
- (5) Person entitled under the law of the domicile of the deceased member.

When doubt exists as to the person(s) properly entitled to payment, settlement will be made by the Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA).

MAIL TO: COMMANDING OFFICER (RAS) USCG PSC 444 SE QUINCY ST TOPEKA KS 66683-3591	If any of your designated beneficiaries dies, or if you divorce, you must submit a new CGPSC-3600 form immediately.
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SEE PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT ON REVERSE

EXAMPLES OF DESIGNATIONS

How to designate one beneficiary:

NAME (First, Middle Initial, Last)	RELATION-SHIP	ADDRESS (Including ZIP Code) AND PHONE NUMBER (Including Area Code)	DATE OF BIRTH	SHARE (Total must equal 100%)
Jane L. Doe*	Sister	2808 Southern Ave. Williams IN 46728 785-339-3415	7-9-2002	100%

How to designate MORE than one beneficiary:

NAME (First, Middle Initial, Last)	RELATION-SHIP	ADDRESS (Including ZIP Code) AND PHONE NUMBER (Including Area Code)	TELEPHONE (Including Area Code)	SHARE (Total must equal 100%)
Jane L. Doe**	Aunt	110 Prince St. Anniston NY 14607 785-339-3415	7-9-2002	25%
Jenny P. Doe	Niece	230 Duke St. Anniston NY 14607 785-339-3415	7-9-2002	25%
Janet F. Doe	Mother	2301 State St. Weaver OH 44405 785-339-3415	7-9-2002	50%

How to designate a contingent beneficiary:

NAME (First, Middle Initial, Last)	RELATION-SHIP	ADDRESS (Including ZIP Code) AND PHONE NUMBER (Including Area Code)	DATE OF BIRTH	SHARE (Total must equal 100%)
John R. Doe, if living	Father	244 S. Ann St. Olney, GA 31204 785-339-3415	7-9-2002	100%
Otherwise to: Jane L. Doe	Sister	2808 Southern Ave. Williams IN 46728 785-339-3415	7-9-2002	100%

* Do not write name as J. L. Doe or as Mrs. John H. Doe.

** Be sure that the shares to be paid to the several beneficiaries add up to 100%.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

In accordance with 5 USC 552a(e)(3), the following information is provided to you when supplying personal information to the U. S. Coast Guard.

- (1) **AUTHORITY** which authorized the solicitation of the information: 10 USC Section 2771.
- (2) **PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(S)** for which information is intended to be used: Used to designate a beneficiary for unpaid retired pay upon demise of retiree.
- (3) The **ROUTINE USES** which may be made of the information: Used to determine who receives last payment of unpaid retired pay after retiree's demise.
- (4) Whether or not **DISCLOSURE** of such information is mandatory or voluntary (required by law or optional) and the effects on the individual, if any, of not providing all or any part of the requested information: Disclosure of this information is voluntary, but without disclosure, an individual the retiree wanted as a beneficiary may not receive the final pay.

Personnel Service Center, Retiree & Annuitant Services (RAS) - Directory Assistance

Questions, Address or Direct-Deposit Changes

If you need information or have questions about:

- ◆ Your retired or Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuity payments
- ◆ Your Retired/Annuitant Statement
- ◆ IRS Form 1099R (reporting taxable income)

or you need to change:

- ◆ Your home mailing address (for Retired/Annuitant Statement, newsletter, 1099R)
- ◆ Your financial institution or account number for your direct deposit
- ◆ Report a change to your Designation of Beneficiary for Payment of Unpaid Retired Pay (Note: Use Form *CG PSC-3600 Designation of Beneficiary for Payment of Unpaid Retired Pay)

You may make the requests listed above by **telephone**, by **fax** or in **writing**. Our telephone and fax numbers are:

Toll free: 1 800 772-8724
Commercial: (785) 339-3415
Fax: (785) 339-3770

Allotments, SBP Coverage and Beneficiary Changes

If you need to:

- ◆ Start, stop or change and allotment (use Form *CG PSC-7221 Retired Allotment Authorization Form)
- ◆ Report a change to your Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) coverage

You must make the requests listed above in **writing**. You may **fax** your request to (785) 339-3770 or mail to:

Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG Personnel Service Center
444 SE Quincy St
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

() Note: forms available from our website
<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/forms>*

1 800 PSC-USCG/1 800 772-8724

If outside the U.S. (785) 339-3415

Income Tax Withholding Changes

If you need to:

- ◆ Start or change the amount of State Tax Withholding (Retirees can call, e-mail or use *IRS Form W-4, or state form. **If using IRS form, indicate that the form is for State Income Tax Withholding, not federal, which state it's for and the dollar amount to be withheld, (minimum amount is \$10.00, no cents).** We cannot withhold state tax for annuitants)
- ◆ Change your Federal Income Tax Withholding (Retirees use Form W-4, Annuitants use Form W-4P)
- ◆ Change exemptions or additional withholding

Federal tax changes **must** be in writing. The original Form IRS W-4 or W-4P must be mailed to PSC (RAS) for action and filing, per IRS requirements. PSC (RAS) cannot accept a faxed W-4 or W-4P. Please mail to:

Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG Personnel Service Center
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()Note: forms available from our website
<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/forms>
or directly from the IRS*

Report of Death

To report the death of a Coast Guard, NOAA retiree/annuitant or a Lighthouse keeper call:

Toll free: 1 800 772-8724
Commercial: (785) 339-3415
Fax: (785) 339-3770

Or write:

Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG Personnel Service Center
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E-mail articles, dependent taps entries, reunion notices, etc., to **PSC-RASNewsletter@hrsic.uscg.mil** or call us at the numbers listed below (phone menu option #4). The deadline for the next issue is Aug 9, 2005.

E-mail: PSC-RAS@hrsic.uscg.mil

Website: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/ras.htm>

Other Important Phone Numbers and Websites

Medical/Dental Benefits	Phone	Websites/Notes
Eligibility (DEERS)/ID Cards	1 800 538-9552 (TTY/TDD) 1 866 363-2883	http://www.tricare.osd.mil/deers In CA: 1 800 334-4162 In AK & HI: 1 800 527-5602
Mail-Order Pharmacy	1 866 363-8667	http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/tmop.cfm
Retiree Dental Plan	1 888 838-8737	http://www.trdp.org
TRICARE Overseas	1 888 777-8343	http://www.tricare.osd.mil/overseas/
TRICARE United States	phone numbers available on web site	http://tricare.osd.mil
TRICARE For Life	1 866 773-0404	http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tfl/default.cfm
Senior Pharmacy Program	1 877 363-6337	http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/seniorpharmacy.cfm
Federal Long-Term Health Insurance	1 800 582-3337	http://www.opm.gov/insure/ltc/
CG Health Benefits Advisor	1 800 942-2422	
Veterans Benefits	Phone	Websites/Notes
Department of Veterans Affairs	1 800 827-1000	http://www.va.gov
Insurance Information	1 800 669-8477	http://www.insurance.va.gov
Veterans Group Life Insurance		http://www.insurance.va.gov/sglisite/vgli/vgli.htm
New VGLI Applications and VGLI Reinstatements: OSGLI PO Box 5000 Millville, NJ 08332-9928	Fax # for other than deaths and accelerated benefits 1 800 236-6142 Overseas phone (973) 548-5699	Death and accelerated benefits claims only: Phone: 1 800 419-1473 Fax: 1 877 832-4943 or e-mail: osgil.claims@prudential.com General Correspondence: Office of Service members' Group Life Insurance 290 West Mt. Pleasant Ave. Livingston, NJ 07039
Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents	1 800 827-1000	http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current_benefits.htm VA Pamphlet 80-02-1
Headstones & Markers	1 800 697-6947	http://www.cem.va.gov/hm.htm
Other	Phone	Websites/Notes
Final Active Duty Pay	1 866 772-8724 Overseas (785) 339-3550	http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/ses.htm Commanding Officer (SES) USCG Personnel Service Center 444 SE Quincy St Topeka, KS 66683-3591
Contact PSC (SES) for information on Severance Pay, Separation Pay, Disability Severance Pay, LES's, IRS Form W-2.		

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*(Continued from page 30)***Other Important Phone Numbers and Websites**

Other	Phone	Websites/Notes
Travel Claims	1 866 772-8724 Overseas (785) 339-2200	http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/tvl.htm Send final travel claim to: Commanding Officer (TVL) USCG Personnel Service Center 444 SE Quincy St. Topeka, KS 66683-3591
Service Records	(314) 801-0800	http://www.archives.gov/research_room/vetrecs/ Write to: National Personnel Records Center 9700 Page Avenue St. Louis, MO 63132-5100
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.		
Social Security	1 800 772-1213	http://www.ssa.gov
WWII U. S. Merchant Marine Awards and Decorations	1 800 996-2723 Overseas (202) 366-2646	http://www.marad.dot.gov/contact_us.html Attn: Patricia Thomas, Medals and Decorations Maritime Administration U. S. Department of Transportation 400 7th Street, SW, Room 7304 Washington, D.C. 20590

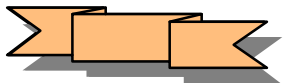
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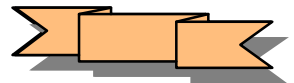
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We have discontinued sending e-mail notifications to people who have signed up for the online newsletter. The process of capturing, recording, maintaining privacy and keeping e-mail addresses up-to-date had become problematic.

The newsletter is published four times a year in January, April, July, and October. Please check the online newsletter page at the beginning of these months for the latest issue.



NAUTICAL TERMS, PHRASES & TRIVIA



Binnacle List—A ship's sick-list. A binnacle was the stand on which the ship's compass was mounted. In the eighteenth century and probably before, a list was given to the officer or mate of the watch, containing the names of men unable to report for duty. The list was kept at the binnacle.

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