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## GLOBAL PAY FREQUENTLY ASK QUESTIONS

**1) What is an Employee ID and why do I need it?** The Employee ID is the number we use to identify each retiree/annuitant. You will use it instead of your social security number when requesting changes be made to your pay. Once the self service portion of the pay system is established, you will use your Employee ID number to log onto the system and make the changes.

**2) Why did my pay change a few cents with Global Pay?** Your net pay decreased by a few cents as a result of an increase in your federal income tax withholding (FITW). This is due to the annualized tax table method used by the Global Pay System. FITW from your pay is deposited in your tax account with the IRS, then applied toward your annual tax liability when you file your tax return.

**3) I have a FSPA deduction. Why did my FITW change so much?** With the new Global Pay System, your FSPA deduction will reduce your taxable gross before the FITW is applied. This reduction in taxable gross will decrease the FITW withheld. To make a change to the FITW, complete a new W4 and submit it to PSC (RAS).

**4) On the Pay Statement, my Pay Grade and/or Rank was incorrect. Is that going to be fixed?** Approximately one percent of the Pay Statements issued in April 2008 showed an incorrect Pay Grade or Rank. This was due to a data migration problem, which has now been corrected. If you receive a future Pay Statement with an incorrect Pay Grade or Rank, please notify PSC (RAS) immediately.

**5) I don't receive pay from the Coast Guard. Why did I receive a Pay Statement the end of April 2008?** In April 2008, a Pay Statement was sent to every retiree, annuitant, and former spouse, even those not receiving pay from the Coast Guard. We wanted to notify you that we still have you on our rolls and that your pay is being offset or waived due to receipt of VA or Social Security benefits.

**6) Why is my VA amount the same as my CRDP or gross pay?** There may be instances where a retiree's VA compensation (offset) can be greater than the retiree's net pay compensation or greater than retiree's pay compensation plus their CRDP/CRSC entitlement. In these situations, Global Pay does not show the whole VA compensation amount. It only shows the amount that will zero out the retiree's retired pay compensation. If we include the full amount of VA compensation in these situations, the member's net pay would have a negative number, which is an invalid condition.

**7) Why is my net pay amount more on my pay slip than what is deposited in my financial institution?** The net pay amount is the accumulative total of your actual net pay and any savings allotments you have going out. If you have a savings allotment, on the Pay Statement, to the right of YOUR NET PAY, you will see two lines: one shows the amount deposited into your savings account; the other shows the amount deposited to your primary bank account (or mailed to you if you are not on direct deposit).

## VA NEWS

### VA Announces SGLI and VGLI Premium Reductions

April 7, 2008

#### **Peake: Change Makes Programs More Affordable**

WASHINGTON – Veterans and military personnel with life insurance policies managed by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will see a reduction in their premiums, thanks to improved investment earnings and a reduction in non-combat claims.

The premium cuts affect military personnel covered by Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) and veterans covered by the Veterans' Group Life Insurance (VGLI).

"The reduction in SGLI premiums makes life insurance even more affordable for today's men and women in uniform," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake. "Lower VGLI premiums will allow more veterans to provide this low-cost financial security to their families."

On July 1, 2008, the premiums for basic SGLI will be 6.5 cents per month for \$1,000 of coverage, down from 7 cents per month for \$1,000. This translates into a 7 percent savings. Servicemembers with the maximum \$400,000 of coverage will see their monthly premium reduced from \$28 to \$26.

Servicemembers are also covered against severe traumatic injury for an additional dollar each month.

The reduction in SGLI premiums is made possible by lower, non-combat-related claims and increases in investment earnings. VA officials believe this premium reduction will help maintain the nearly universal participation in the program.

VGLI provides renewable term policies for people after their discharges from the military. Veterans pay premiums according to their age for this coverage.

On July 1, 2008, VGLI premium rates will be reduced for veterans aged 30 to 64, who make up 85 percent of those insured under the program. Premium rates for those under age 30 are already competitive.

Premium reductions, ranging from 4 percent to 12 percent, are a result of fewer claims being received. The reductions will ensure that VGLI remains highly competitive with similar insurance offered by commercial insurers.

"With servicemembers putting their lives at risk against terrorism, life insurance coverage is more important than ever," added Peake.

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## TRICARE NEWS

### Civilian Providers Accepting TRICARE Standard; Officials Continue Work to Expand Network

April 04, 2008

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FALLS CHURCH, Va. - There's good news for TRICARE Standard beneficiaries—more civilian providers are accepting new patients, according to a recently released survey. Yet, TRICARE officials acknowledge that increasing the number of providers and types of providers across the Nation remains a high priority, especially in remote areas.

The findings, part of the Department of Defense Survey of Civilian Physician Acceptance of TRICARE Standard, show that in Fiscal Year (FY) 2007, almost 93 percent of responding physicians in 53 hospital service areas (HSAs) were aware of the TRICARE program, with 84 percent of physicians in those 53 HSAs accepting new TRICARE Standard patients.

"The survey results are very encouraging," said Army Major General Elder Granger, Deputy Director, TRICARE Management Activity (TMA). "It shows that more doctors are working with us to ensure that our Reserve Component warriors, retirees, and their families have access to quality care."

The 2007 survey was the final installment of a three-year national effort to measure awareness of TRICARE and to determine the number of physicians that accept new TRICARE Standard patients. The Department randomly surveyed physicians in 20 states in both FYs 2005 and 2006. The 10 remaining states and Washington, DC, were surveyed in FY 2007. Physicians in local HSAs were also surveyed each year. Approximately 40,000 physicians from a variety of medical specialties were randomly picked.

The aggregate results show that civilian provider awareness and acceptance is generally high, but may vary depending on location. In addition, the survey revealed a need for increasing both TRICARE awareness and acceptance among psychiatrists—a specialty critical in meeting the behavioral health needs of veterans of the Global War on Terror.

Specifically, the three-year findings across all states and HSAs show:

- Approximately 87 percent of all physicians surveyed are aware of the TRICARE program.
- About 81 percent of physicians that accept new patients also accept new TRICARE Standard patients.
- Of those accepting new TRICARE Standard patients, almost 91 percent do so for all patients, rather than on a case-by-case basis.

Reimbursement rates were among the most commonly cited reasons for not accepting TRICARE Standard.

"The survey exceeded our expectations," said Rich Bannick, Ph.D., Director, Performance Evaluations, TMA. "In the three surveys completed since 2005, more than 50 percent of the physicians we surveyed responded. That's a very respectable survey response rate in the health care industry. The survey results provide us a reliable measurement as to our effectiveness in expanding access to TRICARE providers and the challenges of getting more doctors on board. Congress has given additional guidance to continue the survey process through 2011," he said.

While Active Duty Service Members receive the bulk of their medical care at one of the more than 500 military treatment facilities, family members, National Guard and Reserve members, and retirees often rely on civilian physicians for their health care needs.

"In some locations, access to TRICARE Standard providers remains a major concern for family members and retirees," Granger said. "Some doctors limit the number of TRICARE patients they see or refuse to see them altogether. This leads to fewer choices for beneficiaries."

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Peake said the premium reductions should result in increased program participation and retention. With increased enrollment, the department may be able to reduce rates in the future.

More than 2.4 million people currently participate in the VA-managed SGLI program, with another 433,000 in VGLI.

To obtain more information about the SGLI and VGLI premium reductions or to view a table with the new VGLI rates, visit the VA insurance Web site at [www.insurance.va.gov](http://www.insurance.va.gov), or call the Office of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance at 1-800 419-1473.

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*(Source: VA news release dtd 7 Apr 08)*

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States showing a need to increase acceptance and awareness of TRICARE include Alaska, Maryland, Colorado, Hawaii, Oklahoma, New York, New Jersey, and Texas. Hospital service areas with lower than average TRICARE acceptance include Washington, DC; Raleigh, North Carolina; Seattle and Olympia, Washington; Lihue/Kealahou/Wailuku, Hawaii; Dallas, Texas; and Falls Church, Virginia.

TRICARE leaders, with support from their managed care support contractors, are working to overcome these challenges. "We are reaching out to state officials, medical associations, and individual physicians to educate them and appeal to their sense of patriotism in accepting TRICARE," said Granger.

The outreach is showing promising results. For example, the Oregon legislature approved incentives including a one-time tax credit for new providers in the TRICARE network, plus an additional annual credit for treating patients enrolled in TRICARE. Since 2004, Oregon's TRICARE provider network has increased by 35 percent.

In addition, the governors of 20 Western States have supported TRICARE's efforts to encourage more health care providers to accept new TRICARE patients. Their combined efforts led to an overall increase in western region TRICARE network doctors from approximately 80,000 in 2004 to more than 125,000 today.

"Expanding our network of TRICARE providers is critical to our ability to care for our beneficiaries," said Granger.

"Today, more than 220,000 men and women are TRICARE providers. We are grateful to them for seeing the value in supporting those who serve our Nation, and we are actively seeking other physicians who want to become part of our TRICARE provider team."

#### **About TRICARE Management Activity and the Military Health System**

TRICARE Management Activity, the Defense Department activity that administers the health care plan for the Uniformed Services, retirees and their families, serves more than 9.2 million eligible beneficiaries worldwide in the Military Health System (MHS). The mission of the MHS is to enhance the Department of Defense and national security by providing health support for the full range of military operations. The MHS provides quality medical care through a network of providers, military treatment facilities, medical clinics, and dental clinics worldwide. For more about the MHS go to [www.health.mil](http://www.health.mil).

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*(Source: TRICARE news release)*

## Coast Guardsman Carries Olympic Flame

**April 11, 2008**

U.S. Coast Guard

ALAMEDA, Calif. - Mallory Elizabeth Schafer, a 23-year-old U.S. Coast Guard Seaman stationed at Integrated Support Command Alameda on Coast Guard Island here, sat in the grand ballroom of the San Francisco Hilton listening attentively to San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom as he addressed the men and women selected to bear the Olympic Torch during the relay in San Francisco Wednesday.

At the conference the bearers were paired up, with the exception of special needs bearers who were accompanied by escorts. They were informed of the route they were to run and given a schedule of events, including the opening and closing ceremonies. After the conference, Schafer said she and the other torch bearers were loaded onto buses that would transport them to the relay points. Schafer, who is assigned to the industrial carpentry shop in the engineering division at ISC, said she first heard of the essay contest to select torch bearers on a news broadcast and applied online, submitting a short essay, but did not think she would actually be selected for the honor. "I never get picked for anything," she said.

She was informed via e-mail by A Sustainable Journey, the San Francisco Olympic relay committee, that she would be a torch bearer pending approval from the Beijing Olympic Committee, she said. Schafer said she had mixed emotions about her selection.

"I was a little nervous about being in the limelight," she said, "but more than anything I was really excited." She wasn't the only one. Her parents, Mary Scullion and Dave Tucker, both Virginia residents, were also elated to hear about her selection. "My dad was so excited he told everybody at work and he asked where I was going to be running and how he could see it."

Schafer said she didn't really change her fitness regimen in preparation for the run. "I try to run two miles a day, three days a week, and I knew it wasn't going to be a marathon run so I didn't change up my routine."

Schafer said that she and the other bearers were informed of the last-minute route change soon after. "I was a little nervous when they changed the route, but then I realized that it was nothing to worry about," she said of the mayor's decision to change the route of the relay. She said she knew there would be protestors, but never felt unsafe during the event.

Carrying the torch was a surreal experience, she said. "It was like time stood still. Usually exciting events pass really fast, but this moved really slowly. I felt like I had a chance to soak it in and really enjoy the experience," Schafer said.

She said she was also affected by her fellow torch bearers, many of whom had to overcome difficult personal challenges. One runner was born with a crippling disease and he had to fight to overcome it and is now a high school track runner, she said.

"There were so many people with amazing stories. The challenges that people had to overcome really made me feel honored and humbled to be with them," she said.

Schafer said she was proud to be able to represent her country and take part in the traditional event. "It's all still so surreal. All the attention is a little weird, (but) it was an awesome opportunity to take part in and I know I will never forget it."

*(Source: Coast Guard news release)*

## REUNIONS AND NOTICES

**HAWAII COAST GUARD RETIREE COUNCIL** will meet 1900 to 2100 at Club 14, Sand Island on the second Wednesday of every August, November, February, and May. Contact CAPT Lesperance at [jlesperance@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:jlesperance@hawaii.rr.com) if you have any questions.

Those interested in joining the membership to the **COAST GUARD RETIREE COUNCIL** of Jacksonville, FL or if you have questions, contact YNCM Bobby Wester, USCG, retired at [Bwester2549@aol.com](mailto:Bwester2549@aol.com) (subject line: CG Retiree Council), (904) 645-5552 (leave message), or by regular mail to 3327 Brachenbury Lane, Jacksonville, FL 32225-3709 (please provide a telephone number where you can be reached).

**Coast Guardsmen of Yesteryears Breakfast 2008** will be held at the Chincoteague Elementary School on Saturday the 6th of September 2008. Located at 6078 Halie Whealton Smith Dr., Chincoteague Island, VA 23336. This years speaker will be the Master Chief of the Coast Guard, Charles Bowen. Contact either CWO4 David Lewis, USCG, Ret at (757) 336-5144, cell (757) 894-4095, BMC Jerry Tarr, USCG, Ret at (757) 336-1204, or BMC Wayne Meritt, USCG, Ret at (757) 894-8240.

**USCGC Mendota** reunion will be held 24-26 October 2008 at the Shell Island Resort, 2700 N Lumina Ave., Wrightsville Bch, NC 28480. Phone 1 800 689-6765. Contact: Jack L. Wilson, P. O. Box 557, Wrightsville Bch, NC. [jlwsrw@bellsouth.net](mailto:jlwsrw@bellsouth.net), cell # 910 622-5947.

**Anyone interested**, instructors, base support personnel and students, in a reunion of Coast Guard Training Station, Groton, CT, please contact LT Cliff Reeves, USCG, Retired at 1260 Mendenhall Penn. Road, Juneau, AK 99801. Phone: (907) 790-7214 or e-mail: [reevesalaska@hotmail.com](mailto:reevesalaska@hotmail.com)

**U.S. NAVY AMPHIBIOUS FORCE Veterans Association Reunion** will be 2-7 September 2008 at the Comfort Suites in Laurel Lakes, MD. Contact: John W. Peterson @ (719) 380-1412 or e-mail: [john@ctcm-acr.com](mailto:john@ctcm-acr.com)

**10th Annual Coast Guard CW Operators Association** reunion will be held 17-21 September 2008 in Mobile, AL. Contact: Andy Scharf at (785) 224-3844 or e-mail him at [zut699@sbcglobal.net](mailto:zut699@sbcglobal.net) or visit [www.comm-one.org](http://www.comm-one.org). Anyone who is active, retired or has served in the Coast Guard as a CW Radio Operator is encouraged to attend.

**The SPENCER Association** reunion will be held 25-28 September 2008 in Cape May, NJ. Highlight of the reunion is a dedication of the SPENCER mast in its new home at the Coast Guard Training Center in Cape May along with the annual Doug Munro Memorial Service. Reunion registration deadline is 1 August 2008. Hotel reservations deadline is 25 August. Contact: Jack L. Shampine, (770) 783-1433 or e-mail at: [shampine32@comcast.net](mailto:shampine32@comcast.net)

**TRACEN YORKTOWN** Retiree Council prides itself in maintaining contact with the Coast Guard retirees in the area. Office hours are 0800-1400, Mon-Wed, except all Federal Holidays, phone number (757) 856-2136. E-Mail: [Adrian.H.Rymer@USCG.Mil](mailto:Adrian.H.Rymer@USCG.Mil)  
[LFConley@USCG.Mil](mailto:LFConley@USCG.Mil)  
[JAMES.D.OCALLAGHAN@USCG.MIL](mailto:JAMES.D.OCALLAGHAN@USCG.MIL)

**40TH ANNUAL CPOA CONVENTION** will be held from 18-22 August 2008 at the Marriot, Houston North at Greenspoint Hotel in Houston, TX. For further information please contact AETCM Tim Sheffler at (504) 232-7856 or (703) 941-0395. E-mail: [cgcpoa@aol.com](mailto:cgcpoa@aol.com). Hotel and registration forms can be downloaded from the CPOA website at [uscgcpoa.org](http://uscgcpoa.org). Also check out the next couple of issues of the CPOA Chief's Magazine.

**Coast Guard Investigative Association (CGIA)** will meet at Reno, NV on 19-22 October 2008. The meeting is open to all former and present Investigators, Special Agents, Security Officers, Branch Chiefs, Asst. Branch Chiefs and any others that have served in the U.S. Coast Guard Investigations Branch. For further information contact Howard Giblin at [cwouscgrret@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cwouscgrret@sbcglobal.net)

**"STORIS MUSEUM"**- We are in the process of obtaining the former CGC STORIS for a museum in Juneau, AK. This will be a museum for all Alaska's maritime history as well as Coast Guard and the Revenue Cutter Service. We are currently looking for any historical information and artifacts for the museum. Contact: Jim Loback at (714) 968-8964 or [www.storismuseum.org](http://www.storismuseum.org).

**IWO JIMA Veterans** reunion will be held 28 September-1 October 2008 at the Indianapolis Clarion Hotel and Conference Center. Reservations phone: (317) 299-8400, specify poolside rooms for Iwo Jima Vets. Contact: Don Janicki @ (740) 674-6658, or e-mail: [donaldjanicki@yahoo.com](mailto:donaldjanicki@yahoo.com) or contact our website: [www.iwojimavets.org](http://www.iwojimavets.org)

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**Editor's notes****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/Employee ID, and date of retirement.

**Send your reunion or other notices to:**

The Coast Guard/NOAA Retirees' Newsletter  
Commanding Officer (P&D)  
U.S. Coast Guard Personnel Service Center  
444 SE Quincy Street  
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

E-mail: [PSC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil](mailto:PSC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil)

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

**STATE TAX REMINDER:** As a reminder when moving from one state to another and updating your home mailing address, don't forget to change your state tax withholdings. The retiree must request a change for state tax as an address change does not automatically change or stop the state information that the tax is being paid to.

**More DD-214 information**

Great news for veterans—the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214 online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>. This will cut the waiting time veterans have had in the past waiting for copies of their DD-214s.

**Coast Guard/NOAA Retiree Personnel Locator:** If you are searching for a Coast Guard/NOAA retired 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.

**KEEPING RETIREE AND ANNUITANT SERVICES INFORMED**

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.

**HELD PAY AND YOU**

Held pay results when we lose contact with our customer. Pay in Held Status is your disposable income, including Voluntary Support Allotments!

The process begins with a retiree or annuitant keeping us abreast of her/his current mailing address. When RAS receives three items of returned mail, a returned 1099R, non-receipt of a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) or a Report of Existence (ROE), the retiree or annuitant is placed in a held pay status. Held pay is to protect you and your pay from malicious activity.

Held pay is only released when the retiree, annuitant, or valid fiduciary contacts RAS with current information regarding address and or status of the retiree or annuitant.

Please keep in mind to update your address, direct deposit information and State tax withholding as you prepare to move.



# USCG Retirements

Name	Rank	Date of Retirement
ACEVEDO, FREDDIE	MK3	20080519
ALLEN, ROLANDO	EMC	20080301
ANDRUS, ROBERT	ET2	20080301
ARMSTRONG, KENNY	MED2	20080301
AVERY, BETTY	PERS4	20080409
BABISCHKIN, STANLEY	IT1	20080313
BALL, ANTHONY	LT	20080501
BARKER, BRAD	FS1	20080207
BARNES, OREN	MKC	20080415
BASS, LAVONIA	F&S4	20080228
BAUDER, FREEDOM	MK2	20080212
BEHAL, KENNETH	MKC	20080301
BIXLER, GEORGE	LT	20080501
BLEVINS, DONALD	MK2	20080328
BOLLINGER, RAYMOND	BMCM	20080331
BONAROTI, THOMAS	MST1	20080507
BOUNDS, PRESTON	PSCM	20080219
BOYER, DEBRA	OSC	20080301
BRACKETT, DAVID	BMCS	20080207
BROKAW, BRICE	FN	20080504
BROWN, RONALD	IV1	20080322
BROWN, THOMAS	LT	20080501
BRUNSLIK, JOHN	IV1	20080417
BURROWS, CHRISTOPHER	FS2	20080222
BUTTON, CHRISTOPHER	LCDR	20080401
CAIN, JOSEPH	CDR	20080505
CANADA, WILLIAM	LT	20080214
CANNON, JAMES	ETCS	20080501
CARDER, FRED	YN2	20080226
CARPENTER, HENRY	OSC	20080301
CARRICO, RICHARD	OS1	20080304
CASSERBERG, ARTUR	BM2	20080301
CHANEY, MICKEY	AMTC	20080501
CHERRY, JOSEPH	CAPT	20080421
CHICHESTER, HARRY	MSSD2	20080301
CHOQUETTE, PAUL	LCDR	20080211
CHRISTOPHERSON, SHARON	CDR	20080424
COLBY, ROBERT	LT	20080501
COLLINS, PLEASALA	YNC	20080421
CRAWLEY, DERRICK	HSCS	20080501
DAHLEM, JOSEPH	MST1	20080411
DAY, MICHAEL	F&S4	20080410
DEBOTH, KEVIN	BM2	20080501
DELLAFAVE, CHRISTOPHER	SN	20080319
DERBAK, SUSAN	YN3	20080226
DEWITTE, CONRAD	CDR	20080319
DILL, LAWRENCE	OSC	20080314
DOMINGUEZ, JOHN	PSC	20080502
DRUGE, DAN	MK2	20080501
DRUMMOND, MICHAEL	SA	20080506
EKSTROM, MITCHELL	LCDR	20080301
EVANS, BENJAMIN	CDR	20080501
EVERMANN, NOAH	SN	20080314
FENNING, CHARLES	MKC	20080321
FISCHER, GREGORY	PSCM	20080429
FITZPATRICK, BRENDAN	IVC	20080404
FORO, JOHN	EM2	20080328
FORTNEY, TIMOTHY	AST1	20080501
FOX, JOHN	LCDR	20080414
FRANKLIN, KEVON	HS2	20080225
FUENTES, ANTHONY	CDR	20080220

Name	Rank	Date of Retirement
GILLESPIE, CHARLES	PSC	20080322
GREEN, ROBERT	LT	20080501
GREGORY, DAVID	BMC	20080503
GUTHRIE, THOMAS	LCDR	20080411
HAAS, LARRY	ENG3	20080226
HADLEY, ROBERT	MST2	20080404
HALL, KEVIN	LT	20080301
HALLIBURTON, SCOTT	MK1	20080424
HARTLINE, JOHN	LCDR	20080501
HASKOVEC, WARREN	CAPT	20080501
HAZELTINE, MARTIN	ETC	20080501
HAZEN, JAMES	MKC	20080401
HENRY, WENDY	OSC	20080202
HERAKOVICH, MATTHEW	SK1	20080204
HINDS, CHARLES	OSC	20080401
HOEFFNER, MICAH	BM3	20080402
HOLCOMBE, MONTREVILLE	LCDR	20080401
HOPE, MICHAEL	BM2	20080506
HOVER, ROBERT	YN1	20080312
HUCKLE, ROGER	AMT1	20080501
HURLEY, JOHN	CAPT	20080301
ISAACS, ARTHUR	MSTCM	20080406
JEFFERSON, JOHN	ELC2	20080401
KARAVITIS, GEORGE	CAPT	20080206
KAVESKI, FRANK	PSC	20080216
KEEFE, SCOTT	FSC	20080501
KEYES, ADOLPH	CDR	20080301
KISE, LOGAN	MK1	20080319
KOGER, ROBERT	MK1	20080401
KORNREICH, SAMUEL	ELC4	20080401
KRAWIEC, HEATHER	SN	20080424
KRUPPA, FRANCIS	PS1	20080401
KUETTEL, ROBERT	BOSN4	20080413
KUGELBERG, MARK	MSSD4	20080401
LANDINGHAM, JOANN	YN1	20080301
LEBLANC, ROBERT	LCDR	20080403
LEDINGTON, LARRY	BM1	20080303
LEE, JEFFREY	CAPT	20080501
LOPEZ, JERRY	SKC	20080301
LOPEZ, LUIS	MST1	20080310
LUNDERVILLE, THOMAS	DC1	20080328
MACCARTNEY, KIM	CAPT	20080327
MALONE, CHRISTOPHER	AMT1	20080304
MANALO, IRENEO	F&S3	20080501
MAROLF, DEAN	HS2	20080301
MASSIE, RONALD	OS2	20080315
MCCAIN, ALAN	FSC	20080401
MCCARTY, TIMOTHY	LT	20080401
MCCOLE, MICHAEL	GMCM	20080217
MCINTOSH, GREGORY	AMTC	20080501
MCINTYRE, HERBERT	PSCS	20080322
MCMILLAN, LESLIE	GM2	20080425
MERRITT, VEDA	YNC	20080429
MEYERS, RICHARD	AET1	20080501
MIDGETT, RANDY	INF3	20080501
MILLER, TROY	OS1	20080401
MILLS, BERNARD	MKC	20080501
MORTON, THOMAS	SKCM	20080301
MUSSER, JOHN	F&S4	20080226
NAGLE, JAMES	MSSE3	20080501

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NELSON, STEVEN	BMC	20080401
NICHOLS, PATRICK	MSTC	20080501
NICOLAI, LEONARD	BM2	20080304
ODOM, TERRELL	BM1	20080301
OLSEN, PETER	CDR	20080312
OWENS, CHARLES	OSC	20080401
PAYNE, DONALD	CDR	20080212
PEABODY, TERRY	BM2	20080401
PECK, LARRY	PSC	20080227
PEREZ, CONSTANTINO	MST1	20080229
PERLMUTTER, JEROME	PSC	20080503
PERRY, RICKEY	FSC	20080401
PETTIS, ROBERT	LCDR	20080505
PHILBROOK, GERALD	MSSE4	20080401
PHILLIPS, ROBERT	AETC	20080401
PLAZA, GERMAN	HSC	20080301
POGUE, JONATHON	AMT3	20080206
PUSHEE, GERALD	MKC	20080401
QUINTILIANI, JOSEPH	BM2	20080319
RABY, KIMI	YNCM	20080301
RAMSEY, ELIZABETH	ETC	20080401
RANDAZZO, JOSEPH	MKC	20080327
RAWLINSON, EDWARD	YN2	20080402
RENTAS, JUAN	MK3	20080223
ROBINSON, DAVID	ETCM	20080501
ROBINSON, LARRY	AMTC	20080301
ROBINSON, MICHAEL	SKC	20080401
RODEHEAVER, DAVID	SKC	20080204
ROGERS, THOMAS	AMT1	20080501
ROGERS, WILLIAM	LCDR	20080401
ROSLAK, ROD	BMC	20080401
ROTHCHILD, STEPHEN	CDR	20080401
SABLAN, ALEJO	LTJG	20080215
SANTOS, SCOTT	BM3	20080404
SAUNDERS, LINDA	LCDR	20080403
SCHUTZ, JASON	FN	20080506
SCHWARTZ, FRED	SKC	20080318
SCULLY, MICHAEL	CDR	20080401
SETLIFF, JAMES	MSSE3	20080401
SHADRICK, JEFFREY	FS1	20080429
SHAFFER, WILLIAM	SA	20080206
SHELTON, WILLIAM	LCDR	20080301
SIMONOFF, MICHAEL	F&S2	20080301
SMITH, GEORGE	ETCM	20080514
SPIOTTA, DOUGLAS	FS3	20080511
STAFFORD, WARREN	AMT1	20080206
STALLINGS, MICHAEL	PS1	20080515
SULLIVAN, RICHARD	CAPT	20080206
TERRELL, JOSEPH	PS1	20080516
THOMPSON, CHET	YN1	20080501
TIBERIO, NICK	PS1	20080328
TINGLE, CHRISTOPHER	MKC	20080501
TORRES, AGUSTIN	MK3	20080425
TRAVIS, SHANE	ET1	20080213
TROSETH, MARK	LCDR	20080508
TUCKER, HENRY	LT	20080408
TURNER, JOHN	HS2	20080211
UBERTI, WILLIAM	CAPT	20080501
UPTHEGROVE, JAMES	PSS4	20080229
VALERI, THOMAS	BM1	20080427
VANBUREN, EVANS	CDR	20080413
VELA, OZIEL	LCDR	20080301
WATERS, JAMES	SKC	20080501
WATKINS, VERNON	MAT4	20080207
WELKER, JAMES	ETC	20080403
WHITE, HOWARD	CDR	20080501
WHITLEY, WILLIAM	MKC	20080301
WILDING, JOHN	DC1	20080314
WILSON, GRADY	MST1	20080410

WILSON, WALTER	EM1	20080212
WINDSOR, DONNA	F&S3	20080301
WINTJEN, BRUCE	PA1	20080302
WITALEC, EDMUND	ETCS	20080401
WOLFF, ROBERT	F&S2	20080401
WOODFIELD, MARK	BM2	20080315
WRIGHT, COLIN	HS2	20080306
WURTZ, STEPHEN	PS1	20080414
YELLIN, EDWARD	MKC	20080321
YURILLO, JOSEPH	PSCS	20080212



BEAVER, ANDREW	CDR	20080401
NEANDER, JULIA	CDR	20080501
RIX, JON	CAPT	20080501

## Congratulations to all

### Letters to the Editor

Senior Retired Officers (O5 and above) in the 9<sup>th</sup> District geographic area are invited to contact ISC Cleveland Decedent Affairs Officer if they would like to be placed on a notification list for the timely dissemination of information such as the death of CG Flag Officers. Those interested in being a part of this notification list are encouraged to reply via e-mail with their rank, name and e-mail address. Those who are currently on the DAO notification list need only reply if their contact information has changed.

Decedent Affairs Officer  
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 ISC Cleveland, OH  
 Phone: 216-902-6285  
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**BERING SEA PATROL-ALASKA VETERANS** reunion will be held 30 July-3 August 2008 in Grand Haven, MI. For further information contact Dick Juge at (504) 566-6008 or e-mail [DickJuge@aviosk.com](mailto:DickJuge@aviosk.com)

**The Lightship Sailors Association-INT** will be holding its 10th reunion 16-18 October 2008 in Hyannisport, MA. For more information contact: Dennis M. Cosmo, Jr., at [wlv613@hotmail.com](mailto:wlv613@hotmail.com)

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## **VA Creates Office to Coordinate Hiring Vets**

April 10, 2008

### ***Peake: Initiative Builds on Long-Standing Support for Disabled Veterans***

WASHINGTON – Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake announced creation of a Veterans Employment Coordination Service to oversee the Department's program to recruit new veterans into the VA workforce, especially recently disabled combat veterans.

"It is important VA continues to set the example to private and public employers," Peake said. "This program builds upon the Department's long tradition of service to veterans, particularly the disabled."

The new office will work with military transition programs, veterans service organizations and other VA programs to promote careers in the VA workforce. The program will also work with VA managers and human resource offices to ensure supervisors are aware of programs for hiring veterans. Efforts to assist severely injured veterans have already begun with the Department's participation in local career fairs targeting veterans of the Global War on Terror.

In November 2007, VA announced plans to hire 10 full-time regional veterans employment coordinators who provide hands-on assistance to veterans interested in careers at the Department. The new office will oversee the regional coordinators.

About 31 percent of VA's 260,000 employees are veterans, and nearly 8 percent are service-connected disabled veterans. VA ranks first among non-Defense agencies in the hiring of disabled veterans and is second only to the Department of Defense in the overall number of veterans on the workforce. Last fiscal year, VA hired more than 9,000 veterans.

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*(Source: VA news release dtd 10 Apr 08)*

## **Social Security Offset Eliminated!**

Effective 1 April 2008 the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) Social Security Offset (SSO) was no longer in effect. As a result of Public Law 108-375, the SSO for annuitants was eliminated. The law provided for a phased-in elimination which began 1 October 2005, and ended 31 March 2008, with the last SSO deduction.

Prior to October 2005, at age 62 the SBP annuity was reduced because the beneficiary became eligible to receive the retiree's Social Security benefits. Effective 1 April 2008, annuitants that had their annuity reduced by the SSO, now have the offset removed. Annuitants that were eligible for the minimum annuity percentage of 35 percent prior to October 2005 are now entitled to the full 55 percent of the base amount. Annuitants who were receiving the Supplemental Survivor Benefit in addition to the basic benefit will also be paid at the new rate of 55 percent. The minimum annuity percentage is now 55 percent for all annuitants. For example: with a \$1,000 base amount the annuitant should see an increase in monthly annuity to \$550 (55% x \$1,000).

This change occurred on your 1 May 2008 payment.



# TAPS

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	RANK	DATE	CITY	STATE
ABRAMS	F	RM1	20080424	AKRON	NY
ARMSTRONG	RALPH	ENC	20080229	MARYSVILLE	WA
ARMSTRONG	IVAN	BMCM	20080329	HOOD RIVER	OR
ARTHUR	RONNIE	EMCS	20080506	MARIETTA	GA
ASH	JOHN	ADC	20080514	TRAVERSE CITY	MI
BAGBY	JAMES	EMCS	20080512	MCDONOUGH	GA
BAILEY	CLAUDE	CAPT	20080326	PLANTATION	FL
BAKER	LESLIE	DC2	20080319	HYANNIS	MA
BEATTIE	DAVID	CWO3	20080226	OAK HILL	FL
BECK	JOHN	CWO2	20080403	CARSON CITY	NV
BENDEL	RICHARD	PSCS	20080502	CITRUS HEIGHTS	CA
BISHOP	BERNARD	QMCS	20080503	BRAINTREE	MA
BOLEN	ROBERT	CWO4	20080316	CHARLESTON	SC
BOSER	DUANE	RMCM	20080323	CANAL FULTON	OH
BOWMAN	WILLIAM	YNC	20080505	OCALA	FL
BRADY	CHARLES	CWO3	20080324	CHESAPEAKE	VA
BRAYTON	ROGER	QMC	20080419	NEWPORT NEWS	VA
BRERETON	RICHARD	BMC	20080304	CHARLOTTE	NC
BROOKS	ROBERT	BMC	20080401	VANCOUVER	WA
BUCKNER	P	AD2	20080406	PHOENIX	AZ
CAPPELL	LARRY	BMC	20080411	HOLLY	MI
CAREY	JAMES	MKC	20080401	CHESAPEAKE	VA
CARTLIDGE	HENRY	ETC	20080321	STEINHATCHEE	FL
CHEYNE	DAVID	CWO3	20080310	LAS VEGAS	NV
CLUNE	JOSEPH	SN	20080504	CHARLESTON	SC
COCHRAN	J	ENC	20080401	PAHRUMP	NV
COFFEY	RAYMOND	MK2	20080518	NEWBERRY	FL
COGBURN	HAROLD	CWO3	20080229	SARASOTA	FL
CONNELL	CRAIG	AD1	20080515	CHEYENNE	WY
CONOLEY	ANDREW	BM1	20080424	STURGEN BAY	WI
COUFAL	THOMAS	BMC	20080426	TOMS RIVER	NJ
CROSTICK	ARTHUR	CAPT	20080304	TUCSON	AZ
DALU	JOSEPH	BMC	20080229	DESERT HOT SP	CA
DANIEL	JOSEPH	FIC	20080504	RADCLIFF	KY
DAVIS	JOHN	BMCM	20080302	SEMINOLE	FL
DAVIS	RONALD	CAPT	20080315	FRANKLIN	TN
DELANY	NORMAN	MMCM	20080331	SEWELL	NJ
DICKERSON	HENRY	FS2	20080320	HITCHCOCK	TX
DRIG	DANIEL	FSC	20080310	PANGASINAN	RP
DUMADAG	LORETO	FSC	20080407	ABSECON	NJ
DURANT	CALVIN	CS2	20080501	DORCHESTER	MA
ECKERT	LAWRENCE	DC1	20080424	WINTER PARK	FL
EDENFIELD	EARL	LCDR	20080313	JACKSONVILLE	FL
EDSON	PAUL	TTC	20080413	NEW SMYRNA BCH	FL
ELLIOTT	LAUREL	CAPT	20080422	LAWRENCEVILLE	GA
EMELIO	DOMINIC	BM1	20080413	STAFFORD	VA
ESKEW	MARVIN	MKC	20080427	BREMEN	GA
FAITH	LOWELL	BMCM	20080424	LOUISVILLE	KY

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	RANK	DATE	CITY	STATE
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FARBER	JOHN	SA	20080303	SHOREVIEW	MN
FAURIE	PEARL	YNCM	20080308	FALLS CHURCH	VA
FENDIG	NATHAN	CDR	20080330	CHARLOTTESVILLE	VA
FORTNER	WILLIAM	GMC	20080325	FLORENCE	AL
FOUST	DENNIS	BMC	20080413	LAKEWOOD	CO
FRAMBES	CHARLES	HSC	20080323	AKRON	OH
FREE	ROBERT	ENCM	20080315	CLEELUM	WA
GARBARINO	CHARLES	FS1	20080423	MASSILLON	OH
GLENDENNING	RUSSELL	LT	20080301	COOL	CA
GLENN	WILLIAM	FS1	20080428	NEW LONDON	CT
GRANT	WILLIAM	LCDR	20080322	BROOKLYN	NY
GREEN	ARTHUR	MKCM	20080315	MOBILE	AL
HALL	RAYMOND	CDR	20080511	CASEY	IL
HAMILTON	WALTER	LCDR	20080304	NASHUA	NH
HARDISON	CHARLES	AT1	20080319	CAMDEN	NC
HAWKINS	RALPH	PERS4	20080227	PITTSFIELD	MA
HERMAN	WILLIAM	CWO1	20080222	GREENVILLE	MI
HICKMAN	DAVID	ENC	20080421	FAIRHOPE	AL
HORN	YOLANDA	YN1	20080319	SAINT LOUIS	MO
HOSKING	CHRISTINA	CDR	20080221	NORTH ANDOVER	MA
HOUSTON	MATTHEW	SD2	20080324	FORT WORTH	TX
HUNT	ROBERT	ENC	20080430	SAN BERNARDINO	CA
HURT	ROBERT	BM2	20080513	JUNEAU	AK
HUTCHINS	CLAUDE	CWO4	20080311	SEATTLE	WA
HUTCHINSON	ROYAL	BMC	20080222	KNOTTS ISLAND	NC
INSCHO	ROLAND	ETCM	20080426	HOLIDAY	FL
IRISH	THOMAS	LCDR	20080305	BOWIE	MD
JACKSON	ROBERT	PS1	20080303	EAST UNION	ME
JENSEN	LOUIS	CWO4	20080229	GEORGETOWN	TX
JENSEN	CARL	ENCM	20080318	ASTORIA	OR
JOHNSON	JOHN	ADC	20080312	PLANT CITY	FL
JONES	JACKIE	SK1	20080417	ENTERPRISE	AL
JORDAN	LARRY	BMC	20080417	LUBBOCK	TX
KAUER	DANIEL	ENG2	20080509	NOVATO	CA
KELLEY	MAURICE	BM2	20080407	WYNCOTE	PA
KERR	PETER	CDR	20080408	WEST ROXBURY	MA
KING	HARLOW	ATC	20080307	ASHEBORO	NC
KIRKPATRICK	ANDREW	CWO4	20080225	HONOLULU	HI
KOSKY	HARRY	CAPT	20080405	SEVERNA PARK	MD
LAINÉ	JOHN	CWO4	20080305	HANCOCK	MI
LANE	ARCHIE	LTJG	20080315	PORTLAND	OR
LAYMAN	CLAIR	RMC	20080305	SHORELINE	WA
LEACH	DAVID	RMCS	20080421	OREGON CITY	OR
LEE	TROY	AT1	20080403	YULEE	FL
LEE	BERNARD	SNSK	20080331	OGALLALA	NE
LEGAYE	RICHARD	PO2	20080322	WICHITA	KS
LEWIS	CARLTON	YNCS	20080224	CHINCOTEAGUE	VA
LUTSCHE	HENRY	CWO4	20080516	PASADENA	MD
MASON	CHARLES	LCDR	20080315	SANTA FE	NM
MASON	CECIL	BMC	20080307	POCOMOKE CITY	MD
MATTHEWS	HAROLD	CWO3	20080416	KENNEWICK	WA
MCCARTEN	ROBERT	CWO4	20080516	AUGUSTA	GA
MCCARTY	ROBERT	CWO4	20080228	ST. EDWARD	NE

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MCDERMOTT	FREDERICK	QMC	20080225	BURBANK	CA
MCDONALD	HARRY	DCCS	20080222	SCIO	OR
MCNULTY	BENJAMIN	CS3	20080318	YORK	SC
MEEKINS	NORMAN	TTC	20080509	NAPLES	FL
MELENDY	BRADFORD	SKCS	20080521	OVERLAND	MO
MILLER	ELTON	PERS4	20080424	NEW PORT RICHEY	FL
MILLER	ARTHUR	RMC	20080407	MONETTA	SC
MINES	WOODROW	MK1	20080426	WASHINGTON	IL
MOE	ROBERT	PSC	20080506	MILWAUKEE	WI
MURPHY	WILLIAM	CAPT	20080310	HIGGANUM	CT
NAWROCKI	FRANK	SKC	20080401	CORAM	NY
NAYLOR	JOHN	BM1	20080322	MOBILE	AL
OLSON	DONALD	CWO4	20080410	COLVILLE	WA
OLSON	ROY	CWO4	20080418	HUDSON	FL
PATZA	KENNETH	MKC	20080401	BRUSSELLS	WI
PECHACEK	AMBROSE	BMCM	20080501	PORT ISABEL	TX
PERRY	JAMES	CWO2	20080415	VERO BEACH	FL
PETERSON	ROBERT	PERS3	20080223	FOUNTAIN INN	SC
PINKERTON	JACK	EM1	20080302	N CHARLESTON	SC
RANDOLPH	MAX	YNCM	20080506	SAN JACINTO	CA
RENUARD	THOMAS	MKC	20080306	WARD	AR
REYES	DIONISIO	FS1	20080502	CAVITE	RP
RICHARDSON	JIM	FSC	20080506	SUISUN CITY	CA
ROBBIN	ERNEST	LCDR	20080302	HAMPTON	NH
ROBINSON	CHARLES	BM1	20080407	VANCOUVER	WA
ROBLES	TEODOLFO	FS2	20080417	SEATTLE	WA
ROBLES	ARSENIO	FS2	20080519	CHULA VISTA	CA
ROCHELLE	ROBERT	TTC	20080319	WILMINGTON	NC
RODRIGUEZ	CHARLES	FTC	20080401	MEMPHIS	TN
ROEHR	LESTER	CWO4	20080327	SAN JOSE	CA
ROGERS	TIMOTHY	YNC	20080223	SLIDELL	LA
ROMERO	FRED	SD1	20080521	EL SOBRANTE	CA
ROTH	FRANK	MMCS	20080410	TUALATIN	OR
ROTONDI	MICHAEL	ELC3	20080422	TROY	NY
ROUSE	EARL	CWO3	20080409	FORT PIERCE	FL
RUKAS	MICHAEL	EN3	20080313	GARDNER	MA
RUNGO	HUGO	AMC	20080403	SPRINGHILL	FL
RUSSELL	ERNEST	TCC	20080512	SATSUMA	FL
RUSSELL	LOY	LT	20080324	SUN CITY	AZ
SCHWANEKAMP	ROY	CWO4	20080322	ST CLAIR SHORES	MI
SHELDON	RUSSELL	ENG3	20080418	RENO	NV
SKINNER	WAYNE	CSC	20080411	TRAVERSE CITY	MI
SLAVICH	LUDVIG	CWO2	20080305	ROLLING HILLS E	CA
SMITH	FRANKLIN	GMC	20080225	FRANKLIN	VA
SMITH	ALONZO	YNCM	20080416	CONYERS	GA
SMITH	EARL	FS1	20080329	RENTON	WA
SMITH	AUGUST	MKC	20080508	SANDIA	TX
SPADE	JOHN	RADM	20080226	BRADENTON	FL
SPENCER	ROLAND	BMC	20080423	CARRIERE	MS
STEEL	WILLIAM	BMCM	20080329	NEWINGTON	CT
STEPHENS	JOHN	CWO4	20080322	BELLEVUE	WA
SYNSTEBY	SYLVESTER	ADC	20080515	TILLAMOOK	OK
TAYLOR	NORMAN	BMC	20080507	PARKER	CO

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	RANK	DATE	CITY	STATE
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THORPE	HARRY	CDR	20080319	EUSTIS	FL
TRIBECK	LESLIE	MKCM	20080312	PALATKA	FL
UTU	FAITASI	EN1	20080505	FOUNTAIN VALLEY	CA
VIAL	JACKIE	MKCM	20080513	MENASHA	WI
VINETTE	PETER	FSCS	20080321	SYRACUSE	NY
VOCKE	KENNETH	CWO3	20080317	HELENDALE	CA
WALKER	THEODORE	RM1	20080507	LAS VEGAS	NV
WATTS	RONALD	BM1	20080426	CAPE CORAL	FL
WEANER	GALE	CAPT	20080306	PLEASANT HILL	CA
WEBER	LOUIS	CWO4	20080312	LYNN HAVEN	FL
WHITE	RALPH	CWO4	20080430	RISING SUN	IN
WHITFIELD	BRENDA	YN1	20080412	UPPER MARLBORO	MD
WILLIAMS	ROBERT	RMCS	20080312	DORCHESTER	MA
WILLIAMS	OLLIE	BM1	20080512	FESTUS	MO
WILLIAMS	JAMES	BMC	20080324	HOUSTON	TX
WILLIAMS	PATRICK	YNC	20080511	VACAVILLE	CA
WILSON	GRADY	MST1	20080409	DAPHNE	AL
WINNIE	EDWIN	BMC	20080302	CHARLOTTE	MI
ZAKRAJSEK	JOE	CWO4	20080308	WICKLIFFE	OH
ZINCK	WILLIAM	CAPT	20080307	HENRIETTA	NY

## Dependent TAPS

Name of Dependent	Relationship	Date of Death	Location
Pauline Ann Robinson	Wife of CWO2 Claude A Robinson, USCG, Ret	05 Mar 08	Annandale, VA
Donna M Klein	Wife of BM1 William Klein, Jr., USCG, Ret	19 Mar 08	Sarasota, FL
Doris L Pledger	Wife of BMC George W Pledger, Jr., USCG, Ret	25 Feb 08	Fairfax, VA
Sandra Lee Aaron	Wife of HSCM Carl T Aaron, USCG, Ret	20 Sep 07	Honolulu, HI
Leslie A Felix	Wife of SS1 Barney M Felix, USCG, Ret	26 Jan 08	Sandwich, MA
Claudia Taylor	Wife of BMCM James T Taylor, Jr., USCG, Ret	30 Mar 08	San Antonio, TX
Rita J Delph	Wife of BM1 Elder W Delph, USCG, Ret	02 Apr 08	London, KY
Thelma Francis Metcalf	Wife of SSC Walter B Metcalf, USCG, Ret	01 Apr 08	Zavalla, TX
Deborah K Burks	Wife of BM1 Gary O Burks, USCG, Ret	14 Apr 08	Alameda, CA
Esther G Weimer	Wife of CWO4 Billy B Weimer, USCG, Ret	02 Dec 07	Ketchikan, AK
Delphine B Smith	Wife of RMC Charles R Smith, USCG, Ret	04 Apr 08	Jacksonville, FL
Patricia C White	Wife of YNCM Robert C White, USCG, Ret	09 May 08	Olympia, WA
Donna Klein	Wife of BM1 William Klein, Jr., USCG, Ret	19 Mar 08	Sarasota, FL
Michele Z Simmons	Wife of DCC Daniel R Simmons, USCG, Ret	18 Nov 07	Rockledge, FL
Loretta J Lincoln	Wife of BMCM Bill Lincoln, USCG, Ret	03 May 08	Canyon Lake, TX
Rosemarie R De Jesus	Wife of QMCS Jose L De Jesus, USCG, Ret	26 May 08	Las Vegas, NV
Patricia A Bordner	Wife of YNC Gerald D Bordner, USCG, Ret	16 Apr 08	Sierra Vista, AZ

If you have lost a loved one and would like their name printed in Dependent TAPS, please contact [PSC-DG-RAS@uscg.mil](mailto:PSC-DG-RAS@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 Coast Guard/NOAA Retirees' Newsletter 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.

## NOAA Satellites Help Save 23 People in the North Atlantic

April 11, 2008

In a dramatic distress case yesterday, NOAA satellites helped the U.S. Coast Guard respond to a major engine room fire aboard the merchant vessel *M/V Sea Venus* 1,200 miles east of Cape Cod, Mass.

The 577 foot Panamanian-flagged vessel, with a crew of 23, was en route from Rhode Island to Belgium when the fire broke out. At about 7:30 a.m., NOAA's satellites detected a distress signal from an emergency position indicating radio beacon (EPIRB) onboard the vessel and relayed the ship's location to search and rescue personnel at the Coast Guard's Rescue Coordination Center (RCC) in Norfolk, Va. The Canadian Navy, and two other merchant vessels in the area, also provided critical coordination.

NOAA's polar-orbiting and geostationary satellites are part of the international Search and Rescue Satellite-Aided Tracking System called [COSPAS-SARSAT](#). This system uses a network of satellites to quickly detect and locate distress signals from emergency beacons onboard ships and aircraft and from handheld personal locator beacons.

"Yesterday's incident was a tragedy averted," said Chris O'Connors, acting program manager for NOAA SARSAT.

In Canada, personnel based at RCC Halifax contacted the Coast Guard at the RCC in Norfolk that they established voice communication with the *Sea Venus*' crew, who initially reported the engine room fire had been extinguished with the ship's automatic CO<sub>2</sub> systems and no assistance was needed.

But rescue officials received a second distress call from the ship that the fire had re-flashed, the CO<sub>2</sub> system had been depleted, and the crew was fighting the blaze with water and hand-held extinguishers. After regaining control and finally extinguishing the fire, fourteen of the 23 crew members were then safely transferred from the *Sea Venus* to its sister ship, the *Olympian Highway*. Nine crew members remain onboard to await a tug from Halifax that is scheduled to arrive on Sunday.

"The SARSAT program worked as designed, especially with the international coordination and teamwork between the U.S. and Canada," O'Connors said.

Now in its 26th year of operation, COSPAS-SARSAT has been credited with more than 22,000 rescues worldwide, including more than 5,800 in the United States and its surrounding waters.

NOAA is dedicated to enhancing economic security and national safety through the prediction and research of weather and climate-related events and information service delivery for transportation, and by providing environmental stewardship of our nation's coastal and marine resources. Through the emerging Global Earth Observation System of Systems ([GEOSS](#)), NOAA is working with its federal partners, more than 70 countries and the European Commission to develop a global monitoring network that is as integrated as the planet it observes, predicts and protects.

*(Source: NOAA news release)*

**EXPLANATION BLOCKS FOR THE NEW RETIREE/ANNUITANT STATEMENT OF MONTHLY INCOME**

The back of this statement would show information about your pay data changes, a remarks block for messages, etc., and information on how to contact RAS.

**Entitlements:** This block shows all entitlements on the member for prior month and current month.  
 \* in front of the entitlement amount means amount includes retro adjustment.  
 - (negative sign) in front of the entitlement amount means amount is actually an entitlement being deducted on the member.

**Payment Method:** If the member is receiving their NET pay electronically, this field will show EFT. If the member is receiving their NET pay by check, this field will show CHECK. If member's net pay is zero or in a held pay status, it will show blank.

**Deductions:** This block shows all deductions on the member for prior month and current month.  
 \* in front of amount means amount includes retro adjustment.  
 - (negative sign) in front of amount means that amount is actually a deduction being credited back to the member.

**VA Offset:** The payslip does not show the total amount of VA compensation if it is greater than the retiree's retired pay. It will equal the retired pay. This is done so that the retiree's net pay does not go into a negative balance. The retiree will still receive full VA compensation from the VA.

**Bank Name:** This block shows member's bank account information, which includes savings allotment and direct deposit payments. If by check, bank name will show N/A, but the amount of the check will show.

**Allotments:** This field represents the allotments that were deducted from the member's pay. This does not include savings allotments.

**New Amt:** This field is the total amount of Net Pay the member will receive. This amount includes all savings allotment amounts the member had deducted from their pay.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY U.S. COAST GUARD CG-5209-RET (REV 12-07)		U.S. COAST GUARD RETIREE/ANNUITANT STATEMENT OF MONTHLY INCOME			
Period Covered 1-31 MAY 2008	Pay Grade E6	Employee ID	Pay Delivery EFT		
<b>BIRTHDATES FOR SBP PURPOSES</b>		<b>SBP INFORMATION</b>			
Member 1963-DEC-22	Beneficiary/Spouse 1964-MAR-19	Youngest Child 1990-JAN-14	Coverage Type 1-Spouse/C	Base Amount 1386.85	Annuity 763.00
<b>ENTITLEMENTS</b>		OLD	NEW	<b>DEDUCTIONS</b>	
RETIRE PAY		1385.00	1385.00	VA COMP	1006.00 *1514.00
CRDP		739.00	*1169.00	OVERPAY	200.00 78.00
<b>TOTAL ENTITLEMENTS</b>		2124.00	2554.00	SBP-CH PREMIUM	0.14 0.14
<b>ALLOTMENTS</b>		OLD	NEW	SBP-SP PREMIUM	89.88 89.88
CGMA LOAN		142.60	142.60		
<b>TOTAL ALLOTMENTS</b>		142.60	142.60	<b>TOTAL DEDUCTIONS</b>	1296.02 1682.02
<b>YOUR NET PAY</b>	Old Amt 685.38	Name MK1	USCG RET	Bank Name	Route Nbr Amount
	New Amt 729.38			First Citizens Bank	083901825 81.50
				Woodforest National Bank	113008465 647.88
<b>FEDERAL TAXES</b>			<b>STATE TAXES</b>		
Exemptions M/3	Mo Tax Income 871.98	Income YTD 5795.11	Withheld YTD 0.00	State #1 Withheld YTD 0.00	State #2 Withheld YTD
COMMENTS ARE ON REVERSE SIDE				* Includes monies from Retroactive adjustments	

**Exemptions:** This field shows the marital status and withholding allowances the member elected.  
**Mo Tax Income:** This field shows the total amount of income that was earned for the month that is taxable income.  
**Income YTD:** This field shows the total amount of income that has been earned for the year that is taxable income.  
**Withheld YTD:** This field shows the total amount of federal taxes that have been withheld from the member for the year to date.



## 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 and your dependents home mailing address (for Retired/Annuitant Statement, newsletter, 1099R, correspondence)
- ◆ 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 an allotment (you may use Form \*CG PSC-7221 Retired Allotment Authorization Form, fax in the form or a written request, call us or send us an e-mail request). If you e-mail us with the request, your pay tech will call you to verify your information.
- ◆ Report a change to your Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) coverage (must be 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>*

**E-mail: [PSC-DG-RAS@uscg.mil](mailto:PSC-DG-RAS@uscg.mil)**

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

### Income Tax Withholding Changes

#### If you need to:

- ◆ Start or change the amount of State Tax Withholding (Retirees can call, e-mail, fax 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  
444 SE Quincy St  
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

*(\*)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  
444 SE Quincy St  
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E-mail articles, dependent taps entries, reunion notices, etc., to **[PSC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil](mailto:PSC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil)** or call us at the numbers listed below (phone menu option #4). The deadline for the next issue is August 9, 2008.

**1 800 PSC-USCG/1 800 772-8724**

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

## Other Important Phone Numbers and Websites

Medical/Dental Benefits	Phone	Websites/Notes
Eligibility (DEERS)/ID Cards	<b>1 800 538-9552 (TTY/TDD) 1 866 363-2883</b>	<a href="http://www.tricare.osd.mil/deers">http://www.tricare.osd.mil/deers</a> In CA: 1 800 334-4162 In AK & HI: 1 800 527-5602
Mail-Order Pharmacy	1 866 363-8667	<a href="http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/tmop.cfm">http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/tmop.cfm</a>
Retiree Dental Plan	1 888 838-8737	<a href="http://www.trdp.org">http://www.trdp.org</a>
TRICARE Overseas	1 888 777-8343	<a href="http://www.tricare.osd.mil/overseas/">http://www.tricare.osd.mil/overseas/</a>
TRICARE United States	phone numbers available on web site	<a href="http://tricare.osd.mil">http://tricare.osd.mil</a>
TRICARE For Life	1 866 773-0404	<a href="http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tfl/default.cfm">http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tfl/default.cfm</a>
Senior Pharmacy Program	1 877 363-6337	<a href="http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/seniorpharmacy.cfm">http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/seniorpharmacy.cfm</a>
Federal Long-Term Health Insurance	1 800 582-3337	<a href="http://www.opm.gov/insure/ltc/">http://www.opm.gov/insure/ltc/</a>
CG Health Benefits Advisor	1 800 942-2422	
Veterans Benefits	Phone	Websites/Notes
Department of Veterans Affairs	1 800 827-1000	<a href="http://www.va.gov">http://www.va.gov</a>
Insurance Information	1 800 669-8477	<a href="http://www.insurance.va.gov">http://www.insurance.va.gov</a>
Veterans Group Life Insurance		<a href="http://www.insurance.va.gov/sglisite/vgli/vgli.htm">http://www.insurance.va.gov/sglisite/vgli/vgli.htm</a>
<b>New VGLI Applications and VGLI Reinstatements: OSGLI PO Box 41618 Philadelphia, PA 19176-9913</b>	1 800 419-1473 <b>Overseas phone</b> (973) 548-5699 <b>Overseas Fax #</b> (973) 548-5300	<b>Death and accelerated benefits claims only:</b> Fax: 1-877 832-4943 All other fax inquiries: 1 800 236-6142 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:osgli.claims@prudential.com">osgli.claims@prudential.com</a> All other inquiries: <a href="mailto:osgli.osgli@prudential.com">osgli.osgli@prudential.com</a> <b>General Correspondence:</b> Office of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance 290 West Mt. Pleasant Ave. Livingston, NJ 07039
Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents	1 800 827-1000	<a href="http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current_benefits.htm">http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current_benefits.htm</a> VA Pamphlet 80-02-1
Headstones & Markers	1 800 697-6947	<a href="http://www.cem.va.gov/hm.htm">http://www.cem.va.gov/hm.htm</a>
Other	Phone	Websites/Notes
Final Active Duty Pay	1 866 772-8724 Overseas (785) 339-3550	<a href="http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/ses/">http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/ses/</a> 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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<b>Other</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Websites/Notes</b>
Travel Claims	1 866 772-8724 Overseas (785) 339-2200	<a href="http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg1/psc/tvl.asp">http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg1/psc/tvl.asp</a> 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	<a href="http://vetrecs.archives.gov">http://vetrecs.archives.gov</a> Write to: National Personnel Records Center 9700 Page Avenue St. Louis, MO 63132-5100
For copies of 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. <b>DD-214s are now available via the website <a href="http://vetrecs.archives.gov">http://vetrecs.archives.gov</a></b>		
Social Security	1 800 772-1213	<a href="http://www.ssa.gov">http://www.ssa.gov</a>
WWII U. S. Merchant Marine Awards and Decorations	(202) 366-2646	<a href="http://www.marad.dot.gov/contact_us.html">http://www.marad.dot.gov/contact_us.html</a> Attn: Patricia Thomas, Medals and Decorations Maritime Administration U. S. Department of Transportation 400 7th Street, SW, Room 7304 Washington, D.C. 20590
National Coast Guard Retiree Hotline Council Help Desk Telephone/E-mail "HOTLINE"	1 866 664-6245* (toll free) or 1 202 475-5381  *enter 55381 when you Hear the voice greet-	E-mail: <a href="mailto:NRHD@uscg.mil">NRHD@uscg.mil</a>

*(Reunions and Notices continued from page 9)***Hear Yea, Hear, Ye Hear Ye**

Harken to the Call all ye old pole climbers, computer experts, and cable boats crews. The next **EMTel, TT and IT East Coast Reunion** will be held in **Chincoteague, VA** the weekend following Labor Day weekend. That is **September 5, 6 and 7**. Our old TTC camp ground owner has agreed to allow us once more the use of his famous Chincoteague Camp Ground to hold the Reunion. As usual our famous chef from South Carolina will be there to cook ye old pig and a few free range chicks with all the trimmings. Plenty of motels to stay in so visit your favorite web site to find a place.

For additional information, call me at 919-469-3010 or 1-800-476-8634. Also Bo Stapelton at 757-340-3732. If you have a RV and want a place to park it at the camp ground, call 757-336-5200 and reserve a spot.

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