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Coast Guard Celebrates 218 years of Service

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WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Coast Guard is celebrating 218 years of service as America's maritime guardians today.

"The Coast Guard has a proud history, and on the occasion of our birthday, we must pay tribute to those who came before us," said Adm. Thad W. Allen, commandant. "We must also rededicate ourselves to making the Coast Guard the best it can be for those who will follow in our footsteps."

This year's birthday coincides with a historic event and an important step forward in the Coast Guard's modernization, the commissioning of the first National Security Cutter, Bertholf, in Alameda, Calif.

The Bertholf and its sister ship Waesche, which was christened on July 26, are at the forefront of the Coast Guard's fleet modernization. The National Security Cutters will improve operational readiness and enable the Coast Guard to fulfill its multi-mission roles more effectively through better sea keeping, higher sustained transit speeds, greater endurance and range, and a greater ability to launch and recover improved small boats, helicopters, and eventually unmanned aerial vehicles - all key attributes in enabling the Coast Guard to implement increased security responsibilities.

Additional modernization efforts include added capabilities to workhorse assets like the MH-65C helicopter, C-130 aircraft and the Medium Endurance Cutter (WMEC) fleet as well as introduced new assets such as the Response Boat-Medium and the HC-144a Ocean Sentry patrol aircraft. The Coast Guard is also adding capacity to its marine safety program, improving our shore-based command and control capabilities and achieving a greater degree of maritime domain awareness. All Coast Guard modernization efforts are designed to improve mission execution and enable the Coast Guard to be more adaptive to the maritime challenges of the 21st century.

The Coast Guard is one of America's five armed forces and traces its founding to Aug. 4, 1790, when the first Congress authorized the construction of ten vessels to enforce tariff and trade laws, prevent smuggling, and protect the collection of the federal revenue. Considerable responsibilities have been added over the years including humanitarian duties such as aiding mariners in distress. The service received its present name in 1915 when the Revenue Cutter Service merged with the U.S. Life-Saving Service to form a single maritime service dedicated to safety of life at sea and enforcing the nation's maritime laws.

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(Source: Coast Guard News Release)

CO's Corner

Greetings from Topeka, Kansas! I assumed command on 9 July 08 and wanted to make sure I keep our customers informed on what is going on with your pay process, and PSC initiatives that you might not see otherwise. Hopefully the vast majority of our retired and annuitant pay customers haven't "seen" a change and you are simply continuing to receive your pay deposits accurately and on time!

For those that didn't know, we transitioned to a new computerized "PeopleSoft" pay application on 1 April 08, called Global Pay Retired/Annuitant. We experienced some glitches, but our PSC crew rose to the occasion and made this large change look easy and mostly transparent to customers. This marked the retirement of the legacy (really old) COBOL/WANG-based retiree payroll application. It improved equipment reliability and moved us to a more commercially supportable IT platform. We are already upgrading to version 9.0 of the product next month, and plan to develop some limited "self service" capability for retirees and annuitants over the next six months to a year.

Another change you should be aware of is a physical one for our Retiree and Annuitant Services (RAS) Branch. Ms. Debbie Farley and her great team are moving desks temporarily while we upgrade their spaces with much needed new cubicles and carpet. Please bear with us for the several weeks this project is on-going, as we continue to provide service as usual, despite the disruption that our employees are experiencing here.

One thing that has made the temp move easier is the fact that over the last year we have electronically imaged the vast majority of all retiree files and records, maintaining the highest standards of securing Personally Identifiable Information and data integrity.

I am truly impressed with the dedication and professionalism of our crew here at PSC who strive every day so our Coast Guard people are properly paid so they can perform their missions. Rest assured our Retired and Annuitant community receives that same level of attention, customer service, and high standard of professionalism.

PSC values are: Customers First; Committed to Employees; Stewardship and Integrity.

Semper Paratus!

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TRICARE NEWS

Coming Soon

New Features of The Enhanced TRICARE Retiree Dental Program

Great news! Delta Dental of California has been selected by the Department of Defense to continue as administrator of the new TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) contract through September 2013. Under the new contract that begins on October 1, 2008, the TRDP will be an even better value than it is today, offering Uniformed Services retirees and their eligible family members some exciting new features. Here is a preview of the changes in store for enrollees in the Enhanced TRDP, starting October 1:

<u>Current</u> Enhanced TRDP Contract	<u>New</u> Enhanced TRDP Contract
Extended through September 30, 2008	Effective October 1, 2008
\$1200 lifetime orthodontic maximum	\$1500 lifetime orthodontic maximum
Contract year: 5/01—4/30	Contract year: 10/01—9/30
Posterior composite resin fillings are not covered benefits; however, an allowance is made for comparable amalgam fillings	One- and two-surface posterior composite resin fillings payable at 80% of the program allowed amount
Implants and related services are not covered benefits	Coverage for implant services after a 12-month waiting period*, at 50% of the program allowed amount
No coverage provided outside the 50 United States and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Canada	Emergency services covered for Enhanced Program enrollees visiting overseas locations Addition of worldwide coverage for those who live overseas and enroll in the new Enhanced Overseas Program

***Available immediately upon new contract effective date for continuing Enhanced TRDP enrollees who will have satisfied the 12-month waiting period by Oct. 1.**

To arrange for a retiree group briefing on highlights of the upcoming new TRDP contract, just call your local TRDP marketing representative at the contact number listed below. New program materials to replace your current stock will be available very soon for distribution. In addition, more detailed information will be available for you to use if you are interested in publishing an article in your base newspaper or departmental newsletter.

On behalf of the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program and our retired Uniformed Services population, we thank you for your dedication and ongoing support for this valuable and important program.

TRDP Marketing Representatives

Southeast region & District of Columbia – GA, MD, NC, SC, VA:

Gulf region, Puerto Rico & U.S. Virgin Islands – AL, FL, LA, MS, TX:

North Central region – IA, MN, MT, ND, SD, WI:

East Central region & Canada – AR, DE, IL, IN, KY, MI, MO, NJ, OH, PA, TN, WV:

West Central region – AK, CO, ID, KS, NE, NM, NV, OK, UT, WA, WY:

Pacific West region, Guam, American Samoa & Northern Mariana Islands – AZ, CA, HI, OR:

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Michelle Banks-Gainer, 757-368-2265

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(Source: TRDP MM009 06/08)

More TRICARE news on page 19

Protect Your Retirement Income from Long Term Care Costs

Just as life insurance and disability insurance offer financial protection during your working years, long term care insurance can protect your retirement income once you stop working.

Long term care insurance is intended to preserve your income and assets by covering the costs associated with a long term care event. This insurance pays for custodial care at home or in a facility when you can no longer live independently and need help with activities of daily living due to a chronic disease, illness or cognitive impairment such as Alzheimer's.

Contrary to what many Americans believe, Medicare and private health insurance cover few, if any long term care expenses, and Medicaid is available only to those with low income and assets. So, unless you own long term care insurance, you probably will have to cover the costs yourself. Currently, a private room in a nursing home averages approximately \$75,000 annually, while a home health aide working a 40-hour week typically runs \$53,000 per year (according to Genworth's 2007 Cost of Care Study). For two to three years of care, which is now the norm, the total cost is well into six figures.

If you were faced with a long term care event and had to pay for these expenses out of your retirement income, what would the consequences be? Could you and/or your spouse have the comfortable retirement lifestyle you had planned and pay for care? Could you maintain your financial commitments to family members such as helping with a child's home purchase or paying for a grandchild's education? And would it be possible to continue contributing to your community and favorite charities? If you can't say yes to these questions - and the vast majority of Americans can't - owning long term care insurance may be a sensible and cost effective solution.

As a member of the Federal Family, you are eligible to apply for coverage under the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP). The program gives Federal employees and annuitants, including members and retired members of the uniformed services, the opportunity to apply for substantial coverage at favorable group premiums.

Established by an act of Congress in 2000 and overseen by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, the FLTCIP is designed with flexibility to meet the specific needs of the Federal Family.

You can begin your LTC planning by calling the Program toll-free at 1-800-LTC-FEDS (1-800-582-3337) (TTY 1-800-843-3557). A certified Long Term Care Insurance Consultant will speak to you about your particular situation, your coverage options, the application process, and of course, answer any questions you may have. Certain medical conditions or combinations of conditions will prevent some people from being approved for coverage. You need to apply to find out if you are eligible to enroll.

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Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance

Some widows, widowers, and former spouses are eligible for an annuity under the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) and also for monthly Dependents Indemnity Compensation (DIC) from the Department of Veterans Affairs. If you are one of those people then you know that any DIC you receive will reduce the SBP that you would have received. Each dollar of DIC reduces SBP by one dollar. This is commonly known as the "DIC offset."

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (NDAA), which became Public Law 110-181, has a provision that changes the bottom line when DIC offset is a factor. Section 644 of the NDAA created the Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA). As a result the Coast Guard will pay SSIA to widows, widowers, and some former spouses of Coast Guard retirees who participated in SBP. The existing offset between SBP and DIC will continue without any change. However, the SSIA will return a small portion of that offset.

The initial eligibility date is 1 October 2008. The first payment will be on 1 November 2008, for the previous month. No application is required; however, you may want to ensure that RAS has the correct banking information on file. To verify this information, please call 800 772-8724 and press option 7. SSIA will start automatically for every eligible person. A Retiree and Annuitant Statement Of Monthly Income (RASOMI) will be mailed to each eligible person to document the change.

The amount of SSIA is defined by fiscal years. For fiscal year 2009 the amount of SSIA will be \$50.00. An annuitant with an SBP annuity worth less than \$50 per month will receive SSIA that matches that small SBP annuity.

The SBP annuity of a widow, widower or former spouse is calculated based on the retired pay of the member. In the case of members who die on active duty the SBP is calculated based on retirement for total disability.

Each federal fiscal year starts on 1 October. The fiscal year that begins on 1 October 2008 and ends on 30 September 2009 is known as FY09. Listed by fiscal year, the maximum SSIA that may be paid each month will be: \$50 for FY09; \$60 for FY10; \$70 for FY11; \$80 for FY12; \$90 for FY13; \$100 for FY14, FY15, and FY16. As the new law is written the SSIA will end in FY16 unless Congress makes further changes.

For example, Maria Smootman is the widow of BMCS Fred Smootman (retired). If Maria Smootman qualifies for SBP of \$2,000 per month from the Coast Guard and also qualifies for DIC of \$1,100 per month from VA, she would receive the \$1,100 from VA but due to the offset would only get \$900 SBP from the Coast Guard. Beginning 1 November 2008 she would receive SSIA of \$50 per month from the Coast Guard. Her total monthly income, Coast Guard plus VA, would rise from \$2,000 to \$2,050. The SBP and SSIA from the Coast Guard are taxable income. The DIC from VA is not taxable.

		September 2008	November 2008	
VA	DIC	\$1,100	\$1,100	Not taxable
USCG	SBP	\$2,000	\$2,000	
	DIC offset	- \$1,100	- \$1,100	
	Subtotal	\$ 900	\$ 900	
	SSIA	—	\$ 50	
USCG	Total	\$ 900	\$ 950	Taxable
VA plus USCG	Grand total	\$2,000	\$2,050	

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 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 (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).

TRACEN CAPE MAY. Retiree Council, Office is located in the Work Life Building ; Open hours are Tue -Thu from 0900 - 1500, and will take appointments for other times. It will be open to CG Retiree, and Active duty personnel. This includes other Armed Forces who need the service we provide. lb.F.W.Andersen@uscg.mil
kc2jpo@comcast.net <http://www.cpoacapemay.org/rcgrc.htm>

Office: 609-898-6387 Cell: 609-972-6453

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, cell # 910 622-5947.

Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) will be held 27 Sep 08 (0900-1200) at the U. S. Army Sergeants Major Academy, Biggs Army Air Field, Fort Bliss, TX 79916-6812. All military retirees and their dependents are encouraged to attend. Contact Jose Luis Hernandez, Retirement Services Officer @ (915) 569-6233/568-5204 or via e-mail at: Joseluis.hernandez@conus.army.mil for further info.

USCG LORSTA Angaur Reunion is 13-16 Nov 2008 at the Executive Inn, Oakland, CA, adjacent to Coast Guard Island, Alameda, CA. Please contact T J Mackell at (510) 437-3552 (w) or (925) 820-4595 (h) for further details or e-mail: Tj_M@prodigy.net

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

USCGC Androscoggin (WHEC-68) reunion will be held 21-25 June 2009 in Charleston, SC and is opened to all hands who have served aboard the Andy. For further information please visit our web site at: <http://fishing-boating.com/androscoggin/> or contact Walter Haught at (386) 233-9151

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
LFConley@USCG.Mil
JAMES.D.OCALLAGHAN@USCG.MIL

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 cwouscgret@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.

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

USCGC UNIMAK Reunion 2009, Boston, MA will be held 10-13 Sep 09 at the Best Western Adams Inn hotel in Quincy, MA. The registration forms are on the website <http://www.unimak379.org/registration.html>. Fill out the form and send it to us. Book your hotel reservations directly with Best Western Adams Inn @ 1 800 368-4012. Tell them that you are with the USCGC Unimak reunion to get the special rate.

Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association Reunion, 27-30 April 2009, Atlantis Resort, Reno, NV. Contact CWO Baker Herbert @ (330) 887-5539 or e-mail: USCGW64@neo.rr.com

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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

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.

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Wilmington, NC is designated a "Coast Guard City" and a directory is being formed to get in touch with all Coast Guard personnel that live in and around the surrounding area. If you are interested in receiving information about activities and possibly reunions in our area, please provide the following information.

Name:
Rank: (active or retired)
Address:
Phone:
E-mail:

Send all information to: CWO2 David W. Foster, USCG, Ret
110 West Pointe Road
Rocky Point, NC 28457
Phone: (910) 602-3888, E-mail: dwfco2@msn.com



USCG Retirements

Name	Rank	Date of Retirement
ADICKES, WILLIAM	CDR	20080701
AINLAY, JOHN	IT1	20080601
ALEXANDER, ELMO	CAPT	20080801
ALVIZO, ALFREDO	OSS2	20080701
ANDERSON, GARY	SKCS	20080801
ANDERSON, JAMES	MST1	20080809
ANDERSON, JEFFREY	PERS2	20080701
ANTONACCIO, ROBERT	BOSN3	20080730
ARNOT, STANLEY	MKCS	20080707
ASHEN, CLAUDE	ET1	20080718
ATTEBERRY, CARL	BOSN2	20080701
BAILLY, ARTHUR	MKC	20080601
BAKER, CLINTON	MKC	20080706
BALDA, JOSEPH	LCDR	20080601
BANKS, LLOYD	LCDR	20080701
BARCUS, KENT	ELC3	20080701
BARTLETT, JAMES	LCDR	20080601
BASS, SAMUEL	LCDR	20080715
BAUER, WILLIAM	ETC	20080801
BAYUK, CLIFFORD	CDR	20080801
BELLA, JEFFREY	IT3	20080616
BENTON, MARILYN	YN2	20080820
BERG, ERIC	MKC	20080701
BERNARD, BONNIE	YNCM	20080629
BIRCH, WILLIAM	LCDR	20080701
BIXLER, JAMES	OS2	20080604
BLASING, LEIGHTON	ENG4	20080601
BLOW, MATHEW	LT	20080530
BLUEMEL, DALE	LCDR	20080701
BLYDEN, EDWIN	MK1	20080701
BOEDDEKER, TIMOTHY	CDR	20080816
BONN, MARY	AMTCS	20080801
BORDERS, JAMES	LCDR	20080701
BORISKIE, TIMOTHY	BMC	20080801
BOSSE, WILLIAM	OS2	20080622
BOTTORFF, EDWARD	FS1	20080801
BRENNER, WILLIAM	MKC	20080601
BRIGGS, WYMAN	CDR	20080601
BRIGGS, JERRY	LCDR	20080701
BRIMBLECOM, DAVID	CAPT	20080701
BROGNA, COLLEEN	SK1	20080612
BROOME, WILLIAM	LCDR	20080701
BROWN, SAMUEL	MKC	20080701
BROWN, WILLIAM	MKC	20080801
BRUCE, JAMES	BMC	20080601
BRUINS, FLOYD	MKC	20080801
BUCK, GARY	LT	20080702
BURNS, EDWARD	AMTCS	20080601
BUZZELL, FREDRICK	BMC	20080701
CABALLERO, GILBERT	BM1	20080701
CADD, THEODORE	LCDR	20080809
CALLIHAN, WILLARD	LCDR	20080601
CAMERON, JOHN	CDR	20080601
CAMILLUCCI, ROBERT	LCDR	20080701
CAMPBELL, ROBERT	LCDR	20080701
CAMPBELL, DONALD	OSC	20080624
CARIE, JEFFREY	MSSE4	20080601
CARPENTER, WILLIAM	ET1	20080701
CARRINGTON, LORI	YN1	20080601
CARROLL, JOHN	FS2	20080801
CARTER, LAYNE	OS1	20080627
CHADDER, DAVID	MK2	20080701

Name	Rank	Date of Retirement
CHATAGNIER, NOLEN	MK2	20080601
CHRISTOVICH, DANIEL	CDR	20080701
CHRYST, GREGORY	LCDR	20080724
CHURCH, JASON	CDR	20080701
CLARK, MARTIN	EM3	20080705
COCHRAN, DARLA	OSC	20080601
COLON, ALBERTO	ENG4	20080801
COMBS, LEWIS	CDR	20080707
COMBS, DONALD	MSTC	20080801
CONNOLLY, JAMES	YNCM	20080607
COOK, PATRICK	LCDR	20080701
COOKE, DANIEL	INV2	20080601
COOPER, EDGAR	BM1	20080701
CORBO, SALVATORE	COMM4	20080805
CORNELL, ADAM	FS2	20080701
CORY, STEPHEN	LT	20080701
COTE, DANIEL	EMC	20080701
CROWLEY, JOHN	RADM	20080701
DAHLBERG, ERIK	BMC	20080601
DAVIDSON, RICKY	EMC	20080601
DEAL, VICTORIA	CDR	20080801
DEAN, LOUIS	LCDR	20080727
DIXSON, MICHAEL	OS1	20080601
DOAN, MICHAEL	MKCM	20080801
DODD, JAMES	MST3	20080619
DOGGETT, DONNA	OSCS	20080601
DOHERTY, CHRISTOPHER	F&S3	20080701
DOLLY, STACEY	SKCS	20080801
DOMINGUEZ, AARON	AMTC	20080701
DUCA, STEPHEN	CAPT	20080801
DUGGER, DAWN	LT	20080701
DURFEY, ROBERT	CAPT	20080701
DUTCH, FRANCIS	CAPT	20080601
EASTBURN, ROBERT	CDR	20080819
EGLI, DANE	CAPT	20080601
EHRENBERG, STUART	CDR	20080701
ELPHISON, SCOTT	MSSE3	20080801
ELY, DAVID	CAPT	20080801
EPSTEIN, AARON	HSC	20080801
EVANS, CHRISTOPHER	HSCS	20080601
EVELYN, GENICE	FS3	20080701
FARRELL, MICHAEL	CAPT	20080701
FOLSOM, ALFRED	CAPT	20080701
FOSTER, DARRELL	MKC	20080701
FOURNIER, DAVID	ETC	20080801
FRANKEL, MARK	MKC	20080701
FRANKS, SCOTT	MKC	20080801
FRENCH, JAMES	LCDR	20080708
GAFKJEN, JEFFREY	CDR	20080801
GARRETT, DAVID	ET1	20080701
GAZEBIEN, RICHARD	YNC	20080701
GENCO, FRANCIS	CDR	20080701
GERRITY, PATRICK	CAPT	20080701
GINDER, GERRY	MST1	20080520
GIRARD, MITCHELL	MK1	20080801
GODFREY, STEVEN	CDR	20080601
GOMBACH, LINDA	HS2	20080716
GOODRIDGE, NANCY	CAPT	20080801
GORE, LESLIE	FS1	20080607
GRACIE, TROY	ET1	20080701
GRANT, ROBERTA	YNC	20080614

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GRANTHAM, RONALD	EMC	20080731
GREEN, JOHN	MSSE2	20080601
GUILLORY, MARK	CAPT	20080701
GUTH, KURTIS	CAPT	20080701
GUY, GREGORY	MSTC	20080619
HALL, BRIAN	CDR	20080601
HALL, EUGENE	WEPS3	20080621
HAMERSKI, MICHAEL	MSTCS	20080601
HANSEN, MICHAEL	MAT4	20080701
HANSEN, TIMOTHY	LTJG	20080601
HANSON, BRAD	BM1	20080601
HARBUCK, HENRY	MSTC	20080701
HARRIS, DANIEL	BMCS	20080801
HARRIS, VICTOR	YNC	20080621
HARTUNG, ANDREW	BM2	20080624
HARVEY, ADELBERT	EMC	20080801
HAYES, JEFFERY	IT1	20080601
HEATH, NAPOLEON	MK2	20080701
HELLEKSON, CRAIG	LT	20080801
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HERSL, LEONARD	LCDR	20080701
HICKEY, THOMAS	CDR	20080701
HICKMAN, JOHN	SK3	20080818
HILL, GARRY	OSS2	20080601
HILS, JOHN	MSTC	20080701
HOLCOMBE, RAYMOND	BMC	20080701
HOOPER, THOMAS	CAPT	20080701
HOOVER, RUSSELL	AVI2	20080601
HORAN, THOMAS	BOSN3	20080701
HOWE, JAMES	CAPT	20080701
HUBBARD, JERRY	LCDR	20080701
HUGHES, WILLIE	PS1	20080629
HURT, MICHAEL	OSCS	20080801
INGRAM, RICHARD	PS1	20080603
JACOBS, SCOTT	OSC	20080801
JANG, TEDUAN	SKC	20080728
JENKINS, KEVIN	AVI3	20080801
JENKINS, LISA	YN2	20080801
JOHNSON, CARL	ENG3	20080601
JONES, GARY	LCDR	20080701
JONES, GEORGE	BM1	20080618
JONES, ERIC	YN1	20080701
JONES, JAMES	CDR	20080701
JONES, THOMAS	BMC	20080801
JOYCE, DAVID	AVI4	20080701
KABAT, MICHAEL	SN	20080527
KAYSER, JEFFREY	CAPT	20080701
KEENE, JUDITH	CAPT	20080801
KEIL, JENNIFER	OS2	20080722
KEITH, ALGERNON	CAPT	20080801
KELLEY, MICHAEL	CAPT	20080801
KENDALL, CHRISTOPHER	LT	20080601
KILGORE, CHRISTOPHER	CDR	20080713
KIM, HAN	CDR	20080801
KING, CHARLES	CDR	20080615
KING, RICHARD	MST1	20080615
KIRSCHNER, WADE	LT	20080601
KNIGHT, MARVIN	MKC	20080801
KOENIG, SHEILA	YN1	20080613
KUNKEL, DAVID	RADM	20080701
LAFLEUR, TODD	WEPS2	20080701
LAMBERT, FRANCIS	SK1	20080701
LAMBERT, DEANNA	F&S2	20080801
LAMBETH, CHARLES	LCDR	20080607
LANDRY, MARK	CAPT	20080701
LAPCHYNSKI, CHARLES	SK1	20080801
LEFEVERS, ROBERT	CDR	20080701
LEMA, JOSE	EMCS	20080801
LEMAY, PETER	MK1	20080607
LEWING, REECE	PERS4	20080706

LINDBLAD, RUSSELL	BMCS	20080728
LINDSTROM, TEDRIC	CAPT	20080701
LITTLEJOHN, JAMES	PSC	20080715
LITTRELL, LARRY	LCDR	20080701
LOPEZ, SARAH	PERS2	20080801
LUMBAG, MIGUEL	LT	20080701
LUPTON, GENE	AVI4	20080801
LYONS, JOSEPH	ENG4	20080601
MACABEO, ELPIDIO	DCC	20080601
MAHER, MICHAEL	PERS4	20080801
MAHONY, JON	MSSE4	20080701
MAINS, JOSEPH	BMC	20080701
MALONEY, LISA	SK2	20080529
MARCHESE, JAMES	CDR	20080717
MARCOTTE, JOSEPH	LCDR	20080716
MARLETT, RONALD	ETC	20080801
MASON, GREGORY	LCDR	20080801
MASSEY, CHARLES	DC2	20080729
MATHERS, DENNIS	OSC	20080701
MATTHEWS, DENISE	CAPT	20080801
MAXFIELD, MONTY	SK2	20080721
MAYES, MICHAEL	AETCS	20080801
MCCORMICK, DAREL	MSSE4	20080601
MCDONOUGH, ANDREW	CAPT	20080626
MCFARLAND, DWAYNE	OSC	20080601
MCINTYRE, GEMINI	YNC	20080801
MCKERCHER, THOMAS	BMC	20080601
MCKNIGHT, CLAUDIA	CDR	20080801
MCLEAN, BRIAN	EMC	20080801
MCMULLEN, TODD	YNCM	20080701
MEALHA, GEORGES	BMC	20080801
MEIER, CONRAD	MKC	20080601
MENTZOS, PAUL	OSCS	20080601
MERCADO, CARLOS	LCDR	20080701
MERRILL, SMITHER	DC2	20080701
MEYER, KARL	LCDR	20080701
MILLER, ALLEN	FSC	20080706
MILLER, RANDY	MSTC	20080701
MILLWOOD, JERRY	BMCM	20080602
MINEHART, DAVID	ETC	20080801
MISKOVSKY, KRISTINA	MK2	20080619
MITOMA, KENNETH	SK2	20080612
MONTEE, GREGORY	AMT1	20080801
MOONEY, MARK	CDR	20080701
MOORE, WILLIAM	CDR	20080701
MOORHOUSE, JACK	LT	20080601
MOORING, MICHAEL	SKC	20080801
MORDICA, ALLEN	ELC4	20080601
MORENO, BENJAMIN	FS3	20080621
MORRISON, JAMES	CDR	20080801
MOSIER, LAURIE	CDR	20080801
MOULTON, THOMAS	PSCS	20080803
MOURTOS, CONSTANTINA	PA2	20080701
MUELLER, ROBERT	CAPT	20080801
MURPHY, PAUL	LCDR	20080801
NAVARRO, EDWARD	MST1	20080815
NELLIGAN, MARK	ITC	20080801
NELSON, AARON	MK2	20080616
OKEEFE, JOHN	F&S4	20080601
OLSON, ANTHONY	BM2	20080701
OLVANY, DENNIS	BMC	20080607
OUTTEN, NOLAN	SKC	20080607
PAGLIALONGA, RICHARD	CDR	20080701
PALOU, JUAN	PS2	20080712
PANDORF, GLEN	AETC	20080801
PANDORF, DENICE	AMTC	20080801
PARDUE, MARCIA	BM2	20080716
PARR, TED	DC1	20080609
PARSONS, EDWARD	CAPT	20080801
PASCHALL, ROY	AMT1	20080701

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PAVLIK, ROY	MSSD4	20080701
PEASE, ROBERT	EMC	20080701
PELLISH, HARRY	OSCS	20080627
PEPITONE, MICHAEL	SK1	20080625
PERDUE, JEFFREY	MSTC	20080801
PERKINS, SUKETA	FSC	20080601
PETERSON, MARK	CDR	20080701
PETERSON, PHILIP	AMT2	20080601
PFAUTZ, JOHN	ELC3	20080601
PHILLIPS, PATRICK	PS1	20080602
PIWINSKI, SCOTT	AMTC	20080701
PLEWINSKI, MARK	MSSE4	20080601
POHLER, DAVID	MKC	20080601
POWELL, GAYLE	LCDR	20080707
PRATER, ROY	GMC	20080801
PREVOST, LAURENCE	CDR	20080801
RANDALL, TONY	MKCS	20080601
RARAS, MANUEL	CDR	20080701
RAY, AL	IT1	20080601
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REMY, MARK	BOSN4	20080801
RENDON, JOHN	CDR	20080801
RICHMOND, JOHN	CAPT	20080728
RIDER, KENNETH	BMC	20080701
RIOUX, JOHN	ASTC	20080801
ROBINSON, DALE	BMC	20080801
RODRIGUEZ, JOSEPH	CAPT	20080701
RODRIGUEZ, ALFREDO	SKCS	20080701
ROE, MELVIN	AETC	20080801
ROGER, COLLIN	SN	20080722
ROSS, KEVIN	CAPT	20080701
ROYSTER, THEODORE	CDR	20080529
RUSSELL, GEORGE	CAPT	20080701
RUWISCH, GEORGE	LCDR	20080801
SABALBORO, PATRICIA	OS1	20080616
SAFRANSKI, MICHAEL	ENG2	20080601
SAMWORTH, DAVID	MST1	20080801
SANCHEZ, THOMAS	LCDR	20080524
SANTUCCI, JOHN	CAPT	20080701
SAPP, STEPHEN	INF4	20080601
SARGENT, JOSEPH	CDR	20080701
SAVAGE, EDMUND	YN1	20080601
SCHILLING, KIRK	CDR	20080701
SCHMINCKE, CHARLES	CDR	20080609
SCHOTT, KEITH	LT	20080601
SCHWEIZER, NORMAN	CAPT	20080801
SCOTT, RUSSELL	EM3	20080529
SECOR, DENNIS	LCDR	20080818
SHAW, REGINALD	FS1	20080711
SHEPPARD, WARREN	SKC	20080619
SHOMIN, MICHAEL	CDR	20080701
SHOULTA, STEWART	YNCS	20080607
SLOTTEN, JOEL	CDR	20080601
SMITH, BARRY	CAPT	20080601
SMITH, NONA	CAPT	20080819
SMITH, CHRISTOPHER	ET1	20080801
SMITH, RICHARD	ENG4	20080701
SOLARI, LOUIS	LCDR	20080702
SOTO, ANTHONY	OSC	20080701
SPAID, THOMAS	ENG4	20080801
SPAINHOWER, EDWARD	OSCS	20080601
SPARKS, ANNETTE	YN1	20080616
SPURLING, PHILLIP	BMC	20080801
STANIER, JAMES	AST2	20080801
STAPLETON, STEVEN	MSTC	20080801
STEPANEK, DENNIS	MKCS	20080706
STEPHENS, DONALD	YN1	20080718
STIFF, RICHARD	AETC	20080701
STINNETT, MICHAEL	PSC	20080617
STRICKLAND, JOSEPH	AMT1	20080601

STUEVE, TIMOTHY	CDR	20080801
SWAIN, BRUCE	BMC	20080601
SWANGER, DONALD	HSCS	20080801
SWEENEY, JOHN	CDR	20080701
SWEETSER, DAN	AMT1	20080801
TABULOG, JUAN	MSTCS	20080622
TAFT, THACHER	ENG4	20080601
TAYLOR, ROBERT	YN2	20080716
TAYLOR, MICHAEL	AMT3	20080624
TEELE, RONALD	MKC	20080801
THACKER, TIMOTHY	BM3	20080722
THOMPSON, MARK	MAT2	20080601
THOMPSON, KENNETH	MSTC	20080726
THOMSON, THOMAS	LCDR	20080701
THOMSON, FRANK	FS1	20080701
TODD, DALE	BMCS	20080601
TRAETTINO, CHRISTINE	LCDR	20080701
TURLEY, JOHN	LCDR	20080701
TURNER, STEVEN	MSTC	20080725
VACHON, GENELLE	CDR	20080801
VANHOESEN, GARRET	BOSN4	20080701
VANHORN, KURT	CDR	20080701
VAZQUEZ, KENNETH	LCDR	20080701
VOSSLER, MARK	AETC	20080701
WADDLER, WALTER	SK1	20080601
WAJDA, DAVID	CDR	20080804
WAKELING, CHARLES	BM2	20080701
WALKER, ARTHUR	INV2	20080801
WALLACE, RONALD	MSSD3	20080601
WARD, DALE	ETCM	20080601
WARD, WILLIAM	YN1	20080801
WARLITNER, CHARLES	BM1	20080801
WARREN, STACEY	GMC	20080801
WAUGH, CHRISTOPHER	EM1	20080601
WEEKS, MAURY	CAPT	20080701
WELLER, MARILYN	LCDR	20080720
WELLER, MATTHEW	LT	20080701
WEST, JAMES	MK1	20080707
WETTER, SCOTT	LCDR	20080801
WHITE, NATHAN	AMT1	20080701
WICKERSHEIM, MARTIN	ETC	20080601
WIERENGA, DAVID	LCDR	20080630
WILKINSON, GEORGE	EMC	20080801
WILKINSON, STEVEN	MSSE2	20080601
WILLARD, BRIAN	MSSD4	20080701
WILLIAMS, DAVID	ENG2	20080701
WILLIAMS, SCOTT	CDR	20080701
WINTER, KEVIN	MKCM	20080801
WOLFE, JEFFERY	LCDR	20080601
WULFKUHLE, GUSTAV	CDR	20080701
WURSTER, CHARLES	VADM	20080701
WYATT, DAVID	MK3	20080619
YARBROUGH, ROY	LCDR	20080801
YOUNG, FLOYD	BM1	20080701
YOUNG, TIMOTHY	AMTC	20080801
YUN, JON	F&S2	20080601
ZEITLER, GEORGE	LCDR	20080601
ZUMBRUM, MARK	MK2	20080701



FLETCHER, RICHARD	CDR	20080801
SCHLEIGER, DOUGLAS	LCDR	20080701
STRONG, THOMAS	CAPT	20080701
THUMM, STEPHEN	LCDR	20080701

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ASUEGA	FITIFITI	BM1	20080527	AMERICA SAMOA	AS
BALLANCE	EMILE	CSC	20080616	ANNA	IL
BARBER	BILLY	SKCS	20080716	MESA	AZ
BARRETT	LLOYD	YNM	20080630	MIDWEST CITY	OK
BARTLETT	HENNING	MMC	20080726	CAMDEN	NC
BARTLEY	WILLIAM	ENG2	20080815	BOOTHBAY	ME
BASSFORD	EDGAR	CDR	20080714	BOISE	ID
BERTUCCI	WILLIAM	BMC	20080614	LA MARQUE	TX
BETTIS	JOHN	LT	20080729	PENSACOLA	FL
BIGHIA	JOHN	MK2	20080804	OMAHA	NE
BOZEMAN	MICHAEL	FS1	20080728	SUNRISE	FL
BRADBURY	MARK	CDR	20080714	BERWICK	ME
BRICHTA	EDWARD	CWO4	20080727	ALPINE	CA
BRUSH	JAMES	SA	20080712	SAN DIEGO	CA
CALDWELL	DOMINIC	PERS2	20080715	POLAND	OH
CARLISLE	DOUGLAS	YNM	20080727	NEWPORT NEWS	VA
CARSWELL	ROBERT	FS1	20080810	CHESAPEAKE	VA
CATCHINGS	JAMES	ALCS	20080625	CORPUS CHRISTI	TX
CHAMBERS	EDWARD	CDR	20080628	CAYUCOS	CA
CHAPLIN	ROSCOE	ENC	20080529	FRAMINGHAM	MA
COEN	MARIE	YNC	20080731	BELMONT	MA
COLDWELL	WILLIAM	AM3	20080705	DETROIT	OR
COLLINS	ROBERT	CWO4	20080720	ANCORATES	WA
CORMIER	GEORGE	PSS4	20080705	NEW BEDFORD	MA
CRAVEN	ALLEN	CWO4	20080723	MIDLOTHIAN	VA
CRESBAUGH	JOHN	YNC	20080722	RIVIERA BEACH	FL
CUFF	CLYDE	MK1	20080528	COLLINSVILLE	IL
DANIEL	HAROLD	CSC	20080730	ORANGE PARK	FL
DAVIS	FRANCIS	BMC	20080712	COLCHESTER	VT
DEGUZMAN	GILDO	FS1	20080613	VICTORVILLE	CA
DUVAL	NORMAND	MMCS	20080809	BELCHERTOWN	MA
ELLIS	JOSEPH	CWO4	20080722	THE WOODLANDS	TX
EVERETT	AUSTIN	HSC	20080621	HESPERIA	CA
FALLS	LYNN	BM1	20080817	MANDEVILLE	LA
FARRIS	WILLIAM	ET1	20080530	JACKSONVILLE	FL
FEICK	GALE	CWO4	20080713	ANAHEIM	CA
FERNANDEZ	WILLIAM	AD1	20080723	GAMBRILLS	MD
FLYNN	ROBERT	RMCS	20080620	MARSHFIELD	MA
GARD	KENNETH	CAPT	20080621	CHOCTAW	OK
GARY	JOHN	CS1	20080527	MATTAPAN	MA
GILES	JOHN	CWO4	20080602	EMMETT	ID
GILLIKIN	JOHN	ET3	20080604	KEY LARGO	FL
GILLIS	CHESTER	BMCM	20080605	JOHNSON CITY	TN
GLENNY	WAYNE	CWO3	20080630	NORFOLK	VA
GOODWIN	ALBERT	EN1	20080623	MOUNT LAUREL	NJ
GRANGER	CHARLES	RMC	20080808	GARLAND	TX
GUZMAN	CESAR	FS3	20080614	CAMUY	PR
HAIRGROVE	BILLY	CWO2	20080625	MINEOLA	TX

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HAISLIP	DAVID	CDR	20080523	CHEVY CHASE	MD
HARTMANN	GEORGE	BM1	20080703	NEW SMYRNA	FL
HAYES	OSCO	MK1	20080629	MENDENHALL	MS
HENDERSON	ERNEST	AM1	20080815	LAKE PARK	GA
HENELL	LEONARD	LCDR	20080605	MCKINLEYVILLE	CA
HICKS	ROBERT	MKC	20080824	PITTSBURGH	PA
HOOD	ROBERT	LT	20080627	ELIZABETH CTY	NC
HUTCHINSON	WILBUR	CWO4	20080728	EAGLE POINT	OR
HYDE	BERNARD	CAPT	20080618	PORTLAND	OR
ILLGEN	LYNN	YNCS	20080724	TIOGA	LA
INNES	ROBERT	CAPT	20080708	METAIRIE	LA
JOHNSTON	WILLIAM	ENCS	20080703	ROCKLAND	ME
JONES	ROBERT	PAC	20080711	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
JOSEPHS	PAUL	ENC	20080713	TURLOCK	CA
KEITH	JACKIE	QMCM	20080712	TROPHY CLUB	TX
KELLY	THOMAS	PSCS	20080603	DESOTO	TX
KRING	CYRIL	CWO3	20080606	DEFUNIACK SPRINGS	FL
LANGLOW	ERIC	SK1	20080704	TACOMA	WA
LEATHERMAN	WENDELL	CWO4	20080601	MILLBRAE	CA
LEES	JOHN	ADC	20080628	CHULA VISTA	CA
LEON	RAY	CDR	20080719	LAKE OSWEGO	OR
LESAGE	FRANCIS	CWO2	20080730	HINGHAM	MA
LETO	PETER	CAPT	20080703	SARASOTA	FL
LOMBARD	JEFFREY	MK3	20080523	PORT SAINT LUCIE	FL
LOWE	HENRY	EMC	20080528	VIRGINIA BEACH	VA
LOWE	JULIAN	ETC	20080804	OAK RIDGE	TN
LUPETIN	LEONARD	BM3	20080725	MASTIC	NY
LUPTON	LELAND	BMC	20080525	CEDAR ISLAND	NC
MADRID	ESTIBON	SKCS	20080613	ARVADA	CO
MAHAYAG	MARIO	MKCM	20080808	CHESAPEAKE	VA
MALONE	KEVIN	CDR	20080606	MERRICK	NY
MATOS	ANGEL	PSC	20080624	HOUSTON	TX
MAULDEN	JAMES	CSC	20080623	LIVE OAK	FL
MAY	LEX	CWO2	20080629	WINFIELD	AL
MAY	WILLARD	ENC	20080626	PURCELLVILLE	VA
MILLER	GEORGE	CWO3	20080621	EDISON	NJ
MILLER	RALPH	AM1	20080730	LAKELAND	FL
MORIARTY	ROLAND	CDR	20080808	LAS VEGAS	NV
MULLER	WOLCOTT	CAPT	20080710	TOLLAND	CT
MUNIZ	RAYMOND	CDR	20080524	MIAMI	FL
MUNIZZA	MICHAEL	SK1	20080726	FLORISSANT	MO
MURDEN	AUGUST	ASMCS	20080523	BELLE CHASSE	LA
MURRAY	JOHN	CWO1	20080711	SIERRA VISTA	AZ
MURTAUGH	KENNETH	AMT1	20080622	PORT CHARLOTTE	FL
NAGLE	THOMAS	QMCM	20080810	EATON CENTER	NH
NICHOLS	ROY	MKC	20080603	HUNTINGTON BCH	CA
NIEDRINGHAUS	NED	DCC	20080710	SAINT LOUIS	MO
NIPP	JOHN	CAPT	20080724	WHITE BEAR LAKE	MN
OBRIANT	H	SKCS	20080712	WESTERLY	RI
PAHATI	HERMINIO	FS1	20080620	BULACAN	RP
PALMER	VINCENT	BMC	20080718	READING	KS
PANTALEO	MICHAEL	FS2	20080706	RENO	NV
PENNEY	WILLIAM	CDR	20080606	LAS VEGAS	NV

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PERROTTA	FRED	PS2	20080622	TUCKAHOE	NY
PERRY	PERNELL	CWO3	20080820	KITTY HAWK	NC
PETERSON	ROBERT	AM1	20080528	GREENVILLE	NC
PETERSON	WILLIAM	TCC	20080604	NEWPORT BEACH	CA
PIRTLE	MARVIN	MK2	20080821	OLD HICKORY	TN
PITTA	EDWARD	ETC	20080714	HAYWARD	CA
POLLARD	RICHARD	ET1	20080713	EMPORIUM	PA
POPPELL	JAMES	AM1	20080605	SAVANNAH	GA
PORTER	THOMAS	AD1	20080615	CHATTANOOGA	TN
PRESSLEY	CHARLES	BT3	20080703	NASHVILLE	TN
QUINN	RAYMOND	RMCM	20080530	HOMESTEAD	FL
RAY	DAVID	CWO4	20080806	DURHAM	NC
RICE	EDWARD	CDR	20080602	HOLIDAY	FL
ROATH	GEORGE	CWO4	20080724	TUCSON	AZ
ROLAND	JOHN	EMCM	20080702	HUBERT	NC
ROMANO	ANDREW	LHKR	20080616	BEAR	DE
ROSIN	RICHARD	PSCM	20080622	OAK VIEW	CA
ROUSEY	STEVEN	SA	20080629	FAIRBURN	GA
RUSSELL	ALBERT	AD1	20080716	VACAVILLE	CA
RUSSELL	WILLIAM	LCDR	20080820	WINDSOR	CT
SAITO	RICHARD	BMCM	20080722	STOCKTON	CA
SAN JUAN	MANUEL	FS1	20080526	BULACAN	RP
SAWYER	ROBERT	BM1	20080817	AVON	NC
SCARBOROUGH	LEWIS	BML1	20080701	DAHLONEGA	GA
SCHEIDEL	WAYNE	ETC	20080601	RENTON	WA
SLATEN	GERALD	YNCS	20080816	COARSEGOLD	CA
SMALL	WILLIAM	DC1	20080701	NEWPORT	NC
SMITH	BERNARD	LCDR	20080703	BREWSTER	MA
SOMBO	JOHN	MM1	20080712	RENO	NV
SPELL	JIMMIE	SN	20080801	WARNER ROBINS	GA
STEERMAN	DONALD	BMCS	20080722	APPLING	GA
STEPP	WARREN	ETC	20080531	OAKLEY	CA
STEWART	THOMAS	CWO4	20080602	NORTH CAPE MAY	NJ
SWANSON	JAMES	CAPT	20080608	BILOXI	MS
SWEENEY	THOMAS	AD1	20080624	KANSAS CITY	MO
SWIFT	WILLIAM	CAPT	20080718	BARNSTABLE	MA
SWOREN	WILLIAM	MKC	20080712	AVOCA	PA
SYLVESTER	ROBERT	EMC	20080727	SUMMERFIELD	FL
TINARO	LOUIS	CWO2	20080523	VIRGINIA BEACH	VA
TINIO	ROMEO	FSC	20080712	MANILA	RP
UTT	JAMES	MKCM	20080717	MCMINNIVILLE	OR
VANN	LLOYD	GM1	20080709	MUFRESBORO	NC
WARD	ROBERT	RMCS	20080721	CAMDEN	NC
WATERMAN	DONALD	BM1	20080526	MILLINGTON	TN
WATTS	JACK	FSC	20080808	PHOENIX	AZ
WEINERT	NORMAN	CDR	20080731	METAIRIE	LA
WILLIAMS	ROBERT	BMC	20080705	HUDSON	FL
WILLIS	HERBERT	CWO4	20080816	CARLISLE	PA
WILSON	WILLIAM	EMCM	20080803	BLAIRSVILLE	GA
ZIEGLER	GEORGE	PSCS	20080703	SPENCER	WV
ZUSSY	DONALD	CDR	20080708	ST PETERSBURG	FL

Letters to the Editor

Ahoy to all Coast Guardsmen in the Pensacola, FL region. We are trying to network the Coast Guard family in the Pensacola, FL region in order to keep folks informed of any Coast Guard happenings or events. For example, the recent visit by the CGC *Bertholf*, or the CG birthday event at the local professional baseball park would be information we would like to distribute. Whatever your Coast Guard affiliation, if you would like us to add you to our e-mail list please send an e-mail to "coastguardfamily@yahoo.com". You can also call me at (850) 995-4247. We also have an informal get together on the 4th Thursday of each month at a local restaurant for some CG fellowship and to swap a few sea stories. We look forward to hearing from you.

Bill Hayden

Looking for any active duty, reserve, or retired Coast Guard members, living in the North Georgia area, willing to participate in a military salute presentation in Gainesville, Georgia on 4 July 2009. All military branches participate. For further information please contact SCPO Tom Moore (Ret) @ tbmoore2871@bellsouth.net

Anita (Box) Heady is trying to locate Pamela Autrey. They were stationed together at USCG Station Provincetown, MA in 1980. Last contact was from New York state. Please contact Anita Heady at amheady@bellsouth.net in Athens, GA.
Phone: (706) 247-6143

Looking for veterans of WWII who were aboard LST 326 during 'Operation Neptune' and the D-Day landings in June 1944. LST 326 picked up wounded soldiers from the liberty ship *H.G. Blasdel*, including my father-in-law, after it was torpedoed. Contact: William J. La Falce at (785) 339-3425, e-mail: William.J.LaFalce@uscg.mil

Dependent TAPS

Name of Dependent	Relationship	Date of Death	Location
Evelyn L Bradford	Wife of CWO4 Lee Bradford, USCG, Ret	17 Jun 08	Virginia Beach, VA
Mary Helen Bell	Wife of TT1 Walter M Bell Sr., USCG, Ret	28 May 08	Wilmington, NC
Christina M Hodge	Daughter of CWO3 Gary E Hodge, USCG, Ret	01 May 08	Lake Wales, FL
Maggie E Roberson	Wife of MKC Johnny H Roberson, USCG, Ret	09 Jun 08	Alvin, TX
Margret 'Peggy' Henry	Wife of QMC James E Henry, USCG, Ret	01 Jun 08	Hobe Sound, FL
Mary F Read	Wife of CAPT Garth H Read, USCG, Ret	18 Jun 08	Kilmarnock, VA
Becky J Kacsanek	Wife of CWO3 Andrew J Kacsanek III, USCG, Ret	04 Jul 08	New Baltimore, MI
Elaine F Manning	Wife of RMCM George A Manning, USCG, Ret	23 Jun 08	Pembroke, MA
Pearl D Imler	Wife of CWO3 Robert Imler, USCG, Ret	30 May 08	N Cape May, NJ
Ruth Beebe Quillen	Wife of CDR James Quillen, USCG, Ret	25 Jun 08	Chincoteague, VA
Jacquelyn A Smith	Wife of BMC Robert A Smith, Jr., USCG, Ret	10 Jun 08	Nassawadox, VA
Derrick T Brooks	Husband of YNC Leverage Brooks, USCG, Ret	17 May 08	Virginia Beach, VA
Natalie A Shaw	Wife of LCDR Gilbert Shaw, USCG, Ret	29 Apr 08	Henderson, NV
Ethel Jean Crabtree	Wife of BMC Michael Crabtree, USCG, Ret	28 Jun 08	Mobile, AL
Karen Rae Hudgins	Daughter of CWO4 Earl H Hudgins, USCG, Ret	15 Apr 08	Semmes, AL
Bennie W Permenter	Wife of CWO4 Fred Permenter, USCG, Ret, Dec'd	07 May 08	Jensen Beach, FL
Carolyn W Peel	Wife of CAPT Edward B Peel, USCGR, Ret	02 Aug 08	Venice, FL
Janet Hill Campbell	Wife of MKCM Gordon D Campbell, USCG, Ret	03 Jul 08	Hemphill, TX
Doris L Fetterhoff	Wife of ENCS Melvin L Fetterhoff, USCG, Ret	03 Jul 08	Strafford, MO
Ann H Hall	Wife of CDR Graham Hall, USCG, Ret	21 Aug 08	Montross, VA
Bethany Rae Thompson	Wife of CWO4 Daniel Leroy Thompson, USCG, Ret	28 Jun 08	Brookings, OR

If you have lost a loved one and would like their name printed in Dependent TAPS, please contact 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.

VA NEWS

VA Raising Home Loan Ceilings in Many Areas

August 21, 2008

Improved Benefits Aid Disabled Veterans in Adapting Homes

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will use a locality-based approach in raising ceilings on its no-downpayment home loans from the current \$417,000 to as much as \$729,000.

The increases are effective immediately under legislation recently enacted with President Bush signing the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008.

That law also improved VA's Specially Adapted Housing Program. It raises primary grants from \$50,000 to \$60,000 toward constructing a new home or modifying an existing home to meet adaptive needs of veterans or active duty servicemembers with certain service-connected disabilities.

One new feature is a provision in the law that will assist burn victims. It will allow veterans with certain service-connected disabilities resulting from severe burns to receive the adaptive housing grants. The new law also makes future increases in ceilings on the Specially Adapted Housing Program automatic.

The increased limits in the general home loan program for all veterans' home purchases or construction will be based on local housing costs, tied to the similar locality adjustments of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., Freddie Mac.

VA home loans are available for veterans to purchase or construct single-family homes, and to purchase condominiums or cooperative apartments. There are about 2.3 million existing VA home loans, more than 90 percent made with no down payment.

More information about VA home loans and adaptive grants is available from VA at 877-827-3702 or www.homeloans.va.gov.

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(Source: VA news release dtd 21 Aug 2008)

NOAA Commissions “America's Ship for Ocean Exploration”

August 13, 2008



Senior federal officials today in Seattle commissioned *Okeanos Explorer*, the first federal ship dedicated solely to exploring the ocean.

A former U.S. Navy surveillance vessel, the ship was transferred to NOAA in 2004 and converted to perform ocean exploration. The *Okeanos Explorer* will use telepresence – satellite and high-speed Internet-based technology – to enable scientists on shore at any of five Exploration Command Centers to participate in and direct real-time exploration while viewing live images and other ocean data.

John J. Sullivan, Deputy Secretary of Commerce and retired Navy Vice Admiral Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and NOAA Administrator, led the commissioning ceremonies.

“This vessel will have a significant role supporting President Bush’s Ocean Action Plan, helping us learn more about this vast, largely unexplored realm of our world. Additionally, the government saved American taxpayers millions of dollars by refurbishing a surplus ship instead of building a new one for ocean discovery,” Sullivan said.

The ship will work in partnership with the University of Rhode Island’s Inner Space Center, the hub for the ship’s exploration activities. The Inner Space Center was developed by explorer Dr. Robert Ballard, best known for his discovery of the wreck of the *Titanic*. In addition to the Inner Space Center, Exploration Command Centers are located at the University of New Hampshire, Mystic Aquarium in Connecticut, and NOAA facilities in Silver Spring, Md. and Seattle.

“The ocean provides us food, medicines, energy, and a means for transportation,” said Lautenbacher. “While we have relied on the seas for centuries they still hold many secrets. This new ship will help unlock those mysteries and bring discoveries to light.”

Cmdr. Joseph A. Pica, will be the first commanding officer of the ship. Following commission, it will begin a period of crew training and systems field testing before embarking to operate in the Pacific for two years.

Okeanos Explorer was named by a team of students from Woodstock High School in Woodstock, Ill., who won a nationwide ship-naming contest NOAA initiated to further ocean literacy and education. Okeanos is the ancient Greek word for ocean.

As part of the NOAA fleet of research and survey ships and aircraft, *Okeanos Explorer* will be operated, managed, and maintained by officers of the [NOAA Corps](#), one of the nation’s seven uniformed services, and by civilians under [NOAA’s Office of Marine and Aviation Operations](#). The ship’s exploration systems will be operated by [NOAA’s Office of Ocean Exploration and Research](#).

NOAA understands and predicts changes in the Earth’s environment, from the depths of the ocean to the surface of the sun, and conserves and manages our coastal and marine resources.

(Source: NOAA Press Release dtd Aug 13, 2008)

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

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

or you need to change:

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- ◆ 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)

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Fax: (785) 339-3770

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- ◆ 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/hr/psc/forms>*

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

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

Income Tax Withholding Changes

If you need to:

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- ◆ 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:

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()Note: forms available from our website
<http://www.uscg.mil/hr/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:

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Or write:

Commanding Officer (RAS)
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E-mail articles, dependent taps entries, reunion notices, etc., to **PSC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil** or call us at the numbers listed below (phone menu option #4). The deadline for the next issue is November 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	1 800 538-9552 (TTY/TDD) 1 866 363-2883	http://www.tricare.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.mil/pharmacy/tmop.cfm
Retiree Dental Plan	1 888 838-8737	http://www.trdp.org
TRICARE Overseas	1 888 777-8343	http://www.tricare.mil/overseas/
TRICARE United States	phone numbers available on web site	http://tricare.mil
TRICARE For Life	1 866 773-0404	http://www.tricare.mil/tfl/default.cfm
Senior Pharmacy Program	1 877 363-6337	http://www.tricare.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	
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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 41618 Philadelphia, PA 19176-9913	1 800 419-1473 Overseas phone (973) 548-5699 Overseas Fax # (973) 548-5300	Death and accelerated benefits claims only: Fax: 1-877 832-4943 All other fax inquiries: 1 800 236-6142 or e-mail: osgli.claims@prudential.com All other inquiries: osgli.osgli@prudential.com General Correspondence: Office of Servicemembers' 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/hr/psc/ses/ 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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Other	Phone	Websites/Notes
Travel Claims	1 866 772-8724 Overseas (785) 339-2200	http://www.uscg.mil/hr/psc/tvl.asp 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://vetrecs.archives.gov 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. DD-214s are now available via the website http://vetrecs.archives.gov		
Social Security	1 800 772-1213	http://www.ssa.gov
WWII U. S. Merchant Marine Awards and Decorations	(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
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 greeting	E-mail: NRHD@uscg.mil

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