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Retiree Dental Program Enhances Self-Service Tools

The TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) has implemented several program enhancements over the last six months in direct response to enrollees' requests for a more simplified and streamlined way to manage their benefits themselves—and they all involve making use of the latest in electronic media technology. The first of these program enhancements to be put into action were numerous upgrades to the self-service Consumer Toolkit® located at trdp.org. Program enrollees who log on to the toolkit can now view their processed claims, check their maximum used to date and see if they have met their deductible, print identification cards, and even make certain changes in their TRDP account. The TRDP's Customer Service department receives hundreds of calls each year from enrollees who want to know the status of their claims, change their address on file or add/delete a family member from their account, or verify how much of their annual maximum and deductible they have remaining; with the addition of these latest upgrades to the Consumer Toolkit®, all they have to do is log on to view their account and make changes themselves, at a time that is convenient for them.

Another feature added recently to the TRDP's lineup of self-service tools is the ability to sign up for "paperless" Explanation of Benefits (EOB) statements. By signing up for paperless EOBs, enrollees can save valuable time by getting their processed claim information immediately online instead of having to wait for their paper EOB to arrive in the mail. To sign up for paperless EOBs, TRDP enrollees can simply log on to the Consumer Toolkit® and select the "Go Paperless" option. (Enrollees who have not yet registered to use the Consumer Toolkit® can visit the "Current Enrollee" section of the trdp.org website, select "Manage Your Benefits Online" at the top right-hand side of the page, and follow the instructions to register as a new user; once they have registered, they can log on to the toolkit using their new username and password, and select the "Go Paperless" option.) Instead of mailing a paper EOB, Delta Dental will send an email alert whenever a new EOB statement becomes available, and by clicking on the link in the email, enrollees will be able to access the online toolkit and view their EOBs right then and there.

Last but not least is the recent launch of the TRDP tab on the Delta Dental Insurance Company Facebook page. Enrollees can click on the Facebook logo on trdp.org and get connected with the TRDP for oral health and wellness information and tips on how to get the most from their dental plan. Delta Dental's future plans for the TRDP include expansion into other areas of social media as well.

Those who have never visited the website at trdp.org are encouraged to do so. The content and layout of the website have been enhanced, and it is now easier than ever to view and print program materials and forms. Enrollees can sign up to receive monthly and quarterly program updates via email, contact Delta Dental electronically through the online Customer Service Inquiry Form, and even locate a TRDP network dentist using the Dentist Directory search function on the website.

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CO's Corner -

"In the next several newsletters, I thought it would be interesting to take a look back at pay and personnel services in the Coast Guard. Most Coasties on active duty today have never been paid in cash, had hand-written pay data cards, or know what a "personnel diary" entry was. The old District run assignment process is an example of how much the personnel world of the CG has changed. As many of you may remember, not too many years ago officers and senior enlisted orders were published monthly in the COMDT's Bulletin. Bring back memories? Following is an excerpt from the World War II Official History volume on Finance (XXIV), compliments of the Coast Guard's historian office:

Pay & Disbursing Before the War

A "Pay Officer" existed by specific designation of Headquarters (Article 1775, Regulations) in the period before the war. He prepared and processed all civilian payrolls, public vouchers, and collections, and maintained military pay accounts. Disbursing was handled by the Regional Disbursing Officer under the Chief Disbursing Officer. The District Pay Officer was actually certifying and scheduling officer, functioning in this respect as a deputy to the Regional Disbursing Officer, but did disburse cash where payment was made by that medium. In 1939, the duties of the District Pay and Disbursing Officer were to disburse funds, keep pay accounts and other disbursement records, handle collections, and prepare travel and mileage vouchers. The Pay Officer also acted as Commissary Officer, and Mess Treasurer for commuted ration mess, and checked clothing reports. In 1940, some Assistant Pay Officers were assigned, and these generally handled Commissary and Clothing and acted as Mess Treasurer.

Special Disbursing Agents Designated

On 1 November 1941, all disbursing officers were designated as Special Disbursing Agents, U.S. Navy, and assigned an individual symbol number for issuing checks against the Treasurer of the United States. This change, which was coincidental with the transfer of the Coast Guard to the Navy, took a little time, but was completed in most Districts by 1 December 1941. Thereafter, disbursing officers' accounts were rendered under their own names and symbol numbers.

More next time.

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Hearing Aids for Retirees

The DoD sponsored Retiree-At-Cost Hearing Aid Program (RACHAP) is designed to help retirees purchase hearing aids through the Audiology Clinic at a special government negotiated cost. The hearing aids available through this program are the same state-of-the art technologies available to active duty service members. The program is open to all military retirees who have hearing loss or tinnitus (ringing in the ears). Dependents of military retirees are not eligible for this program.

Retirees can buy hearing aids at a significant savings by using the program. For example, a set of hearing aids (one of the best available) that retails for about \$5000.00 costs a retiree as little as \$755.00 or about 15% of the retail costs. Services for the hearing evaluation, hearing aid fitting and follow up hearing aid checks are part of the retiree benefits and are available at no costs to you.

Not every medical facility is able to provide the RACHAP program and we are fortunate to be able to offer it at Fort Gordon. If you are traveling from out of town, you need to compare your travel costs and purchase savings to the costs of purchasing hearing aids privately in your local community. Travel and overnight expenses are not covered. Generally, at least 2 visits are required for you to get hearing aids; one for your hearing evaluation and one for your hearing aid fitting.

Also, retirees may be eligible for hearing aids from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and receive hearing aids from the VA free of charge – in most cases there is no costs to the patient. The Audiology Department can provide you with more information about VA services or you may contact the VA directly at 1-877-222-8387 or 1-800-827-1000.

Dependents of retirees are not eligible for hearing aid services from military treatment facilities (including RACHAP) or from TRICARE. The family member is eligible for hearing evaluations and the audiologist can provide them with more information about hearing aids or local providers.

For more information or if you would like to schedule a hearing evaluation, call (706) 787-7345 or (706) 787-6689. The Audiology Clinic is located at DDEAMC on the 2nd /main floor in the EENT Clinic.

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There are myriad self-service tools available at trdp.org that are all designed to make it easy for TRDP enrollees to maximize their benefits. Delta Dental's Federal Government Programs division continually searches for ways to improve its administration of the TRDP contract, and these latest program enhancements are just a few of many more that are planned for the future.

Additional information is available at trdp.org. And as always, information for those not having computer access is available by calling 888-838-8737.

Military Retiree Paydays for CY 2013

| | | |
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| February 1 | May 31 | October 1 |
| March 1 | July 1 | November 1 |
| April 1 | August 1 | November 29 |
| May 1 | August 30 | December 31 |

Letters to the Editor

U. S. COAST GUARD BEARS “CAPE MAY BOYS” FOOTBALL TEAM REUNITE AFTER 50+ YEARS

Gallatin, TN: On May 17-19, 2012, 36 former USCG Bears football players gathered to bring back memories of their exploits ranging from 1957 to 1964. Assigned to the US Coast Guard Receiving Center in Cape May, NJ, many years ago, the former Bears have adopted the moniker, “The Cape May Boys.” The focal point of the reunion was reuniting with the legendary football coach, 92-year-old Dono Moore, who now resides in Hendersonville, Tennessee. “Coach” Moore is a 30-year veteran of the US Coast Guard with service during WW II, Korea and Vietnam. Moore joined the Coast Guard in 1939, as a seaman apprentice but his “mustang” rise through the ranks saw him retire as a Captain in 1969. Moore was a player on the 1958-team, and player-coach on the 1959 team. Captain Moore stepped off the playing field to become full-time coach of the 1960 and 1961 teams, the latter Bears squad going undefeated. Among multiple gifts received by Coach Moore there included a congratulatory letter from USCG Commandant, Admiral R. J. Papp, Jr., along with the Commandant’s challenge coin. A flag flown over the United States Capitol on May 19, 2012, was sent to Captain Moore to “commemorate a lifetime of service to your country and to God.”



Attached Photo: Commander Ed Goodwin, USCG (Ret.), a former Bears football player and Cape May Boy presents Coach Dono Moore with a congratulatory letter and challenge coin from Coast Guard Commandant, Admiral R. J. Papp, Jr.

From one of our Retirees:

<https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/%28X%281%29S%28ulcksurgk1xrd22w5vysvebh%29%29/default.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1> is a state-by-state listing of military units who issue and renew military identification cards. Dependents of retired military service members can identify the issuing office closest to them, schedule, locate, change or cancel an I.D. card appointment. At larger DOD bases the wait time can be 2-3 hours for identification card renewal walk-ins, whereas a scheduled appointment has head of the line privileges.

Dale Leighton, SKCS USCG (Ret)

The Old Coast Guard Station Museum is seeking volunteer docents to give museum tours depicting the history of the early Coast Guard. The museum is housed in a 1903 Life-Saving Station on the Virginia Beach oceanfront. Training is provided. If interested, please contact Darcy Nelson, Director of Volunteers at (757) 422-1587 or education@oldcoastguardstation.com

"I am interested in communicating with these friends: YN Pablo Sanchez, COMGANTS 1962-65 and Governors Island 1967-69. CWO T. L. Knight, Training @ OSI School, Washington, DC 1966. Any/all XIs serving 1967-1969.

Harry B. Rollins, YN1XI, USCG (PDRL) Ret, 5929 Spring St., Austell, GA 30168, local tel. (770) 948-9518, email harry-rollins07@bellsouth.net

A website with an informative and resourceful page on the GI Bill and benefits is:
<http://www.onlineschools.org/gi-bill-and-education-benefits/>

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REUNIONS AND NOTICES

HAWAII COAST GUARD RETIREE COUNCIL will meet at 1900 to 2100 at Club 14, Sand Island the second Wednesday of every August, November, February, and May. Contact CAPT Schultz at rschultz369@gmail.com or BMCS Dutton at DuttonM003@Hawaii.RR.Com if you have any questions.

Calling all LORANIMALS –The last of the US LORAN Stations have been shut down. Come and join us at: www.Loran-history.info. The web site remembers the Coast Guardsmen, who served aboard Loran-A, Loran-C stations, and other Loran billets worldwide. These dedicated Coasties are but a few who provided radio navigation signals to millions of navigators.

Hosted by CPO Joe Jester, USCG (ret) and MCPO Bill Dietz, USCG (ret)

Attention retirees in Districts 13 and 17: We invite you to affiliate with the Coast Guard Retiree Council Northwest! We keep you in touch with fellow retirees, benefit news, and what's happening in the active Coast Guard. No heavy lifting required. Check out our Website at <http://www.cgretirenw.org>. Please send your contact information (including E-mail address) to feedback@cgretirenw.org.

The **Cactus Coast Guard** meets three times a year in the Phoenix, AZ area for a brunch and to share. All former, active duty, reserve and retired Coast Guard are welcome. We have an active e-mail list so please respond by same to artgbeard@aol.com. No e-mail, contact SKCM Art Sloane, USCG, Ret., (480) 802-6810.

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 YORKTOWN Retiree Council office is located in the lobby on the first floor of Steuben Hall. Office hours are 0800-1400 Monday thru Wednesday or by appointment. Telephone (757) 856-2136 or e-mail us at: TCY-PF-Retireecouncil@uscg.mil. Our retiree luncheon is held at 11:30 AM on the second Wednesday of each month in the Port of York. Feel free to join us for breakfast at 6:30 AM every Wednesday in the galley.

TRACEN CAPE MAY, Retiree Council Office is now located in my home. It's open to CG retirees, active duty personnel, and other Armed Forces, Reserve & Guards, Veterans of all services. I'm now a certified VFW, VA Service Officer. MCPO Ib F W Andersen. My address is 108 Cardinal Ave, Villas, NJ 08251. Call for appointment. You are all welcome. Cell: (609) 972-6453, home: (609) 889-6647 or e-mail me at: kc2jpo@comcast.net.

Florida East Central Coast Retiree Council meets quarterly at the Ponce Deleon Inlet Coast Guard Station. Contact John Heaphy at (386) 852-7773 (Leave a message) or JohnHeaphyAlso@aol.com or Bob Merrilees (321) 452-5426 or RMerrilees@cfl.rr.com for information about the next meeting. All Coast Guard retirees and annuitants are welcome as well as retirees from other services.

The Coast Guard Aviation Association (affectionately known as The Ancient Order of the Pterodactyl) will have their annual "Roost" in Sacramento, CA October 11-14, 2012. All aviation enthusiasts and air crews, both active and retired are invited to attend. This will be the 36th gathering and they are always well attended with lots of "stories" to entertain. It's also a time to recognize those air crews that have earned awards for their special contribution to Coast Guard Aviation. Please visit the Pterodactyl website for more information: <http://www.aoptero.org/>

A few of us are trying to round up individuals who were stationed at Air Station Miami between 1980 and 2000. We are looking at a reunion in late October 2012. If interested, contact Gary Wood (ADC retired) or Michael Zalewa (AD1 retired) at either wvav99@gmail.com or zaap35@aol.com.

The 2012 Guardsmen of Yesteryears Breakfast will be held on Sat. Nov 10th at the Chincoteague High School located at 4586 Main St., Chincoteague, Va. RADM David Callahan will be our guest speaker. Tickets or information can be obtained by contacting the following. Ticket cost is \$5. Doors open at 7 am for coffee, breakfast will be served at 8am.

David Lewis. 757 336 5909 or e mail daviddebbie.lewis@gmail.com
Wayne Merritt. 757 894 8240
Jerry Tarr. 757 894 2317
Kerry Bowden. 757 894 2449

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Base Seattle ID Card office hours and appointment process. Hours of operation are Mon-Fri, 0700-1530, by appointment only. Base Seattle reservists will be issuing ID cards on the first Saturday of every month during their reserve drill weekends. This service will be offered per the availability of our reserve staff and is subject to change. Hours are 0900-1130 and 1300-1500 by appointment only. Appointments are required for the issuance of new CAC/Dependent ID cards or to add/delete a DEERS dependent, etc. To make an appointment, please call (206) 217-6700. If you have to re-schedule an appointment, please call in advance to reschedule so we can open that slot to another member.

YNCS Lori J. Fields
Decedent Affairs Officer
Personnel Support Department
USCG BASE SEATTLE

Hello to all members of the **USCGC NORTHWIND** crew. I was on the *Northwind* in 1957. I was the Pay Clerk, working for James Kinney, CWO. I have been contacted by a few of the other members of that crew here in Seattle and the surrounding area, who want to put together a reunion. PLEASE contact me if you are interested in joining this group. My name is HAROLD WILLARD, SK1, my email is haroldwillard55@gmail.com, my cell phone number is (206) 595-6484. Please contact me so we can get this reunion underway soon!

Harold

Any Retired U.S. Coast Guard, Regular or Reserve, who would be interested in having lunch at 1300 hours on each Thursday in the Savannah, GA area, please contact Doug Burford at hdburford@yahoo.com. There are no speeches, just good fellowship.

The 2012 USCGC Mendota Reunion will be held at the Shell Island Resort at Wrightsville Bch, NC Oct 17-19. Phone (800) 689-6765 and ask for the CG rate. As always we need start-up money. Send any donations to USCGC *Mendota* Reunion, PO Box 1395, Wrightsville Bch, NC 28480. Contact Jack Wilson at (910) 256-4383 or email jlwsrw@bellsouth.net with any questions.

Coast Guard Activities, Europe Facebook Page, any former members of Coast Guard Activities, Europe Loran C operations (July 1995 and prior) ACTEUR in London and including Estartit, Lampedusa, Sellia Marina, Sylt, Karagarburn are welcome to join our facebook page "Coast Guard Activities Europe" and share their memories.

Coast Guard **CW Operators Association (CGCWOA)** has scheduled their 2012 reunion for October 17-20, 2012 at Novato, CA. For additional information contact Fred Goodwin at fgoodwin@olypen.com. See our website at WWW.COMM-ONE.ORG. ZUT— CW Forever.

The National USCG-Pilipino American Military Retirees Association (PAMRA) will celebrate its 10th Reunion Tour in the Philippines on 13-26 January 2013. Founded in 1995, PAMRA started out with 20 CG members and has grown to nearly 1,000 members now. Our membership is composed of military retirees of Filipino ancestry from various services of the U.S. Armed Forces. Our fundamental goal is to promote friendship and camaraderie by holding a biennial reunion in the Philippines for the pleasure and amusement of our members, their families, and friends. Accompanied by professional tour guides, we visit historical, scenic, and beautiful resorts during daylight hours and stay at a 4 or 5 star hotel to rest in the evening for 12 nights/14 days of fun-filled vacation in paradise. The highlight of the PAMRA reunion tour is the Military Ball. It is highly anticipated and well attended by participants. In 2011, our former Coast Guard Commandant, Admiral Robert Kramek was the keynote speaker.

Visit our website at: WWW.PAMRAREUNION.COM for details, or shoot me an email at renovillanueva@cox.net or ireneo.d.villanueva@uscg.mil with your questions or comments.

3rd **USCGC Southwind** (WAGB-280) reunion for all former shipmates will be held from the 11th to the 14th of October 2012 in historic New London, CT. The reunion is *Southwinds* third official gathering of past crewmembers in over 45 years, and to date many former shipmates from various periods of service aboard the Wind-Class icebreaker have expressed interest in attending the reunion. For more information please contact Ed Clancy at Southwind's website, www.southwind280.com or at clancyedward@bellsouth.net, (904) 242-9070, or by regular mail to 888 6th Street, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250. When responding please provide a telephone number and email address where you can be reached, and please join the many other Southwind coasties for what will prove to be another outstanding time for all!

All Coast Guard Ships & Alaska/Bering Sea Patrol reunion will be held in Reno, NV from 19-23 May 2013. Contact Doak Walker @ PO Box 33523, Juneau, AK, phone (907) 789-2579 or e-mail cgcutters@gci.net or on the web at www.255cpg.org

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USCG Retirements

| Name | Grade | Date of Retirement |
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| AGNICH, ALBERT | CDR | 20120601 |
| ALLEN, SCOTT | ENG4 | 20120801 |
| ALLGAIER, MICHAEL | BMC | 20120619 |
| ALMOND, ROBERT | ENG2 | 20120801 |
| ANDERSON, WALTER | ETC | 20120801 |
| ANDERSON, JAMES | HSCS | 20120801 |
| ARMSTRONG, DANIEL | BM1 | 20120701 |
| ATKIN, THOMAS | RADM | 20120701 |
| BAILEY, SHAWN | LT | 20120801 |
| BALCER, ANTONIO | ENG2 | 20120701 |
| BARAHURA, BRETT | INV3 | 20120801 |
| BARBIERI, JOHN | AVI2 | 20120801 |
| BARKENTIN, BLAIR | MKCM | 20120601 |
| BARLOW, GERALD | SKCS | 20120627 |
| BARNARD, EUGENE | MK1 | 20120527 |
| BARTZ, POLLY | CDR | 20120701 |
| BATES, DAVID | LCDR | 20120614 |
| BECKENDORF, CLAY | BMC | 20120801 |
| BEEKSMA, KENT | BM2 | 20120701 |
| BENIESAU, CHERI | CDR | 20120701 |
| BENNICK, BARBARA | OSS4 | 20120601 |
| BERGHORN, ANDREW | CAPT | 20120701 |
| BIRCH, BRIAN | LT | 20120701 |
| BIRDWELL, JAMES | DC1 | 20120711 |
| BIRT, SARA | YN1 | 20120801 |
| BLASZAK, RICHARD | LT | 20120601 |
| BOOTH, MONTE | MK1 | 20120820 |
| BOSCHEE, DAVID | AETC | 20120601 |
| BOUCHEY, JEFFERY | OSC | 20120801 |
| BOUDROW, JOSEPH | CDR | 20120601 |
| BREVIK, TROY | AMTC | 20120601 |
| BRICE-O'HARA, SALLY | VADM | 20120701 |
| BROWN, TERRILEE | YNCM | 20120801 |
| BRUNELL, GUY | MKCS | 20120701 |
| BULLARD, PETER | MSSE4 | 20120701 |
| CAGLE, KAREN | LCDR | 20120601 |
| CAMPBELL, TODD | CDR | 20120701 |
| CARPENTER, JOHN | MSSD3 | 20120801 |
| CASWELL, DANA | LCDR | 20120701 |
| CERWONKA, EDWARD | MKC | 20120601 |
| CHAMBERS, RICHARD | AST1 | 20120601 |
| CHAMPAGNIE, ANDREA | LCDR | 20120601 |
| CHAPA, FRANCISCO | MEC | 20120701 |
| CHARLTON, GERALD | CDR | 20120801 |
| CHESTER, TIMOTHY | GMC | 20120701 |
| CHUL, BRIAN | YN1 | 20120801 |
| CINALLI, RONALD | PS2 | 20120815 |
| CLARKE, ROBERT | LCDR | 20120801 |
| CLIFFORD, DANIEL | LT | 20120612 |
| CLOSE, TIMOTHY | CAPT | 20120701 |
| COLVIN, CHRISTOPHER | RADM | 20120701 |
| COOK, KYLE | AMTCM | 20120801 |
| COPLEY, JONATHAN | CDR | 20120601 |
| COREY, DAVID | AVI2 | 20120801 |
| COX, CASEY | YNC | 20120601 |
| CUDDY, JOHN | MSSE2 | 20120801 |
| CUSTARD, NORMAN | CAPT | 20120601 |
| DANIEL, BARRY | ELC3 | 20120801 |
| DAVIES, MICHAEL | ETCS | 20120701 |
| DAVIS, WILLIAM | MSSD2 | 20120801 |
| DAVIS, GARY | MED2 | 20120701 |
| DEKONING, ANTHONY | BM1 | 20120601 |

| Name | Grade | Date of Retirement |
|-----------------------|-------|--------------------|
| DEUTSCH, VAL | MSTCM | 20120724 |
| DIAZ, CHARLEY | CAPT | 20120701 |
| DIX, DEVIN | MEC | 20120701 |
| DIXON, MALCOLM | MSSE4 | 20120601 |
| DOEPP, JOHN | LT | 20120601 |
| DOLANHEITLINGER, JOHN | CDR | 20120530 |
| DOMINGO, ROMUALDO | CDR | 20120701 |
| DONOVAN, MICHAEL | MSSE4 | 20120601 |
| DUKATE, NEIL | PS2 | 20120801 |
| DUKES, CALVIN | YN1 | 20120702 |
| DUPREE, BENJAMIN | EMCM | 20120801 |
| EBEL, MICHAEL | INV2 | 20120801 |
| ELLIS, BRYAN | ELC4 | 20120801 |
| EPPRIGHT, WILLIAM | BMC | 20120701 |
| EVERETT, MARK | CDR | 20120701 |
| FABLING, BRAD | CAPT | 20120701 |
| FAIRES, DAVID | MK2 | 20120626 |
| FALVEY, THOMAS | CAPT | 20120702 |
| FAUX, EKUNDAYO | CAPT | 20120701 |
| FITZPATRICK, KEVIN | YN1 | 20120612 |
| FLETCHER, MITCHELL | OSCS | 20120701 |
| FOX, WILLIAM | CDR | 20120701 |
| FRIEDRICH, EDWARD | LT | 20120731 |
| FULLER, CURTIS | ENG3 | 20120601 |
| GAINES, RICHARD | CAPT | 20120701 |
| GALVAN, BENJAMIN | AVI2 | 20120601 |
| GARGIULO, PAUL | CAPT | 20120717 |
| GAROFALO, ALBERTO | ENG4 | 20120701 |
| GAVIN, DANNIE | BM2 | 20120708 |
| GEBHARD, RONALD | OS2 | 20120529 |
| GILBERT, CHRISTOPHER | MK3 | 20120621 |
| GILLIS, NORMAN | MKCS | 20120601 |
| GLYNN, LAURENCE | SKC | 20120606 |
| GONZALEZ, GILBERT | GMC | 20120801 |
| GRIFFITHS, HUGH | CDR | 20120701 |
| GRIFFITHS, ROBERT | LCDR | 20120801 |
| GROSS, MICHAEL | LCDR | 20120701 |
| GUILD, JONATHAN | ELC2 | 20120801 |
| GUMMEL, PAUL | LCDR | 20120701 |
| HALE, THOMAS | CAPT | 20120701 |
| HALL, CHRISTOPHER | CAPT | 20120801 |
| HAMLIN, CHARLES | ETC | 20120601 |
| HARDEE, RONALD | GMC | 20120701 |
| HARDY, DAVID | INV3 | 20120801 |
| HARRELL, IKIE | MK2 | 20120725 |
| HARRIS, MAJIED | DCC | 20120801 |
| HAUG, THOMAS | MSSD2 | 20120701 |
| HAY, KENNETH | ME1 | 20120701 |
| HAYES, DENNIS | PSC | 20120527 |
| HEFNER, DEREK | MKC | 20120725 |
| HEMANN, MARK | CAPT | 20120701 |
| HENSLEY, DONALD | ENG4 | 20120801 |
| HENSLEY, MICHAEL | FS1 | 20120701 |
| HERNANDEZ, GILBERT | F&S3 | 20120701 |
| HETLAND, JOANNE | YN2 | 20120701 |
| HIGGINS, MICHAEL | PSC | 20120605 |
| HOBODY, NANCY | YNCM | 20120801 |
| HOLLSTEIN, JAMES | HS2 | 20120531 |
| HORNER, RICHARD | CDR | 20120601 |
| HUEBSCHMAN, MARK | CAPT | 20120701 |
| HUSAK, MICHAEL | CAPT | 20120701 |

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| JENKS, ROBERT | BMC | 20120724 |
| JENNINGS, WAYLAN | YN1 | 20120701 |
| JOHANNESSEN, GEOFFREY | LCDR | 20120601 |
| JOHNSON, SHELLEY | YNC | 20120820 |
| JONES, JAMES | BMCS | 20120801 |
| JONES, MARK | CAPT | 20120724 |
| KARASIEWICZ, EDMUND | IVC | 20120801 |
| KARLE, JIM | MK1 | 20120710 |
| KEE, STEVEN | LT | 20120701 |
| KEFFLER, PATRICK | CDR | 20120701 |
| KELLEY, BRIAN | MK3 | 20120719 |
| KENNEDY, STEVEN | ELC2 | 20120601 |
| KENNEY, JOHN | LT | 20120601 |
| KNATZ, WARREN | BMC | 20120719 |
| KOSTER, JOHN | CAPT | 20120701 |
| KRETZINGER, MARK | MK2 | 20120805 |
| LAGOS, DAVID | MK2 | 20120525 |
| LAKIN, GARY | CAPT | 20120701 |
| LAPERRIER, DAVID | MSSD2 | 20120801 |
| LESLEY, STUART | LT | 20120708 |
| LESLIE, WINSTON | CDR | 20120701 |
| LEVER, AARON | CDR | 20120701 |
| LEVIN, THOMAS | LCDR | 20120601 |
| LINCOLN, HAROLD | DC1 | 20120708 |
| LOCKLEAR, MARK | MSSE4 | 20120601 |
| LOPEZ, ROBERT | EMC | 20120701 |
| LOUGHRIDGE, LUTHER | LT | 20120601 |
| LUKER, DAVID | IV1 | 20120705 |
| LUKOWSKI, ALFRED | PSC | 20120722 |
| LUMPP, HERBERT | LT | 20120701 |
| LUNA, MICHAEL | ETCM | 20120801 |
| LUND, RALPH | LT | 20120607 |
| MACLANE, CASSANDRA | OS3 | 20120813 |
| MANNO, LANCE | DC1 | 20120701 |
| MARSHALL, TERESA | PERS4 | 20120801 |
| MARTIN, ARTHUR | LT | 20120701 |
| MASTERSON, JOSEPH | LCDR | 20120701 |
| MATHIEU, CHARLES | CAPT | 20120801 |
| MATLIN, GREGORY | CDR | 20120701 |
| MCBRADY, MICHAEL | LCDR | 20120601 |
| MCBRIDE, DAVID | CAPT | 20120701 |
| MCCARTNEY, SCOTT | CDR | 20120701 |
| MCCRAW, MICHAEL | CAPT | 20120601 |
| MCCRAY, RONALD | MKC | 20120701 |
| MCDONALD, SCOTT | ELC4 | 20120701 |
| MCDONALD, MATTHEW | CDR | 20120701 |
| MCELROY, SHAWN | MED4 | 20120701 |
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| MCGINNIS, JESS | LCDR | 20120701 |
| MCGUIRE, MICHAEL | ELC2 | 20120601 |
| MCINTYRE, RUSSELL | MSSE3 | 20120601 |
| MCKENDRICK, JOSEPH | AET1 | 20120725 |
| MCLEOD, LEROY | PS2 | 20120805 |
| MELTON, BARRY | SKC | 20120801 |
| MEYERS, JOHN | MSSD4 | 20120601 |
| MICHAELS, SEAN | PERS3 | 20120701 |
| MICHALSKI, DAVID | LCDR | 20120616 |
| MICHELLI, TAMMY | LT | 20120701 |
| MOLLOY, ROBERT | PSC | 20120720 |
| MONARREZ, RICHARD | ISS2 | 20120801 |
| MONTGOMERY, SIMONE | LCDR | 20120701 |
| MORAN, DENNIS | PS1 | 20120625 |
| MORETTI, MICHAEL | BOSN4 | 20120601 |
| MULFORD, DAVID | BOSN4 | 20120801 |
| MUNIZ, GARY | PSC | 20120801 |
| MURRAY, MAX | LTJG | 20120801 |
| MUSGRAVES, DAVID | BMC | 20120701 |
| NAETZKER, STEPHEN | ET1 | 20120712 |
| NASH, STEVEN | DC1 | 20120627 |

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| NATHAN, RONALD | EMC | 20120525 |
| OCHOA, LAURA | IT1 | 20120701 |
| ODAY, KEVIN | CAPT | 20120701 |
| ODELL, MARK | AVI3 | 20120601 |
| OLSON, JAMES | ELC3 | 20120801 |
| OMALLEY, MARK | CAPT | 20120701 |
| ONEAL, CHRISTOPHER | LCDR | 20120801 |
| ORTIZ, MAXIMILIAN | LT | 20120801 |
| OXENDINE, SAMMY | BMC | 20120709 |
| PACK, JOHN | LCDR | 20120601 |
| PADLEY, DAVID | BMC | 20120701 |
| PALS, JAMES | ME1 | 20120701 |
| PAMATIAN, NOEL | MKCS | 20120601 |
| PARADIS, JOSEPH | CAPT | 20120701 |
| PARIGA, ANTONIO | F&S3 | 20120701 |
| PARKER, FRANK | CAPT | 20120801 |
| PARKER, DAVID | MSSE4 | 20120701 |
| PASCH, JOHN | CAPT | 20120701 |
| PEREZ, SERGIO | PS1 | 20120729 |
| PERRIER, STEVEN | SKC | 20120601 |
| PERRY, CORNELL | CDR | 20120701 |
| PETERS, DELBERT | MKCS | 20120801 |
| PHILLIPS, JOSEPH | CAPT | 20120701 |
| POLITE, ARTHUR | ME1 | 20120719 |
| POLLOCK, SCOTT | CAPT | 20120701 |
| POOLER, STEVEN | OSS4 | 20120701 |
| PORTER, CARY | CDR | 20120701 |
| PRENDIVILLE, JOHN | MSSD4 | 20120701 |
| PRESNELL, DAVID | LTJG | 20120801 |
| PUGH, RICKIE | EMC | 20120804 |
| PURDY, RANDALL | AMT2 | 20120601 |
| QUARLES, SHERMAN | EMC | 20120701 |
| QUASSA, JACKIE | MSSE4 | 20120601 |
| RANIERI, MARIO | BOSN2 | 20120701 |
| RE, JOSEPH | CAPT | 20120701 |
| REA, DAPHNE | LT | 20120601 |
| REED, SCOTT | BM1 | 20120629 |
| REILLY, PATRICK | CDR | 20120701 |
| REYES, JOSEPH | AET1 | 20120601 |
| RICE, BRUCE | LCDR | 20120715 |
| RICKARD, KENNETH | F&S4 | 20120701 |
| RIOUX, ROBERT | MSSD4 | 20120601 |
| RIVAS, DANIEL | SNBM | 20120719 |
| RIVERA, RONALD | ISC | 20120801 |
| RIVERA, FELIX | LCDR | 20120801 |
| RIZZO, MARK | CAPT | 20120701 |
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| ROBERTSON, GREGORY | CDR | 20120601 |
| ROBERTSON, RAY | MST1 | 20120619 |
| ROBINSON, KENT | MEC | 20120609 |
| ROOKE, CONNIE | CDR | 20120801 |
| ROSE, MARK | CAPT | 20120701 |
| RUCHSER, JOHN | BMC | 20120801 |
| RUCKSTUHL, CONSTANCE | LCDR | 20120701 |
| RUGGLES, WAYNE | LT | 20120616 |
| SALERNO, BRIAN | VADM | 20120801 |
| SAMBRANO, BENEDICT | AMT2 | 20120701 |
| SANCHEZ, ROBERT | BM1 | 20120701 |
| SANDERS, JERRY | AMT1 | 20120616 |
| SCHEIBE, WAYNE | EMC | 20120801 |
| SCHIFSKY, DANIEL | CDR | 20120701 |
| SCHMIDT, TODD | CDR | 20120701 |
| SCHRADER, WILLIAM | MK2 | 20120620 |
| SEALS, JOHN | MED2 | 20120601 |
| SENECAL, MICHAEL | CDR | 20120701 |
| SHIVERS, ROBYN | LCDR | 20120601 |
| SHELTON, STEVEN | BMC | 20120701 |
| SHEVLIN, CHRISTOPHER | PS1 | 20120707 |

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| SIMMONS, GLENN | SK3 | 20120717 |
| SIMMONS, PAUL | MSSE4 | 20120801 |
| SMART, ARTHUR | DC1 | 20120525 |
| SMITH, ROBERT | MSTCS | 20120601 |
| SMITH, JOEL | MSSD2 | 20120812 |
| SMITH, TIM | MSSE4 | 20120601 |
| SNYDER, GREGORY | F&S4 | 20120701 |
| SOMMER, JAMES | CAPT | 20120701 |
| SOMMER, FREDERICK | CAPT | 20120701 |
| SORENSEN, ANDREW | CDR | 20120701 |
| SPARACINO, JASON | EMC | 20120801 |
| SPEECE, STEVEN | FS1 | 20120801 |
| SPENIK, GARY | CAPT | 20120701 |
| STARR, NICOLE | LCDR | 20120701 |
| STEVENS, PETER | YNC | 20120612 |
| STOCKARD, HENRY | BM2 | 20120805 |
| STOFER, GLENN | MST1 | 20120615 |
| STOREY, JEFFREY | PERS4 | 20120601 |
| STRASBURG, JOHN | LT | 20120801 |
| SUMNER, STEVEN | FSCS | 20120601 |
| SUNDQUIST, ERIC | PS1 | 20120819 |
| THOMAS, JOHN | BM2 | 20120723 |
| THOMPSON, JAMES | AETC | 20120801 |
| THOMPSON, JOHN | MLES3 | 20120714 |
| THOMSON, TUAN | LCDR | 20120601 |
| TIBBS, MICHAEL | F&S4 | 20120801 |
| TILLET, TYROME | BOSN4 | 20120801 |
| TINDALL, DOUGLAS | LT | 20120601 |
| TRABOCCHI, ROSANNE | CAPT | 20120701 |
| TROWER, PRESTON | BMCM | 20120626 |
| TUCHALSKI, THOMAS | ET2 | 20120711 |
| TUFTS, BERNARD | MSSE4 | 20120701 |
| USSERY, JAMES | ITC | 20120701 |
| VAMOSI, TIMOTHY | BM2 | 20120714 |
| VANDERPLAS, STEVEN | CAPT | 20120701 |
| VANZANDT, TRAVIS | AST2 | 20120621 |
| VAUGHN, THOMAS | LT | 20120801 |
| WALDOCK, WILLIAM | LCDR | 20120804 |
| WALKER, JAN | OSS4 | 20120601 |
| WALKER, KENNETH | MK3 | 20120624 |
| WATSON, JAMES | RADM | 20120601 |
| WEEMS, LAURA | CDR | 20120801 |
| WELCH, DONALD | AMTC | 20120701 |
| WELICKA, VALERIAN | CDR | 20120701 |
| WELLS, PAUL | BMC | 20120801 |
| WENTWORTH, CLARENCE | ELC4 | 20120601 |
| WICKETT, BRIAN | YN1 | 20120601 |
| WILKINS, KIMBERLY | PERS2 | 20120801 |
| WILLIAMS, PATRICIA | YN1 | 20120701 |
| WILLMANN, MICHAEL | MKC | 20120816 |
| WILSON, TIMOTHY | MSSE2 | 20120601 |
| WILSON, JAMIE | PERS3 | 20120601 |
| WILSON, ROBERT | BOSN3 | 20120801 |
| WILSON, ROGER | ASTC | 20120801 |
| WINN, DENNIS | PSCS | 20120606 |
| WINSOR, DAVID | ITCM | 20120801 |
| WITKO, JAMES | MEC | 20120701 |
| WOJCIECHOWSKI, DAVID | MKC | 20120601 |
| WRIGHT, TOMMIE | MSTC | 20120716 |
| WRIGHT, DAVID | BMCS | 20120720 |
| YORI, MATTHEW | PERS3 | 20120801 |
| ZECCA, MARK | CAPT | 20120717 |
| ZELAZNY, DONALD | CDR | 20120817 |
| ZOHIMSKY, PETER | LCDR | 20120701 |



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| BEAVERSON, CHRISTOPHER | CAPT | 20120601 |
| HAINES, DONALD | CAPT | 20120801 |
| LOWELL, JOHN | CAPT | 20120601 |

Congratulations to all

Post-9/11 GI Bill Celebrates Start of Fourth Year

August 10, 2012

773,000 Veterans and Their Family Members Benefit From Program

WASHINGTON – August marks the third anniversary of the Post-9/11 GI Bill, and since it was implemented Aug. 1, 2009, the Department of Veterans Affairs has provided educational benefits to 773,000 Veterans and their family members.

“This is one of the most important programs helping our Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans reach their educational goals,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. “We’re proud this important benefit is making such a big difference in the lives of so many Veterans.”

The Post-9/11 GI Bill pays tuition and fees on behalf of Veterans or eligible dependents directly to the school in which they are enrolled. Eligible participants also receive a monthly housing allowance and up to \$1000 annually for books and supplies. The program also allows eligible Servicemembers to transfer their benefits to their spouses and/or children.

The program provides a wide range of educational options, including undergraduate and [graduate degrees](#), [vocational/technical training](#), [on-the-job training](#), [flight training](#), [correspondence training](#), [licensing](#) and [national testing programs](#), [entrepreneurship training](#), and [tutorial assistance](#). All training programs must be approved for GI Bill benefits.

“For over 68 years, GI Bill programs have shaped and changed the lives of Servicemembers, Veterans, their families and survivors by helping them reach their educational goals,” said Allison A. Hickey, Under Secretary for Benefits. “Benefits provided under the Post-9/11 GI Bill will continue to shape and change the lives of Veterans by helping them build a stronger foundation for their careers.”

The Post-9/11 GI Bill is the most extensive educational assistance program since the original GI Bill was signed into law in 1944. Since its inception, VA has paid more than \$20 billion in benefits to Veterans and their family members.

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NOAA Ship *Fairweather* conducting hydrographic reconnaissance in the Arctic

Mission to update measurements dating to the 18th century

July 30, 2012

[NOAA Ship *Fairweather*](#) begins a 30-day survey mission in the Arctic this week, scheduled to check a sparsely measured 1,500-nautical mile coastal corridor from Dutch Harbor, Alaska, north through the Bering Strait and east to the Canadian border.

The mission will collect needed information to determine NOAA's future charting survey projects in the Arctic and will cover sea lanes that were last measured by Captain James Cook in 1778.

"Much of Alaska's coastal area has never had full bottom surveys to measure water depths," said Cmdr. James Crocker, commanding officer of *Fairweather*, and chief scientist of the party. "A tanker, carrying millions of gallons of oil, should not be asked to rely on measurements gathered in the 19th century. Unfortunately, that's exactly what navigators have to do, in too many cases. NOAA is changing that." NOAA has made it a priority to update the nautical charts needed by commercial shippers, tankers, passenger vessels, and fishing fleets transiting the

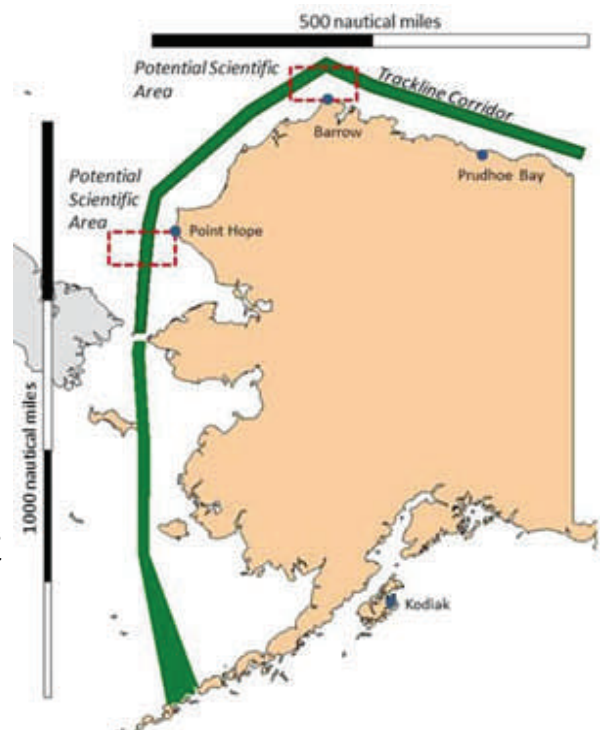
Alaskan coastline in ever-greater numbers. In June 2011, Coast Survey issued the [Arctic Nautical Charting Plan](#), a major effort to update Arctic nautical charts for the shipping lanes, approaches, and ports along the Alaskan coast. NOAA Ship *Fairweather* will take sample depth measurements along the trackline corridor (pictured in green) to validate earlier data collected by non-NOAA ships. The new measurements will guide charting decisions as to what earlier data can be used to update charts and where NOAA should conduct new hydrographic surveys. We expect more increases of Arctic maritime traffic due to melting sea ice, which will require accurate and precise navigational data," said Kathryn Ries, acting director of [NOAA's Office of Coast Survey](#). "The sheer size of the task -- the coast length of 921 nautical miles is really 2,191 miles of low tidal shoreline once you figure in the bays and inlets --- requires that NOAA increase its charting efforts." Before NOAA cartographers can update the charts, however, they need the depth measurements and other data gathered by NOAA's survey vessels like *Fairweather*. Many of today's Alaskan coastal nautical charts, created by NOAA's Office of Coast Survey, use sporadic depth readings reported by private vessels, some decades or centuries old. Those vessels lacked the ability to report their exact positions to enable them to gather data accurate enough to ensure quality measurements.

NOAA's Office of Coast Survey is the nation's chartmaker. Continuing a heritage of service to the maritime transportation system, Coast Survey has been America's trusted source of navigational charts, data, and services for two centuries. NOAA Ship *Fairweather* is part of the NOAA fleet of ships and aircraft operated, managed and maintained by [NOAA's Office of Marine and Aviation Operations](#), which includes both civilians and the commissioned officers of the [NOAA Corps](#), one of seven uniformed services of the United States. The ship is homeported in Ketchikan, Alaska.

NOAA's mission is to understand and predict changes in the Earth's environment, from the depths of the ocean to the surface of the sun, and to conserve and manage our coastal and marine resources. Join us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and our other [social media channels](#).



NOAA Ship *Fairweather* in the Gulf of Alaska with namesake Mt. Fairweather.



(Source: NOAA Press Release dtd July 30, 2012)




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| LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | GRADE | DATE | CITY | STATE |
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| AGUIRRI | PHILLIP | ADC | 20120618 | TERRELL | TX |
| ALAMA | JULIUS | CWO3 | 20120702 | PAGO PAGO | AS |
| ALDAPA | PAUL | ME3 | 20120718 | PHILADELPHIA | PA |
| ARASIN | JOHN | BM1 | 20120529 | SPOTSWOOD | NJ |
| ARRINGTON | JACK | LCDR | 20120730 | SAN RAMON | CA |
| AUERBACH | LEONARD | PSS4 | 20120730 | FOLSOM | CA |
| BADER | THOMAS | CAPT | 20120530 | CAMBRIA | CA |
| BARNES | JAMES | EMCS | 20120610 | FORT MADISON | IA |
| BEACHAM | JOHN | CAPT | 20120702 | MAPLE GROVE | MN |
| BENDER | JOHN | CAPT | 20120813 | MCLEAN | VA |
| BENTON | THOMAS | SA | 20120723 | TACOMA | WA |
| BERGMANN | BERNARD | CDR | 20120530 | MCMINNVILLE | OR |
| BERRY | JOSEPH | BMCM | 20120617 | CAYCE | SC |
| BUNZEY | MICHAEL | HSCS | 20120702 | NEWPORT NEWS | VA |
| CABINDOL | EDUARDO | FS1 | 20120624 | CAMERON PARK | CA |
| CALLAHAN | WILLIAM | GMCM | 20120705 | WOBURN | MA |
| CARD | ERNEST | LT | 20120705 | NEW BRAUNFELS | TX |
| CARKEEK | STEPHEN | CAPT | 20120802 | ELIZABETH CITY | NC |
| CHIZEK | RALPH | CWO4 | 20120808 | MINDEN | NV |
| CLARK | JAMES | MKC | 20120710 | LEAGUE CITY | TX |
| CLEMENT | GREGORY | CDR | 20120625 | KENNER | LA |
| COONEY | ROBERT | BMC | 20120607 | VACAVILLE | CA |
| COPELAND | HERBERT | ENC | 20120525 | LA MIRADA | CA |
| CUNNINGHAM | DAVID | CAPT | 20120531 | SEVERNA PARK | MD |
| DALLAS | JAMES | QMC | 20120630 | EAST BRUNSWICK | NJ |
| DAY | ROBERT | CS2 | 20120616 | SPRINGFIELD | MA |
| DAY | ALLISON | BMCM | 20120614 | GLOUCESTER | NC |
| DERR | DOUGLAS | CWO4 | 20120728 | SOUTH ST PAUL | MN |
| DEWITT | MATTHEW | IS3 | 20120721 | TROY | MI |
| DODGE | WALTER | LCDR | 20120610 | JACKSONVILLE | FL |
| DROZDZEWSKI | ROBERT | ET1 | 20120624 | JUANA DIAZ | PR |
| DUFFY | DAVID | LCDR | 20120601 | WINCHESTER | VA |
| DUPLIN | RAYMOND | LT | 20120612 | PARSONFIELD | ME |
| EHRMANN | JOHN | CDR | 20120616 | BLUFFTON | SC |
| FACUN | PEEJAY | EM2 | 20120805 | JACKSONVILLE | FL |
| FIESLER | JOHN | MKC | 20120619 | FORT WHITE | FL |
| FISH | HARRY | CS1 | 20120714 | WATERTOWN | WI |
| FORSYTH | OTIS | CSC | 20120610 | KEYSTONE HEIGHTS | FL |
| FOSTER | OMER | CWO3 | 20120705 | FRUITLAND PARK | FL |
| GOODWIN | WALTER | ENCM | 20120716 | CEDAR ISLAND | NC |
| GORDON | LOREN | CDR | 20120723 | WICKENBURG | AZ |
| GRIFFIN | DAVID | BM1 | 20120721 | MORGAN CITY | LA |
| HARRIS | SAM | BMC | 20120701 | JAMESTOWN | RI |
| HAWKINS | JOHN | RDCS | 20120718 | NEW PORT NEWS | VA |
| HENDRICKSON | ROBERT | BMC | 20120805 | YARMOUTH PORT | MA |
| HICKMAN | NORRIS | CWO4 | 20120612 | HOUSTON | TX |
| HIGBEE | BRIAN | AMT1 | 20120713 | VACAVILLE | CA |
| HOLLIDAY | KERRY | BM1 | 20120722 | REO VISTA | CA |
| HORVATH | ANDREW | BMCM | 20120714 | SELBYVILLE | DE |

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| HOUTTEKIER | RAYMOND | CDR | 20120726 | BURKE | VA |
| HUCK | VICTOR | CWO3 | 20120724 | SOUTH PORTLAND | ME |
| INNES | DAVID | BM1 | 20120709 | SAXON | WI |
| IRVING | DANIEL | LCDR | 20120528 | JACKSONVILLE | FL |
| KENDALL | STEPHEN | EMCM | 20120704 | SUFFOLK | VA |
| KINARD | HERBERT | CDR | 20120728 | SAINT HEDWIG | TX |
| KING | REGIS | CDR | 20120620 | SPOKANE VALLEY | WA |
| KOLAR | ALFRED | CWO4 | 20120706 | SHAWNEE | OK |
| KULAK | RICHARD | LCDR | 20120707 | LEDYARD | CT |
| LAHAIR | MICHAEL | ELC4 | 20120818 | GREENVILLE | NC |
| LANE | LARRY | QMC | 20120714 | ST PETERSBURG | FL |
| LAROSE | GEORGE | MK1 | 20120615 | CHAUMONT | NY |
| LARSEN | GARY | EM1 | 20120616 | WATAUGA | TN |
| LEMLY | MICHAEL | CAPT | 20120807 | RUTHERFORD | NJ |
| LEVY | JOHN | BMC | 20120814 | COLUMBIA | CT |
| LEYBA | LEE | YNC | 20120718 | ALBUQUERQUE | NM |
| LINDEMANN | HERBERT | CAPT | 20120724 | SHIPPENVILLE | PA |
| LINDER | JOEL | MK1 | 20120709 | MOORESVILLE | NC |
| LOCKLIN | BOBBY | BMC | 20120725 | MORENO VALLEY | CA |
| LUCZKOWSKI | MICHAEL | EM1 | 20120615 | METAIRIE | LA |
| LUEDKE | DONALD | LCDR | 20120724 | TALLMADGE | OH |
| LUKSICH | JOHN | EM1 | 20120706 | LAS VEGAS | NV |
| LYNCH | JOHN | CDR | 20120623 | PARK RIDGE | IL |
| MALIN | LEE | BMC | 20120708 | CITRUS SPRINGS | FL |
| MARSH | HERBERT | DCC | 20120630 | MIAMI | FL |
| MATTLE | PAUL | CDR | 20120606 | ANCHORAGE | AK |
| MAYBERRY | WILLIAM | CAPT | 20120715 | NEW ORLEANS | LA |
| MCCARTIN | JAMES | CDR | 20120712 | BEND | OR |
| MCCLELLAN | RONALD | LCDR | 20120607 | RANCHO CORDOVA | CA |
| MCCLOUD | NATHANIEL | CS1 | 20120611 | CHARLESTON | SC |
| MCCOLLUM | RICHARD | SK1 | 20120630 | PEMBROKE PINES | FL |
| MCDONALD | JAMES | ENCM | 20120528 | AUKE BAY | AK |
| MCKEEHAN | PATRICK | PERS4 | 20120719 | CHENEY | WA |
| MCNATT | TONY | BMC | 20120625 | MOBILE | AL |
| MCNULTY | DONALD | LCDR | 20120620 | HERTFORD | NC |
| MEEKINS | THOMAS | ENC | 20120616 | CARLISLE | MA |
| MEROS | MICHAEL | DCC | 20120706 | FORKED RIVER | NJ |
| MIDGETT | WILLIAM | QM1 | 20120612 | WAVES | NC |
| MILLER | DANIEL | TTC | 20120705 | ELLENSBURG | WA |
| MOORE | JAMES | FS2 | 20120723 | MABANK | TX |
| MULLEN | THOMAS | RM2 | 20120529 | LEVITTOWN | PA |
| MURRAY | JOHN | CDR | 20120618 | MOUNT PLEASANT | SC |
| MUSE | BENJAMIN | CDR | 20120715 | WILBRAHAM | MA |
| NIDEK | MICHAEL | BMC | 20120728 | ARLINGTON | OH |
| NUNNER | ALOIS | MK1 | 20120713 | MESA | AZ |
| ONEAL | CLARENCE | BMCS | 20120603 | ROCKLAND | ME |
| ORTNER | GARRY | PERS4 | 20120731 | SLIDELL | LA |
| OTTO | LAWRENCE | CDR | 20120715 | ANN ARBOR | MI |
| PANG | RICHARD | PSCS | 20120703 | WAIAWAE | HI |
| PARRISH | FRED | BMCS | 20120618 | WILMINGTON | NC |
| PATTERSON | MARCUS | BMCM | 20120817 | NORTH CAPE MAY | NJ |
| PELLETIER | JOSEPH | YNM | 20120608 | PORTSMOUTH | RI |
| PRYKE | ROBERT | LCDR | 20120608 | NEWTON | IA |

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| PUPO | CHRISTOPHER | MEC | 20120623 | TAPPAN | NY |
| QUIDLEY | JOHN | SN | 20120605 | AVON | NC |
| QUINN | JOHN | CDR | 20120621 | FRESNO | CA |
| RADLOFF | JAMES | BMC | 20120725 | SAN ANGELO | TX |
| RIDDELL | RICHARD | ADCM | 20120619 | LANGHORNE | PA |
| ROBERTS | RAYMOND | DC1 | 20120714 | GRANITE | OK |
| RODER | RAYMOND | AMC | 20120720 | SUN CITY | AZ |
| ROESSLER | HAROLD | LCDR | 20120630 | NORCO | CA |
| ROGERS | ALBERT | DCC | 20120614 | CHARLESTON | SC |
| SANCHEZ | ALLEN | BMC | 20120528 | BELLE CHASSE | LA |
| SANDERS | WILLIS | LCDR | 20120815 | FLOWER MOUND | TX |
| SANDIDGE | HARRY | CDR | 20120620 | DURHAM | NC |
| SCHAEFFER | BENJAMIN | CAPT | 20120620 | HOMOSASSA | FL |
| SCHAREN | BRUCE | LCDR | 20120727 | GRESHAM | OR |
| SCHEIDTS | REYNOLD | MKC | 20120718 | DORCHESTER | NJ |
| SCHLEICH | JOHN | SN | 20120718 | HAGAMAN | NY |
| SCOTT | JOHN | LT | 20120813 | AVON PARK | FL |
| SEABROOKE | JAMES | CAPT | 20120709 | ENGLEWOOD | FL |
| SEDDON | WILLIAM | YNCS | 20120710 | MOUNT LAUREL | NJ |
| SERBIN | JAMES | ADCS | 20120704 | CAPE CANAVRAL | FL |
| SHELTON | CLARENCE | BMC | 20120610 | ORMOND BEACH | FL |
| SHOWELL | HARRISON | CWO2 | 20120709 | REDONDO BEACH | CA |
| SIMMONS | KENNETH | HSC | 20120603 | HERNANDO | FL |
| SMITH | CARL | FS1 | 20120626 | GRISWOLD | CT |
| SMITH | KENNETH | BMC | 20120725 | COLUMBIA | SC |
| SPARKS | DAVID | ENC | 20120702 | CANADAIGUA | NY |
| SPARKS | THOMAS | ENC | 20120619 | RESERVE | LA |
| SPARROW | PAUL | CWO4 | 20120723 | LINN CREEK | MO |
| SPEER | RAYMOND | RDML | 20120724 | LACEY | WA |
| STANCLIFF | ROBERT | CDR | 20120524 | CINCINNATI | OH |
| STANLEY | WILLIAM | OS1 | 20120630 | BEAUFORT | NC |
| STERNE | RICHARD | ENCM | 20120529 | PORT SAINT LUCIE | FL |
| STRAWSER | THOMAS | HSC | 20120725 | ROCKBRIDGE | OH |
| STROUD | JOHN | YN3 | 20120601 | ABBEVILLE | SC |
| SUESS | GORDON | CDR | 20120713 | BROKEN ARROW | OK |
| TAYLOR | ROBERT | EM1 | 20120705 | PENSACOLA | FL |
| TRAVERS | OTIS | LT | 20120627 | FLEMING ISLAND | FL |
| UNDERWOOD | RICHARD | CDR | 20120622 | PALM CITY | FL |
| USIAK | PAUL | ENC | 20120613 | TALLAHASSEE | FL |
| VOIGHT | WILLIAM | EN1 | 20120621 | PEMBROKE | MA |
| WALLACE | EDMUND | PS2 | 20120528 | SAUGES | MA |
| WATERS | OLIVER | MK1 | 20120720 | SEMMES | AL |
| WELLIVER | MARC | CAPT | 20120717 | LILBURN | GA |
| WHITMARSH | EDWARD | CDR | 20120716 | NISKAYUNA | NY |
| WIGGINS | DONALD | MKC | 20120627 | PANAMA CITY | FL |
| WIGGINS | JACK | HSC | 20120617 | SAINT AUGUSTINE | FL |
| WILLIAMS | ROBERT | CDR | 20120804 | COTUIT | MA |
| WILLIAMS | DONALD | BMC | 20120618 | GRIFTON | NC |
| WILLIAMS | LEO | BMC | 20120701 | WILLINGBORO | NJ |
| WOODS | ROBERT | RDC | 20120527 | VALENCIA | CA |
| ZONER | ROBERT | MKC | 20120812 | LISBON | CT |

Member deaths will be updated monthly on the RAS website: <http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/retnews/taps.asp>.

Notice for Survivors of RET-2 (Reserve) Retirees

For Ret-2 deaths, please notify PPC immediately. In several cases PPC was not notified until the member would have been age 60 and the annuitants lost benefits because the law only allows a 6 year window to apply for RCSBP benefits.

Dependent TAPS

| Name of Dependent | Relationship | Date of Death | Location |
|------------------------|---|---------------|-------------------|
| Ruth Lutz | Wife of CDR Ralph Lutz, USCG, Ret | 29 May 12 | Mill Creek, WA |
| Mercy Flores San Juan | Wife of FSC Apolinar San Juan, USCG, Ret | 25 Jan 09 | L. Santa Cruz, PI |
| Sandra L Taylor | Wife of RMCM Grant C Taylor, USCG, Ret | 14 Jun 12 | Rochester, NH |
| Lucille D Wright | Wife of RM1 Robert J Wright, USCG, Ret | 13 May 12 | Carson City, NV |
| Sueko (Zayasu) King | Wife of CWO4 Daniel King, USCG, Ret | 05 Jun 12 | Bradford, RI |
| Clydie A McCrummen | Former Spouse of YNCM Hugh D McCrummen III, USCG, Ret | 12 May 12 | Juneau, AK |
| Viola P Giffin | Wife of CAPT Alvin H Giffin, USCG, Ret, Dec'd | 08 Mar 12 | Orono, MA |
| Cynthia M Sanders | Wife of CAPT Philip Sanders, USCG, Ret | 16 Jun 12 | Pebble Beach, CA |
| Roberta W Rosekrans | Wife of LCDR Douglas H Rosekrans, USCG, Ret | 21 Jun 12 | Canastota, NY |
| Pamala Gorton | Wife of CWO3 James Gorton, USCG, Ret | 20 Jun 12 | Bushnell, FL |
| Martha H Hewlett | Wife of CAPT William S Hewlett, USCG, Ret | 22 Jun 12 | Saint Johns, FL |
| Fay Hughes Randolph | Wife of ADCS Ray A Randolph, USCG, Ret | 06 Jul 12 | Hertford, NC |
| Patricia L Gruchalla | Wife of PSCM Robert M Gruchalla, USCG, Ret | 11 Jul 12 | Mesa, AZ |
| Marguerite J Blackford | Wife of CDR Richard A Blackford, USCG, Ret | 24 Jul 12 | Washington, DC |
| Sandra A Webb | Wife of RMC Willie J Webb, USCG, Ret | 13 Apr 12 | Acworth, GA |
| Cherie A Erickson | Wife of AM1 Forrest Erickson, USCG, Ret | 09 Jun 12 | Arcadia, FL |
| Karen Jackson Herring | Wife of BM2 Luther C Herring Jr., USCG, Ret | 18 Jul 12 | Rose Hill, NC |
| Sharon A Simmons | Wife of CWO3 John Simmons, USCG, Ret | 19 Jul 12 | New Pt Richey, FL |
| Ilona Gibowski-Stone | Wife of FA Lawrence Stone, USCG, Ret | 06 Jul 12 | Mansfield, CT |
| Ardene K Watkins | Wife of ET1 Michael P Watkins, USCG, Ret | 11 Aug 12 | Columbia, MO |
| Mary V Van Winkle | Wife of YNC Philip W Van Winkle, USCG, Ret | 20 Jul 12 | Sellersburg, IN |
| Myrna L Thompson | Wife of ENCS Gordon L Thompson, USCG, Ret | 31 Jul 12 | Floral City, FL |
| Lana Butler | Wife of ETC William Butler, USCG, Ret | 14 Aug 12 | Sandusky, OH |
| Dorothy A Britt | Wife of CWO2 Joseph Britt, USCG, Ret | 29 Jun 12 | Orlando, FL |
| Loretta C Snyder | Wife of SKC William H Snyder, USCG, Ret | 15 Feb 11 | Greensboro, NC |
| Shirley M Smith | Wife of CAPT Joseph F Smith, USCG, Ret | 02 Aug 12 | Mercer Island, WA |
| Harriet Huffman | Wife of AD1 Wayne Huffman, USCG, Ret | 28 Apr 12 | Apple Valley, CA |
| Barbara M Hart | Wife of CAPT Terrance P Hart, USCG, Ret | 08 Aug 12 | Georgetown, MA |
| Carol A High | Wife of CAPT Leslie High, USCG, Ret | 10 Aug 12 | San Diego, CA |

If you have lost a loved one and would like their name printed in Dependent TAPS, please contact PPC-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), Pay & Personnel Center, 444 SE Quincy Street, Topeka, KS 66683-3591. You may also fax your request to (785) 339-3770.

Letters to the Editor (continued from page 4)

Our group, Keepers of the Patos Light, is looking for Coast Guard members and their families who lived/served on Patos Island in the San Juan Islands of Washington State. Any time of service would be of interest to us. We normally stage a Retired Coast Guard Reunion every summer in August and would like to invite more members and/or their families to our events.

Linda Hudson

PS Those who served at Semiamoo, Burrows, and Lime Kiln lighthouses are welcome to contact us as well.

Carla Chalker and Linda Hudson, Co-Presidents
Denise Wilk, Vice-President

Keepers of the Patos Light
www.patoslightkeepers.org

Reservist Magazine news:

"We understand the numerous reasons and advantages to move to a digital only format however, we also realize not everyone we serve has the desire or ability to go digital. Some lack computers or reliable access to the world-wide web. Others simply prefer the feel of the magazine as they explore its content. We will continue to monitor and evaluate our overall communications efforts and specifically the Reservist Magazine to ensure we maintain the proper balance between the goals and objectives of the Reserve Program and the needs and wishes of our diverse and growing audience. To this end, we will continue with a blend of print and digital versions for our readers. With the first issue of 2012, we began to offer our readers with the option to assist our efforts in reducing our substantial print and mailing costs by voluntarily opting out of receiving future print editions. Please direct any questions to Mr. Jeff Smith, Editor, Reservist Magazine, U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street SW STOP 7801, Washington, DC 20593-7801 or email Jeffrey.D.Smith@uscg.mil".

(Reunions and Notices continued from page 6)

Nashville and surrounding Middle Tennessee Coast Guard veterans, retirees, and active duty meet annually at the Middle Tennessee State University "Salute to the Armed Services / Veterans" football game. The 2012 football game will be on Saturday, October 27, 2012 at Johnny "Red" Floyd Stadium on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, TN. Coast Guard retirees, veterans, active duty, and their families meet at the food tent between 1200 and 1300. The football game, against North Texas, follows the lunch with on field recognition of all the services at half-time. For more information contact Jim Clifton at jcliftoncgr@hotmail.com

Coast Guard Tug Association – A non-profit, veterans organization founded in 2003, our 6th Reunion will be held in Erie, PA, Thursday, 4 October – Sunday, 7 October 2012 at the Wingate Hotel. This organization is dedicated to all Coasties and U.S. Navy vets, who served aboard Coast Guard/Navy Tugs from 64-213 feet and supportive tug friends; always looking for new members to our "band of pirates." Please visit our web site at www.cg-tugs.org for details of reunion registration and planned events, or contact President, CWO3 (ENG) C.A. (Sandy) Schwaab, USCG, Ret. at snsschwaab@cox.net or 401-364-1004.

(Post 9/11 GI Bill continued from page 9)

For the 2012-2013 academic year, 1,770 colleges and universities are supplementing Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits by participating in the Yellow Ribbon Program. Under the Yellow Ribbon Program, degree-granting institutions make additional funds available for a Veteran's educational program without an additional charge to their GI Bill entitlement. To make up the difference for those students whose tuition and fees exceed what the Post-9/11 GI Bill covers, institutions can voluntarily enter into a Yellow Ribbon Agreement with VA to designate an additional amount of funding, and VA will match that amount.

VA is seeking legal authority to trademark the term *GI Bill*. President Obama signed an executive order on April 26, directing VA and the Department of Defense to undertake a number of measures to "stop deceptive and misleading" promotional efforts that target the GI Bill educational benefits of Servicemembers, Veterans, and eligible family members and survivors. In June, the attorneys general of several states gave VA the rights to the *GI Bill.com* website after the original owners agreed to give up the internet site to settle a lawsuit by the states.

For more information on the Post-9/11 GI Bill and other Veteran education programs, visit <http://www.gibill.va.gov>.

(Source: VA Press Release dtd August 10, 2012)

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

All retirees are reminded to inform PPC (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. Additionally, when you make a change with DEERS it **does not** constitute a change to your Retired Pay account since DEERS is a totally different system from RAS.

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 where the tax is being paid.

Send your reunion or other notices to:

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

E-mail: PPC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil
Phone: (toll free, U.S. only) 1-800-772-8724 or
(785) 339-2236

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 Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy Street
Topeka, KS 66683-3591**

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

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 (PSD-MR)
Personnel Service Center
US Coast Guard Stop 7200
4200 Wilson Blvd, Ste 1100
Arlington, VA 20598-7200

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

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. **Note:** This website does not allow you to see or print a copy of your DD-214 but does allow you to print the request form needed to mail or fax to NPRC for obtaining a copy of your DD-214.

VA compensation payments and federal income taxes

If you retired from the USCG or NOAA based on years of service and are later given a retroactive service connected disability rating by the VA, your retirement pay for the retroactive period is excluded from income up to the amount of VA disability benefits that you would have been entitled to receive. The form 1099R reports the entire distribution because the income, when paid, was taxable under the law.

A corrected form 1099R which could support the decrease in taxable income will not be issued by PPC. This policy is contained in the DOD Financial Management Regulations, VOL 7B and also is stated in the IRS instructions for form 1099R, which directs that the entire income distribution will be reported if a part is taxable and a part is not taxable.

Retirees who are affected by this policy should consult a tax preparer for assistance. The retiree should provide copies of the Form 1099R and the VA Award Letter to claim a refund of taxes paid on the excludable amount.

You may also claim a refund of any taxes paid on an excludable amount in previous years by filing an amended return on Form 1040X, subject to Statute of Limitations.

Pay & Personnel 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 PPC-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 PPC-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 Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy St
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

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

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

Website: <http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/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 PPC (RAS) for action and filing, per IRS requirements. PPC (RAS) cannot accept a faxed W-4 or W-4P. Please mail to:

Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy St
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()Note: forms available from our website
<http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/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 Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy St
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

E-mail articles, dependent taps entries, reunion notices, etc., to PPC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil or call us at the numbers listed below. The deadline for the next issue is November 9, 2012.

1 800 PPC-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 | 1 877 363-1303 | http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/Prescriptions/FillingPrescriptions/TMOP |
| Retiree Dental Plan | 1 888 838-8737 | http://www.trdp.org |
| TRICARE Overseas | 1 888 777-8343 | http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/Regions/RegionsNonUS |
| TRICARE United States | phone numbers on their website | 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://tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/Eligibility/WhoIsEligible/MedicareBeneficiaries |
| Federal Long-Term Health Insurance | 1 800 582-3337 | http://www.opm.gov/insure/ltc/ |
| CG Health Benefits Advisor | 1 800 942-2422 | |
| Veterans Benefits | Phone | Websites/Notes |
| Department of Veterans Affairs | 1 800 827-1000 | http://www.va.gov |
| Insurance Information | 1 800 669-8477 | http://www.insurance.va.gov |
| Veterans Group Life Insurance | | http://www.insurance.va.gov/sglisite/vgli/vgli.htm |
| New VGLI Applications and VGLI Reinstatements: OSGLI PO Box 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 80 Livingston Avenue Roseland, NJ 07068-1733 |
| Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents | 1 800 827-1000 | http://www.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current_benefits.asp VA Pamphlet 80-02-1 |
| Headstones and Markers | 1 800 697-6947 | http://www.cem.va.gov/hm.htm |

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*(Continued from page 18)***Other Important Phone Numbers and Websites**

| Other | Phone | Websites/Notes |
|---|---|--|
| Final Active Duty Pay | 1 866 772-8724 Overseas (785) 339-2200 | http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/ses/ Commanding Officer (SES) USCG Pay & Personnel Center 444 SE Quincy St Topeka, KS 66683-3591 |
| Contact PPC (SES) for information on Severance Pay, Separation Pay, Disability Severance Pay, LES's, IRS Form W-2. | | |
| Travel Claims | 1 866 772-8724 Overseas (785) 339-2200 | http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/tvl.asp Send final travel claim to: Commanding Officer (TVL) USCG Pay & Personnel Center 444 SE Quincy St. Topeka, KS 66683-3591 |
| Service Records | (314) 801-0800 | http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/ Write to: National Personnel Records Center Military Personnel Records 9700 Page Avenue St. Louis, MO 63132-5100 |
| Veterans or next-of-kin of a deceased veteran can log on http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records and make requests but all others must write in and include complete name, rank/grade, SSN, dates of service and date of birth of the veteran. DD-214's are also available via the website. | | |
| 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 Maritime Administration U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, D.C. 20590 Attn: Patricia Thomas, W25314 |
| National Coast Guard Retiree 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: NRHDesk@gmail.com |

ARE YOU NEARING YOUR 65TH BIRTHDAY? IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR MEDICAL BENEFITS

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