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CG RETIREE SERVICES PROGRAM UPDATE

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Tri-Annual Program Assessment

The CG Retiree Services Program, CI 1800.5G, was established in March 2013. The Director of Reserve and Military Personnel (CG-13), the program director, is required to: “Conduct an assessment of the retiree services program every three years that coincides with the selection of the next CGNRC co-chair(s).” The CG National Retiree Council (CGNRC) has raised questions regarding the scope and function of the retiree services desks in its annual reports to the Commandant. There are also preliminary indications that the current retiree services desk policy/procedures, modeled after DOD retiree services offices, may be somewhat over-engineered for the needs of the Coast Guard and its military retiree community. CG-13 will additionally review input from CG Retiree Services Desks, Regional Retiree Councils, FORCECOM and the CG retiree community during the first tri-annual assessment of the program – to be kicked off at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the CGNRC.

2016 Annual Meeting of the CG National Retiree Council

The CGNRC was chartered in 1982. Its primary mission remains to sustain open and positive lines of communication between the Commandant and the entire military retiree community through the Commandant’s executive agent, CG-13. The CGNRC will conduct its annual meeting at CG Headquarters during 19-21 April 2016, in compliance with below direction in CI 1800.5G:

- Meet annually, normally in the spring, in Washington, DC, with a briefing to the Vice Commandant and the Commandant.
- Receive an annual update and provide feedback on matters pertaining to the retiree services program, including a quality assurance assessment and ongoing program changes and adjustments, including policy updates.
- Prepare and submit an annual report to the Commandant through CG-13. The annual report may include information regarding the effectiveness of the retiree services program and needed improvements to retirement transition, pay, benefits, privileges, legislative, veterans’ affairs, quality of life, and other CG military retiree community matters.

RADM John Acton, USCGR (Ret) and MCPOCG "Skip" Bowen, USCG (Ret) have served with distinction as the CGNRC Co-Chairs from 2013-2016 and will be formally recognized prior to appointment of new co-chairs by the Commandant.

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SPRING IS IN THE AIR...even for those in the Northeast!!!

After a busy New Year's period, PPC has shifted focus to the spring season and everything that goes along with it... PCS moves, travel claims, separations and something near and dear to all of your hearts, adding new retirees to the rolls. I am very pleased (and relieved) that we successfully made it through the 2015 tax season and despite some delays and challenges, we produced and mailed over 56,000 1099Rs, 113,000 1095Bs and 55,000 W-2 tax forms. I am also pleased to announce that this was the last year PPC will print these forms in-house as we are working on contracting out all major print functions, including monthly retiree statements. And, while we are on the topic, I want to remind you that you can always access your retiree statements and tax forms in Direct Access through self-service. You can also opt-out of having these forms mailed if you so choose. As stewards of the taxpayer's money (your money) we continually look for ways to cut costs and realize savings throughout the PPC.

In case you missed it, I want to bring to your attention two very recent changes to the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP); one involving changing from former spouse coverage and the other involving disabled children and Special Needs Trusts. The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (NDAA FY16) amended the SBP statute to provide a member who had made an election to provide SBP or Reserve Component SBP coverage for a former spouse the ability to cover a subsequent spouse if the former spouse dies. The enactment of this legislation included provisions in the form of an open season period to accommodate members whose covered former spouse beneficiaries were already deceased when the legislation was enacted. The open season is now through 24 November 2016. The second change gives military members and retirees the option to direct payment of an SBP Annuity for a dependent child to a Special Needs Trust (SNT). A SNT is a legal instrument specifically designed for the benefit of a person with a disability. In some cases, this may preserve the beneficiary's eligibility for other federal or state benefits. For more information on SBPs and these new provisions please visit: <http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/provide/sbp.html> and PPC's website <http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/ras/sbp.asp>.

Finally, I would like to congratulate RADM Cari Thomas on her retirement from the Coast Guard and thank her for her terrific career spanning over 36 years of service to our Nation. I also want to congratulate both RDML William Kelly on his new assignment as the Assistant Commandant for Human Resources (CG-1) and RDML Matthew Bell, Jr., on his recent promotion and assignment as Commander, Personnel Service Center.

Well that's all for now. Until next time....Semper Paratus!!!

CAPT Peter F. Brady, Jr.
Commanding Officer
USCG Pay and Personnel Center



Shopping at the Coast Guard Exchange (CGX), whether in one of our retail stores or through www.shopcgx.com, your online store, allows you to continue to enjoy your MWR dividend and high quality merchandise at a savings. Use the link provided above to visit the store. The website is user-friendly and will become your go-to source for Coast Guard items as well as a myriad number of other products.

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

REUNIONS AND NOTICES

Calling all LORANIMALS –The last of the US LORAN Stations has 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).

Point of Inquiry. We are writing a story for publication about the history and modernization and updating of US Lighthouses and ATON from 1945 - 1975 and would like to interview anyone who has experience with the USCG during those years, especially east coast around 1960. Of particular interest is the official policy concerning the disposition of the obsolete equipment and instructions to personnel on disposal of Lighthouse lenses and obsolete ATON. Please email or call - steve@chestnutdev.com or 810-599-5147.

USCGC MACKINAW sailors and all other interested parties may be interested to know that the ship, though decommissioned in 2006, now resides at her namesake home of Mackinaw City, Michigan, and is open for public tours and group events. Visit her at the museum website: <http://www.themackinaw.org/>

Grand Canyon Chapter of The Military Officers Association was established as its own chapter on July 16, 2012 with the approval of the national MOAA Board of Directors. It now has 81 members and publishes its own newsletter, The Canyon Echo. To read a copy of the newsletter and to learn more about this chapter visit their website at: <http://www.moaa.org/chapter/AZ11>. You may also call Colonel (Ret) Peter Kloeber at (928) 525-0585.

The Greater St. Louis Area Coast Guard Retiree Council is growing but we have room for a lot more Coast Guard retirees and annuitants. Come aboard and join the crew! If you are interested in participating or have questions, contact Mike Kelly, LCDR (Ret) at mike1940@centurytel.net or Keith Livingstone, MCPO (Ret) at bassbolt@yahoo.com.

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.

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: yktnretiree@gmail.com. Our website address is: www.cgretireeyktn.com.

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.

Informal Captains Luncheon. In keeping with a tradition started by RADM AI Manning more than 30 years ago, Coast Guard Captains in the Los Angeles area gather for an informal luncheon on the second Wednesday of every month. Captains in the area are cordially invited to attend. Should you wish to be included on the mailing list, you may advise the mess treasurer, CAPT John H. (Jack) Guest at jack@guestgroup.com.

The **Cactus Coast Guard** meets three times a year in the Phoenix, AZ area for brunch and camaraderie. All former, active duty, reserve and retired Coast Guard members 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.

All eight **Omega Stations** were shut down Sep 30th, 1997. If you were stationed at either of the two Coast Guard Manned Stations (LaMoure ND, Kaneohe, HI) or with the **Omega Navigation Systems Operations Detail** (ONSOD) and/or the **Omega Navigation Systems Center**, we would like to hear from you with respect to your thoughts and experiences. Check out the website: <http://www.Haikuvalley.com> or email CPO Matthew Bezayiff (Ret) for further info at mbezayiff@icloud.com.

The Pensacola Coast Guard Retiree Council & Coast Guard Friends & Family Organization jointly meet on the second Thursday of each month from 5-9 P.M. at the Golden Corral restaurant (located at the corner of 9th Ave. and Langley Ave. in Pensacola, FL). Folks of all Coast Guard affiliations are welcome. We enjoy your fellowship and sharing of your Coast Guard experiences. For more information, please call Bill Hayden. Phone: (850) 554-3858 or email to: coastguardfamily@yahoo.com.

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Attention retirees in the 9th District:

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Bill Schmidt the new Retiree Services Director for Base Cleveland as per the Coast Guard Retiree Services Program, COMDTINST 1800.5G. My AOR as the director for Base Cleveland is the boundaries of the Ninth Coast Guard District. I can be used as a point of contact for retiree information. I can be reached at (216) 902-6355 and William.A.Schmidt@uscg.mil. I would also like to start a list of CG retirees in the D9 AOR to disseminate information for retirees from myself, D9, Ninth District Retiree Council and MWR. If you would like to be on this list please send your phone number and e-mail address to me at the email listed above.

Those interested in joining the membership of the **First Coast, Coast Guard Retiree Council**, Jacksonville, FL please contact YNCM Bobby Wester, USCG (Ret), at: BWester2549@aol.com

Coast Guard Investigative Association (CGIA) is a professional organization whose purpose is to further camaraderie, friendship and professional working relationships among former and present CGIS and CGI Special Agents and Investigators, Security Managers and Intelligence Officers. We hold annual conventions in order to swap "war" and "sea" stories while renewing old friendships and making new ones. We currently have approximately 150 members and hope to grow. Anyone interested in applying for membership can view the association web page at: www.coastguardinvestigativeassociation.org

The Base New Orleans Retiree Council is now over 70 members strong and looking for more to help serve retirees in the 8th District and the Base. POC is Jim Montgomery, the Volunteer Director at: james.r.montgomery@uscg.mil or (985) 246-9483. It meets the second Wednesday of each month, alternating business meetings and social events. The Base St. Louis Retiree Council, focusing on the northern portion of the District, has PERS2 Tom Fairley as its Active Duty Coordinator at: thomas.e.fairley@uscg.mil.

Retiree-Veterans Events. The below listed website includes a list of events throughout the country of interest to Retirees and Veterans: http://www.hostmtb.org/RADs_and_Other_Retiree-Veterans_Events.html

The Keepers of the Patos Light Lighthouse friends group would like to announce their intention to raise funds for the return and installation of the American flag and flagpole to Patos Island. The flag and pole will be installed, hopefully, by the end of the year. A fundraising effort is underway. Donations can be sent to: c/o Keepers of the Patos Light, "Flag Fund" and sent to this address: PO Box 518, Lopez Island, WA 98261. All donations are tax deductible and will be acknowledged by an invitation to the island for the dedication ceremony.

Linda Hudson
President, Keepers of the Patos Light
A 501C3 non-profit organization

The National Capital Region (NCR) Chapter of the Coast Guard Cuttermen Association encourages any active, retired, and former CG Cuttermen in the DC area (officer and enlisted) to become involved in your local chapter. This chapter was commissioned approximately one year ago and is looking to expand our membership. For more information see **Cuttermen Association** website at: <http://www.cuttermen.org/> NCR Chapter President: CAPT Matt Gimple, USCG can be reached at: matthew.j.gimple@uscg.mil or gimplemj@gmail.com.

The North Texas Coast Guard Association meets twice a year on the last Saturday in October and last Saturday in April. We meet at Pappa's Barbecue, 2231 West Northwest Highway in Dallas. Meeting begins at noon and ends when everybody goes home. Coast Guard members (retired, active, reserve) are invited to attend and share your story with us over great barbecue. For more information contact MCPO Steve Hines at shines57@att.net or call (972) 365-5274.

Canaveral Coast Guard Reunion – Reunion Picnic to be held at Kiwanis Island Park Pavilion on April 9, 2016 from 10:00 am to 3 pm; 951 Kiwanis Island Park Road; Merritt Island, FL 32952; Catered by Sonny's Barbecue. For more information contact Bob Merrilees at Bmerrilees@cfl.rr.com or (321) 452-5426.

USCGC ACACIA (WLB 406)/USCGC MESQUITE (WLB 305) Reunion 2016. We will be holding our 3rd annual reunion this summer in Manistee, MI for former crewmembers of the ACACIA/MESQUITE. Any other former or active duty Coast Guard members in the area are also invited. Dates are 15 thru morning of 17 July 2016. For further information, contact YNC Fred Garbo USCG (Ret) at garbos4@hotmail.com.

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Philadelphia area retirees and veterans luncheon group seeks local members. Calling all Coast Guard retirees, veterans and active duty who live in or near Philadelphia's northwest suburbs. A Coast Guard luncheon group has been gathering regularly at the Heritage Restaurant on route 113 in Franconia Township for the purpose of swapping yarns and enjoying the company of old shipmates. It's a diverse group that includes members in cutter and aviation service, lighthouses, lightships, ice breakers and loran stations from World War II to the present. Everyone with Coast Guard service is welcome. Contact Bob Dell at: rbard1@verizon.net or (610) 222-4645 to have your name included for luncheon date notices.

The Cape May Maritime Museum is seeking donations to assist in the restoration of the vintage motor life boat CG36538. As an incentive, donors who pledge a minimum tax deductible donation of \$100 will be offered an opportunity to coxswain the boat when she is re-commissioned for private tours and at significant TRACEN celebrations. No donation is too small or large and will be greatly appreciated!

Walt Disney Pictures film of CG36500's rescue of the SS PENDELTON will be featured in "The Finest Hours" scheduled for release in January 2016. Not many of these seaworthy vessels remain. For more info, see: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=BQmllwTKtqU>

Spare 36' TRS Parts are also being sought.

Contact Wayne Adams, BMCM (Ret.) at (609) 231-6525 (www.capemaymaritimemuseum.org).

North Olympic Peninsula Washington - All former active duty, reserve and retired Coast Guard members are welcome to meet for informal brunch and camaraderie. Gathering held 3rd Saturday of each month at Joshua's Restaurant in Port Angeles, WA. POC: Liz Tomisato (360) 681-3777 or bobklapproth@gmail.com.

Access to COA Frontline: Frontline is the monthly publication of the Commissioned Officers Association of the United States Public Health Service, and it contains information that is applicable to both active duty PHS officers and PHS retirees. It is published electronically, and as of four months ago it became freely available on the COA website at www.coausphs.org. Retirees who would like additional information about COA should email COA staffer Donna Sparrow at dsparrow@coausphs.org.

Attention retirees in or having served in District 13: 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>. If you'd like to receive our E-mail newsletter, please send your contact information (include email) to feedback@cgretirenw.org.

13TH District Coast Guard Lifeboat Reunion will be held between the dates of May 27 to May 29, 2016 in Newport, Oregon. Please join us for a weekend reunion of former and present Coast Guard men and women who have served in District Thirteen. Contact: Rarekim@comcast.net for further information and a reservation form.

USCG Port Security Unit 303(b) 25th Year Reunion (Desert Shield/Desert Storm)

Date: May 13-15, 2016.

Place: New York, New York

Contact: Martin Maher: phone: (917) 337-4723
mardot237@aol.com.

Pterodactyl Gathering - The Coast Guard Aviation Association (Ancient Order of the Pterodactyl) will celebrate the Centennial of Coast Guard Aviation and the 50th anniversary of ATC Mobile at a gathering in Mobile, AL on 26-30 October 2016. Details will be published in the PTEROGRAM and all members and non-members are urged to review the website www.aoptero.org for details. If not a member – please join via the website.

You do not want to miss this one!

Captain George E. Krietemeyer, USCG (Ret)

Inquiry – Researcher documenting early USCG AMIO efforts seeks to interview Coastguardsmen who may have been involved in the boarding/towing of the S/V GOOD FORTUNE, disabled off the coast of Jupiter inlet with 25 Haitian POB on 15 September 1963. Vessel was subsequently towed into Lake Worth Inlet/West Palm Beach. Please email at: dan.laliberte@cox.net or call: (757) 618-4432.

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Contra Costa Chapter of the Military Officers

Association was originally located in Lafayette, CA, until recently. The chapter is now co-located with several other Veterans Service Organizations at the San Ramon Valley Veterans Memorial Building, 400 Hartz Ave, Danville, CA. The chapter had gotten down to only a few members but we are now growing (currently 30 members). Eligibility for Membership: Men and women who are serving or have served on active duty or in one of the reserve components as a commissioned or warrant officer in one of the seven U.S. uniformed services (Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Navy, and Public Health Service). We are changing our meeting venues for 2016 and will have them published in our monthly newsletter, "Continuing To Serve." To read a copy of the newsletter and to learn more about this chapter, you can visit our website at:

<http://www.contracostaMOAA.com> or go to California MOAA website <http://www.calmoaa.org/newsletters> . For more in depth information about this chapter or MOAA, contact LCDR Robert Council, USCG (Ret) via email at: chapter.membership@yahoo.com.

PHS Commissioned Officers Association 2016 Annual Scientific and Training Symposium—

The Commissioned Officers Association and Foundation would like to remind all USPHS Active Duty and Retired Officers - as well as those of our sister Services – of our 2016 Annual Scientific and Training Symposium to be held in Oklahoma City, May 16-19. This promises to be the biggest and best Annual COF Symposium ever, with "something for everyone" -networking opportunities in an excellent venue, major Plenary Sessions, high-caliber Continuing Education for all Disciplines, and a special breakfast meeting for our Retired Officers on Tuesday, May 17. Mark your calendars now and plan accordingly to join us. See the Foundation's website at <http://symposium.phscof.org/> for all relevant information and registration details. To our important Retired Officers: "*The COA need You, and You need the COA*" - make sure to maintain your Active Membership, and join us in Oklahoma City !!

James R. Minor, Pharm. D
CAPT, USPHS, Retired

West Coast EMTEL, IT, TT and Friends Reunion will be held July 15-17, 2016 at the Sunset Bay State Park in Coos Bay, OR. For information please contact David Swanson at 510-390-6312 or by email at: ddswanson@msn.com.

USCGC INGHAM/UNIMAK – Researcher documenting early USCG AMIO efforts seeks to interview crewmembers, who may have been involved in the boarding of the Haitian M/V Esperancia in March, 1982. During this month, INGHAM boarded the M/V ESPERANCIA as it exited the Bahamas enroute Miami. UNIMAK had boarded the vessel earlier in the month at the south end of the Bahamas chain. Please email at: dan.laliberte@cox.net or call: (757) 618-4432.

327' Secretary Class Cutter Celebration and Reunion

The USCGC INGHAM and USCGC CAMPBELL Associations are planning a joint reunion, 27-29 September, 2016 at the USCGC INGHAM Maritime Museum and National Historic Landmark in Key West, Florida. Please contact www.uscgcingham.org for more information and to celebrate the 80th Birthday of the original Secretary Class Cutters. All former Secretary Class Shipmates are invited. Initial POC for INGHAM shipmates is Matt Krainski at comet1996@aol.com and Rick Croasdale for CAMPBELL at captcrow@aol.com. Former shipmates from BIBB, DUANE, HAMILTON, SPENCER, and TANEY may contact their Associations or Marty Moynihan at coeagle17@yahoo.com. Additional information is available on the INGHAM Website and from your Associations. Photo of the USCGC INGHAM below from USCG Historian's website.



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U.S.C.G.C. W 35.

Historical note: The "Treasury" class Coast Guard cutters (sometimes referred to as the "Secretary" or 327-foot class) were all named for former secretaries of the Treasury Department. The Cutter *Ingham* was named for Samuel D. Ingham, born in 1779, who became a well-known manufacturer and a long time member of the House of Representatives from Pennsylvania. He was appointed Secretary of the Treasury in 1829 by President Andrew Jackson and he served until 1831.

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Inquiry – Any Coast Guard personnel familiar with or having information about the loss of an Argentine Air Force DC4/ C-54 Reg TC-48, lost between Howard AFB Panama and Costa Rica on 3 Nov 1965, please contact Bryan Dillon at Bryan.DillonUK@gmail.com.

USCG Lightship Sailors Association will be holding their annual reunion in Norfolk VA, October 10 thru 12 2016. Contact Information: Bill Quigley at phone number: (603) 966-8690 or at email: wanderingmanitook1@msn.com. To learn more about the USCG Lightship Sailors Association, see our website: www.uscglightsailsailors.org.

The Florida Chief Petty Officers' Association (FLCPOA) will hold its semi-annual reunion at the Holiday Inn in Fort Myers, Florida, Sept 28-Oct 2, 2016. Membership in the FLCPOA is open to all who have served as a Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Coast Guard. For further information go to: FLCPOA.com.

USCG National Association of Former Stewards and Stewardmates, INC., will be holding its reunion from August 5th to August 7th, 2016 at the Navy Lodge New York Building, #408 N. Path Road, Staten Island, New York 10305. For more information contact: CWO (Ret) Artis Copeland at (718) 525-2639.

Coast Guard Air Reunion (AKA Cosmic Air) Our 57th annual reunion will be held June 13 – 16, 2016 at the Atlantis Resort and Casino, Reno, NV. For further information and/or to get on our email list, contact Roger Schmidt at: rogngina@sbcglobal.net, or call: (925) 548-3256. You may also contact Linda Ethridge at: LEther7294@aol.com, (707) 869-0157. All current, retired or veterans of Coast Guard aviation, or support personal, families or friends are cordially invited to attend.

COAST GUARD MUTUAL ASSISTANCE ... LOOKING AFTER OUR OWN

CGMA is the Coast Guard's official financial relief organization, maintained by Coast Guard men and women to help shipmates in times of need.

Since its inception in 1924, CGMA has provided over \$177 million in direct financial assistance.

Last year alone, CGMA put out over \$3.4 million to individuals and families within the Coast Guard community, including \$271,982 provided to Coast Guard retired members.



True to its motto, "We Look After our Own," CGMA relies on voluntary contributions to support its many assistance programs. Coast Guard Retirees continue to play a major role in this regard, helping to ensure CGMA remains strong and healthy.

Many have chosen to contribute by allotment from retired pay.

Others choose to contribute by check or credit card.

Please consider how you might be able to help this year. All contributions are gratefully accepted, as are bequests and other special contributions from individuals or estates.

If you would like to learn more about programs CGMA offers, or you are in need of assistance, please visit: www.cgmahq.org

You may also call: (800) 881-2462.

Information relating to non-federal entities is provided via this official Coast Guard newsletter as a matter of general interest to retired Coast Guard personnel. The organizations might engage in fundraising activities. The Coast Guard cannot and does not officially endorse these non-federal entities or their activities, including their fundraising activities. The Coast Guard cannot and does not urge anyone to donate to any non-federal entity.

RETIREE PAYDAYS FOR CY 2016

Feb 1	June 1	September 30
March 1	July 1	November 1
April 1	August 1	December 1
April 29	September 1	December 30

BOOK REVIEW: THE FINEST HOURS

By Matthew O'Connell

Michael Tougias and Casey Sherman have composed a rollicking recreation of one of the most dramatic rescues in Coast Guard history. In the winter of 1952, one of the most brutal storms in then recent memory visited the Coast of New England. Those of us born in the region know and fear the word "nor'easter" and we know your worst case scenario is to find yourself at sea. But this is exactly what happened to two oil tankers, the *Pendleton* and the *Fort Mercer*.

Both tankers were built with "dirty steel," which is to say: their ability to withstand the ferocity of a New England storm was next to nil: they split in two. Crewmembers were now at the mercy of the Atlantic in all of its roiling discontent.

The Finest Hours is the story of the attempt to rescue the men left alone in the ocean. The Coast Guard sent out cutters and two thirty-six foot lifeboats as well. The boats were wooden but the men weren't made of dirty steel; they were the real thing. It could easily have been a suicide mission but the Coastguardsmen involved did what Coastguardsmen have done since the very beginning of our service: they ignored the danger and went to save the lives of those in peril.

Boats capsize, collisions abound and men fall into the sea. Through it all there are only two intents: survival and rescue. Not all of the men will be rescued. Some will die and heroes will emerge and enter into Coast Guard and naval history. In the end, *The Finest Hours* is the story of men who refused to be beaten by the sea when they knew that other men could be.

MOVIE REVIEW: THE FINEST HOURS

By Matthew O'Connell

The Finest Hours movie is a thrilling recreation of the events described above with a bit of poetic license thrown in. Books and movies, however, are not marriages. A book can take fifty pages describing the background for a given event while a movie generally leaves the background out and goes right to the event. Hence, after an opening scene in which the legendary Boatswain's Mate, Bernie Webber (Chris Pine), finds himself in the throes of a marriage proposal, Director Craig Gillespie moves onto the action. Webber must rescue the *Pendleton*. Along the way he will nearly lose his 36 footer and its crew when he challenges the infamous Chatham Bar (and he will definitely lose his compass). Still, he will find the *Pendleton* which has split in half but has been kept afloat by the genius of its Chief Engineer (Casey Affleck) who has constructed a rudder in order to steer her towards the stability of any land formation he can find. The film crosscuts to scenes on land where Bernie's terrified fiancé (ably portrayed by Holliday Grainger) confronts the station's Commanding Officer (he is not nice but most of her scenes are pure fabrication so lets not be too hard on the CO), commiserates with a woman who lost her husband under similar circumstances when Bernie failed to rescue him and rallies the citizenry of Chatham, Massachusetts. The miracle of the rescue is largely in accord with the essence of the book. I watched the film with an audience composed of Coast Guard military and civilian personnel and we were all suitably impressed. For a fact check on book vs. film, please see:

<http://time.com/4197131/the-finest-hours-true-story/>

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Other Program Initiatives

Military Transition to Retirement: Consistent with CGNRC recommendations, efforts have been redoubled to measurably increase “retiree presence” and CG Retiree Services Program support of CG military members and spouses preparing for and transitioning to retirement. This will include active outreach and sharing of needed information, tools, and resources with CG military members/spouses – through individual contact, CG Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Seminars and other means (i.e. CG Retiree Services Website, Newsletters, etc.).

CG Retiree Caregivers: The CGNRC’s 2014 report to the Commandant included a draft *CG Retiree Caregivers Guide* for final review/approval and e-distribution to the CG retiree community. The guide is among the program’s top priorities, with plans to complete final CG Headquarters review/approval, publish/make available to the CG retiree community and present for discussion at the CGNRC meeting in April 2016.

CG Retiree Services Website (<http://www.uscg.mil/retiree/>): Also consistent with CGNRC recommendations, a detailed plan is being developed “to sustain and regularly refresh the CG retiree website and institutionalize website support.” The plan establishes the website’s purpose (support CG retiree services’ mission), target audience (CG military members transitioning to retirement and CG retiree community), strategic goals (i.e. visitors quickly find what they’re look for and information of value), web-analytics/tools and maintenance/administration procedures.

CG Recruiting: CG Retirees are encouraged to support the emerging CG “Everyone is a Recruiter” campaign by keeping an eye out for young people with whom they’d be proud to serve and referring them to CG recruiters and CGRC website at: <http://www.gocoastguard.com/> - helping to fill CG vacancies and build the future workforce.

CG Community Affairs: Volunteers, including CG retirees, contributed over 15,000 hours of volunteer time at 117 events staffed by CG Base NCR Community Affairs in 2015 – partnering with schools, charities, veterans groups, Habitat for Humanity, soup kitchens, the District of Columbia, DHS, other Federal Agencies and more. Efforts are underway to promote awareness/participation by CG retirees in local community affairs throughout the CG.

“BRAVO-ZULU”

It is important for the CG Retiree Services Program to recognize all the great people who “continue to serve” the CG and support the program’s mission. I plan to extend a “**BZ**” to at least one deserving individual, group, Retiree Council, Retiree Services Desk, or CG Unit in each quarterly issue of The Retiree Newsletter. For this issue, **BZ!** goes to Mr. Norm Paulhus, a member of the Capital Area CG Retiree Council, for his “**Normnet**.” Every day, Norm scans media reports, press releases, newsletters and other information sources about the Coast Guard and sends 5-6 selected items to loyal friends and followers within and outside the Coast Guard. At peak, there have been up to 1,000 people on Norm’s mailing list, including current CG District Commanders and Flag Officers, other active-duty members/civilian employees and folks throughout the CG retiree community – keeping all “connected” and informed about our great organization. Norm shared in a recent e-mail: “I was never directly employed by the USCG, but I spent 35 years at US DOT maintaining oversight of research activities within the Department (including Coast Guard’s). Our office for a while was located next door to USCG’s Congressional Affairs Office, and we shared the same mail stop. Things just took off from there, and over the years I just got sort of “adopted” by the Coast Guard family. I chased around the country for several decades on my own, going to promotion ceremonies, retirements, Changes of Command, and just visiting Coastie friends as they moved around. I still stay in touch with several hundred USCG men and women who became good friends during this period. I’ve also got several hundred pictures that I took during these travels and at CGHQ that I have to find a home for when I pass on. One of the key vehicles to stay in touch with my USCG friends has been what they’ve dubbed “Normnet.” Unfortunately, I had some severe health problems and due to hospitalizations I was offline for several years. I’m temporarily in an assisted living facility, and I’m back on-line using their Wi-Fi system to send out mail. I’m doing it now under the auspices of the Capital Area CG Retiree Council and Council Chair CAPT Dave Bernstein, USCG (Ret) puts selected items in the group’s newsletter and I’m sending the full raw set out to about 150 people.” **BZ** and thank you Norm, our Coast Guard family is better for your tireless, continued sharing of Coast Guard stories! To join “Normnet” (or just say “Hi”), you can send an e-mail to Norm at: otterx@earthlink.net

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Additional Items of Interest

Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program

(<https://www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance/long-term-care/>): The FLTCIP, established in 2002, offers the federal and military communities an opportunity to protect themselves from the high costs of long term care. Unfortunately, TRICARE and Medicare don't cover all healthcare needs, including long term care. FLTCIP speakers are available to provide presentations, at no cost, for CG Units, CG Retiree Councils, and other groups/individuals. FLTCIP can also set up training webinars. For additional information, contact Mr. Bill Walters at bill.g.walters@gmail.com.

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

(<http://www.consumerfinance.gov/>): Veterans and servicemembers are often targets of predatory financial institutions. Since beginning operations in July 2011, the CFPB has returned hundreds of millions of dollars to veterans and service-members through its complaint process and enforcement actions. CFPB also regularly writes articles, blog posts and advisories tailored for veterans and service-members, accessible at above website. For additional information, contact Tony Camilli, Lt Col, USAFR, Veterans Outreach Coordinator, Office of Servicemember Affairs at: anthony.camilli@cfpb.gov, (W) 202-435-7894, (C) 202-578-4280. Mr. Camilli can additionally, upon request, provide live briefings.

ID Card Office Online Expands Capabilities to DS Logon Credential Holders

ID Card Office Online (IDCO) is a self-service application developed by the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) to enable its customers, including retired Service Members, to complete tasks online that were normally done in-person at an ID card office.

These include updating a family member's contact information and authorizing an ID card replacement. Retired sponsors with a valid Department of Defense Self-Service (DS) Logon credential may now perform all family member transactions available in ID Card Office Online including electronically signing the DD Form 1172-2, "Application for Identification Card/DEERS Enrollment," for their family members online. Once electronically signed, the family member may visit their local RAPIDS ID card office and be issued their ID card without their sponsor accompanying them in-person.

As long as the sponsor has a CAC or DS Logon credential, these functions can be performed through DMDC's ID Card Office Online web application, which is accessible from milConnect at <http://milconnect.dmdc.mil>. Retired service members may obtain a DS Logon account at an ID card facility during the ID card issuance process or online anytime at: <https://myaccess.dmdc.osd.mil/> or by visiting a participating VA Regional Office (VARO). Locate the nearest VARO online at <http://www.vba.va.gov/vba/benefits/offices.asp>. Locations for the nearest ID Card issuance facility can be found at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/>.

In addition to IDCO, DS Logon provides retirees access to more than 30 partner websites such as, milConnect, DFAS myPay, TRICARE Online, and eBenefits to manage benefits on line.

HELP PRESERVE AND CELEBRATE YOUR HISTORY!

The Foundation for Coast Guard History is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote the recognition and prestige of the United States Coast Guard by emphasizing its illustrious past and contributions to the nation. Its mission to preserve and celebrate the rich history and heritage of the United States Coast Guard is succinctly captured in the Foundation's motto: *Memoria Semper* (always remember). To learn more about how you can help please visit <http://fcgh.org/> for membership information.

CAPT Bob Desh, USCG (Ret)
Board of Regents, Foundation for Coast Guard History



USCG Retirements

Name	Grade	Date of Retirement	Name	Grade	Date of Retirement
ABNEY,ZACHARY	AMT2	20160201	HENDERSON,TIMOTHY	MKC	20160201
ALEXANDER,CHARLES	IV2	20151222	HOFFMAN,THOMAS	EM2	20160201
ANDERSON,SONJA	MKC	20160201	HOLM,ROBERT	BMC	20160101
ANDERSON,DARREN	YN3	20151228	ISIDORE,DIANA	LT	20151204
ANDREWS,JAMES	CAPT	20160101	JACK,JAMES	MST3	20160228
ANTONIEWICH,KRISTY	EM3	20160222	JAMES,SHAWN	AMT3	20151228
AYRES,CHRISTOPHER	MST1	20160219	JIMENEZ,EDDIE	AMT1	20160101
BALCOM,LEE	SKCM	20160201	JONES,RANDY	AVI4	20151201
BANE,BRYAN	ME1	20160120	JORDINELLI,PHILLIP	OSS3	20151201
BARTHOLOMEW,JOHN	MSTCM	20151201	KAROLIAN,BRYAN	BMC	20160125
BEAVER,NICKLOUS	BMC	20151201	KIEHL,KRISTEN	EMCM	20151221
BENTLEY,ADAM	CDR	20160101	KING,SCOTT	MSTC	20151219
BERMAN,LARRY	HS1	20151201	KING,JOHN	MKC	20151201
BIGGS,MICHAEL	MKC	20151213	LAMBIRTH,DAVID	BMCS	20160103
BLACKFORD,ELIZABETH	PERS3	20160220	LEASK,KEVIN	BMCM	20151201
BLACKLAW,JAMES	AMT2	20151201	LEON,EMILY	BM3	20160111
BLOCK,MICHAEL	LCDR	20151201	LEWIS,CHRISTOPHER	EMCM	20151201
BOWLIN,MATHEW	LT	20160101	LIZONDRO,WILBERT	F&S2	20151201
BOWMAN,SHAWN	MAT4	20160101	LODGE,BERNARD	BM1	20160101
BOYLES,THOMAS	CDR	20160201	MARCANO,ANDREW	BM1	20151228
BRISCO,URSULA	BM2	20160110	MCCANDIES,JAMES	SK1	20160201
BULLOCK,JAYSON	BM1	20151201	MCQUEEN,BRUCE	CAPT	20160131
CADORETTE,WILLIAM	AST1	20160201	MEEKINS,TODD	SKCM	20160201
CAKE,TIMOTHY	AET1	20151201	MESSNER,KARL	BM2	20160110
CAMINHAS,ADRIANE	OSC	20160222	MONACO,SARA	LT	20160111
CARLIN,KEVIN	MK1	20151221	MONTALVO,MANUEL	MK1	20151229
CASTELLINI,JOSEPH	MK3	20151228	MOTLEY,ALEXIS	SN	20151214
CHANDLER,BRITTANY	SN	20160222	MUKSIAN,MICHAEL	FS1	20160111
CHAPMAN,NORMAN	ENG4	20151205	MULLIGAN,MICHAEL	CDR	20160207
CLARK,RICHARD	PERS2	20151201	MUNCH,WILLIAM	MKC	20160116
COAKLEY,EDWARD	ET2	20160201	NADOLNY,ANDREW	BMC	20151221
COREY,JAMES	CAPT	20160120	NEWELL,KEITH	AMT2	20160102
CRADER,RAYLEEN	FS1	20160222	NICHOLS,BRADEN	MK1	20160123
CROW,CALEB	MK3	20160107	NICKELL,JOSHUA	AMT2	20160118
CUTTER,CHRISTINE	CAPT	20151201	OLSEN,ROBERT	BM1	20151227
DALE,JEFFREY	OSCS	20160201	ONKEN,BRADLEY	PS1	20160127
DANIELS,PATRICK	AETCM	20151201	OPSAHL,LARRY	AMT2	20160201
DELANCEY,JEFFREY	MKC	20151215	PARIS,FREDERICK	IT1	20151218
DORAZIO,DEREK	CDR	20160201	PAYNE,LINDA	ET3	20160201
DOVER,MILES	BM1	20151223	PEELISH,STEVE	LCDR	20151201
DUPREE,LYNDON	AMTCM	20160201	PENNINGTON,JAMES	DCC	20160101
ECKLORD,REINO	CDR	20160101	PERKINS,CONNIE	BM1	20160102
EGNER,ANDREW	AET2	20160219	PILITOWSKI,DAVID	BOSN4	20160101
EPPERSON,WILLIAM	INF4	20160201	PITZER,KRISTINE	AMT3	20160107
EUBANKS,JORDAN	BM3	20151221	PORTER,CHRISTOPHER	LT	20151201
FARRELL,WILLIAM	MECM	20151202	PROCTOR,JAMES	BM3	20160201
FAULKNER,SARA	AST1	20160201	PRUSS,ADAM	ELC3	20151201
FELLURE,MECKENNAH	FN	20151228	QUEEN,JOHN	F&S4	20160105
FICKES,JAMES	GM1	20160101	QUINONES,IDA	YNC	20160101
FLOWERS,DAVID	SK2	20151221	RAZNY,MARK	MSSD4	20160110
FREEMAN,CHARLES	AMT3	20160222	REIMANN,SAMANTHA	FS3	20160107
FRITZ,DAVID	LCDR	20160111	RENNE,JAMES	ITCM	20160104
GENIER,RANDY	MK2	20160201	ROACH,JAIME	MEC	20151201
GIBBONS,STEPHEN	BM1	20151201	ROBERTSON,DAVID	BM2	20160107
GIGLIETTE,VICTOR	ET1	20151201	ROBINSON,DAVID	MLES4	20160101
GOMES,MICHELLE	BM3	20151217	RUECKHEIM,JULIE	SN	20160201
GONZALEZ,JENNIFER	SK2	20160201	SAEZ,RAUL	INV3	20160101
GREINER,MATTHEW	OSCS	20151221	SAITO-KALKHOVEN,ROGER	SN	20151223
HANAHAN,INDIGO	BM3	20160222	SAWYER,ROLAND	LT	20160205
HARRACHBASNETT,ILARIA	SN	20160201	SCHILLECI,FRANK	AETCS	20151201
HEGEM,JUSTIN	BMC	20160101	SCHLEMMER,ROBERT	DC1	20160101
HEINSOHN,JENNIFER	SN	20151221			

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SCHMITT, JOSEPH	LCDR	20160220
SCHULTE, KURT	LCDR	20160131
SCREEN, GREGORY	ET3	20160201
SERRA, BRYAN	EM2	20160201
SHAFFNER, VICTOR	ET2	20151218
SHOREY, SCOTT	BM1	20160201
SIBOLD, STEPHEN	IS1	20160218
SINGH, GURBACHAN	BM2	20160201
SOULE, MATTHEW	OS2	20160201
SPARKENBAUGH, DAVID	MKCM	20160201
SPOTTS, JOHN	ELC4	20160101
SUNDEVIK, GUY	MKCS	20160208
SWENSEN, STANLEY	MK1	20160101
TABOR, SEAN	FSC	20160101
TEEHAN, JOHN	PS1	20160229
TRAYLOR, ROBERT	OSS4	20151211
TRIPPEL, ROBERT	SA	20151210
TULLOS, CHRISTOPHER	OSCS	20160201
TUSS, VERN	OSS4	20160101
VAZ, MANNY	SKC	20160211
VONHOUT, CHARLES	ETCS	20151229
WAGNER, SELINA	SN	20151228
WARD, LARRY	HS2	20160101
WATSON, DOUGLAS	LCDR	20151215
WEISS, IAN	F&S2	20160101
WHITE, ANDREW	BOSN3	20160101
WHITMAN, RUSSELL	HSC	20160101
WILES, RICHARD	EMCM	20151201
WILLIAMS, JASON	SK1	20160201
WILLIAMS, JEANETTE	YN1	20160216
WILSON, TRAVIS	BM2	20160201
WOOD, CHRISTIAN	GM2	20160201
YONTZ, JACK	BM1	20160216
ZIDIK, MICHAEL	CDR	20160101

LEVENSON, ARYEH	CAPT	20151201
MCRAE, PHILIP	CAPT	20160101
MURDOCH, LORRIE	CDR	20151201
NGUYEN, HOANG-OANH	CDR	20160101
NGUYEN, LANCHI	CDR	20160101
OWEN, HENRY	CDR	20160101
PATTERSON, KENNETH	CAPT	20160201
PERMANN, COLLEEN	CAPT	20151201
PERRY, DARYL	CDR	20160201
PHILLIPS, DANNY	LCDR	20160201
PYANT, CARLTON	CAPT	20160201
RAGHEB, JACK	CAPT	20151201
REINER, ANNIE	CAPT	20151201
ROBERTS, TRACY	LCDR	20160201
RULE, DIANA	CDR	20160201
SAHR, RODNEY	CDR	20160101
SANDERS, MELISSA	CAPT	20160201
SAWYER, TONIA	CDR	20151201
SCHAPPAUGH, MICHAEL	LCDR	20151201
SIMMET, KENNETH	CDR	20151201
SMARTT, ERNESTINE	CAPT	20160201
SMITH, JEFFREY	CAPT	20160201
STACEY, SHONDA	CDR	20160101
STARR, DELORES	CDR	20160101
TAYLOR, WILLIAM	CAPT	20160101
THOMAS, MARK	CAPT	20160101
VERGE, JOSEPH	CAPT	20160201
WEAVER, DANIEL	CDR	20151201
WILCOX, BEVERLY	CDR	20160201
WILLIAMS, NANCY	CAPT	20151201
WILLIAMS, ROBERT	CDR	20160201
WILSON, ANGEL	CAPT	20160101
WINKELMAIER, JOSEPH	CAPT	20160101
WYETH, WILLIAM	CAPT	20160201
WYLLIE, DAWN	RADM	20160101



BARR, DEBORA	CAPT	20160201
NEWMAN, CARL	CAPT	20160101
PICA, JOSEPH	CAPT	20161201



BAINE, WILLIAM	CAPT	20160101
BIAGIONI, DONNA	CDR	20160101
BROOKS, MONIQUE	CAPT	20160101
BROWN, HARRY	CAPT	20160201
BURTON, MARTHA	CAPT	20151201
CASTLE, WILLIAM	LCDR	20151201
CATELLI, WILLIAM	CAPT	20151201
CENTENO-DESHIELDS, DIANE	CAPT	20160101
CONTOREGGI, CARLO	CAPT	20151201
DEBRUYN, LEMYRA	CAPT	20151201
DUNAWAY, JULIA	CAPT	20151201
FINNISON, BETH	CAPT	20160201
FISCHER, BRYAN	CAPT	20151201
GOODMAN, ROGER	CAPT	20160101
GRAJEWSKI, BARBARA	CAPT	20151201
GREEN, YVONNE	CAPT	20151201
HENNING, CLAY	CAPT	20160201
HOTTENSTEIN, OMAR	CAPT	20160201
JONES, DANA	CAPT	20160101
JORDAN, THOMAS	CAPT	20151201
KOSZAREK, MARY	CAPT	20160101

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CG RETIREE CUSTOMER SERVICE
1-800-PPC-USCG/1-800-772-8724



Legislative Change for Survivor Benefit Plan Former Spouse Coverage

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016, Pub. L. No. 114-92 § 641 (November 25, 2015) amended the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) statute to provide a member who had made an election to provide SBP (or RCSBP) coverage for a former spouse the ability to cover a subsequent spouse if the former spouse dies. Since this is a new provision to the SBP statute, the legislation also included provisions to accommodate members whose covered former spouse beneficiaries were already deceased when the legislation was enacted.

In particular, the new law provides that for a member who: before November 25, 2015, had a former spouse beneficiary under the SBP who died before that date, and who on November 25, 2015 is married to a subsequent spouse, the member may elect to provide spouse coverage for the subsequent spouse under the SBP. Any such election may only be made during the one-year period beginning on November 25, 2015 and ending on November 24, 2016. The member is responsible for all premiums due from the effective date of the election. An election to cover a spouse will be effective as follows: (a) for a member married for at least one year on the date of death of the former spouse, the effective date is the first day of the first month after the date of death of the former spouse, (b) for a member who married after the date of death of the former spouse (or in the one year period preceding the date of death of the former spouse), the effective date is the first day of the first month after the first anniversary of the marriage. The level of coverage may not be changed.

Procedure:

Any member who had a former spouse beneficiary under the Survivor Benefit Plan (or the Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan) that died before November 25, 2015, and who wishes to provide spouse coverage for a spouse to whom (s)he was married on November 25, 2015 must make a written request (**see form on next page**) and include the following documents:

- (a) Certificate of Death for Former Spouse
- (b) Marriage Certificate for Current Spouse

The request (and the supporting documents) must be received at the Coast Guard Pay and Personnel Center on or before November 24, 2016.

Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) Special Needs Trust Changes

Members who are getting ready to retire and retirees who have SBP spouse and child coverage or child coverage and who have a disabled child should be aware that the law now allows Special Needs Trusts to be designated as the recipient for the disabled child's SBP coverage.

A Special Needs Trust is a legal document that establishes an account to oversee financial assets of an incapacitated child. When a Special Needs Trust is designated as the beneficiary of an SBP annuity, SBP annuity payments are paid to the Special Needs Trust for the benefit of the incapacitated child. A key benefit of the Special Needs Trust is that SBP income does not disqualify the child from other state or federal aid that might have been jeopardized if the disabled child directly received SBP income.

Disabled or incapacitated children are those who are incapable of self-support because of a physical or mental incapacity which existed before the child's 18th birthday or was incurred before age 22 while the child was pursuing a full-time course of study.

Special Needs Trusts are higher technical documents that should be prepared by a qualified attorney. Additionally, medical paperwork must be filed with the Coast Guard to establish the child's disability and continued entitlement to SBP child coverage after the age of 18/22. If you have a disabled child named as your SBP beneficiary or if you are getting ready to retire and have a disabled child, we recommend you consult with your attorney about Special Needs Trusts and that you contact the PPC/RAS office or the PPC Legal Office with any other questions.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST:**IN RESUMING SBP COVERAGE FOR A SPOUSE AFTER THE DEATH OF A COVERED FORMER SPOUSE**

If you are interested in seeing an estimate of the costs involved in resuming coverage for your spouse after the death of your former spouse, please complete the form below, attach the necessary documentation and return to Commanding Officer (RAS), U.S. Coast Guard Pay & Personnel Center, 444 SE Quincy St, Topeka KS 66683-3591.

1. MEMBER INFORMATION			
NAME (<i>Print - Last, First, Middle Initial</i>)	SSN/EMPLID	PRESENT STATUS WITH RESPECT TO THE ARMED SERVICES (<i>Retired with pay; Retired (awaiting pay), etc.</i>)	
BRANCH OF SERVICE (CG, NOAA, PHS)	DATE THAT RETIRED PAY COMMENCED (IF APPLICABLE)	DATE OF BIRTH	
MAILING ADDRESS (<i>Street, Apartment Number, City, State, and ZIP</i>)	TELEPHONE NUMBER (<i>Include area code</i>)	E-MAIL ADDRESS	
2. FORMER SPOUSE INFORMATION			
NAME (<i>Print - Last, First, Middle Initial</i>)	SSN	DATE OF DEATH (ATTACH CERTIFICATE OF DEATH)	
3. CURRENT SPOUSE INFORMATION			
NAME (<i>Print - Last, First, Middle Initial</i>)	SSN	DATE OF BIRTH (ATTACH BIRTH CERTIFICATE)	DATE OF MARRIAGE TO MEMBER (ATTACH MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE)

(Note: Please attach certificate of death for former spouse, certificate of marriage for current spouse and current spouse's birth certificate)

(Note: Disclosures of DOB and SSN's above is voluntary; however, failure to provide the requested information may result in an inability to enter the election.)

Signature of member: _____

Date: _____

THIS FORM IS AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST. IT IS NOT AN ELECTION. IN ORDER TO ELECT COVERAGE YOU MUST RECEIVE AN ESTIMATE AND COMPLETE A FINAL ELECTION FORM



The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter FORWARD transits toward its homeport of Portsmouth, Va., Feb. 28, 2016. The crew completed a two-month-long patrol in the western and central Caribbean Sea that resulted in the seizure of more than 124 kilograms of cocaine and disruption of more than 3,000 pounds of marijuana. (U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Melissa Leake)

PORTSMOUTH, Va., February 28th — The crew of the Coast Guard Cutter FORWARD returned to their homeport of Portsmouth, Virginia, Sunday, following a two-month long patrol in the western and central Caribbean Sea that resulted in the seizure of more than 124 kilograms of cocaine and disruption of more than 3,000 lbs. of marijuana with a combined worth of approximately \$10.5 million.

These counter-drug interdictions were carried out as part of [Operation MARTILLO](#), an international detection, monitoring and interdiction operation bringing together air, land and maritime assets from the U.S. Department of Defense, the Department of Homeland Security, and Western Hemisphere and European partner nation agencies (Joint

Interagency Task Force South). During this operation, the Cutter FORWARD worked jointly with several nations in the central Caribbean to include the Bahamas, Honduras, Haiti, Dominican Republic and Nicaragua.

In addition to stemming the flow of illicit contraband, Cutter FORWARD led a joint search and rescue for a capsized Nicaraguan tour boat in February.

Cutter FORWARD is a 270-foot medium-endurance cutter home-ported in Portsmouth, Virginia, that operates in the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico for the Commander of Coast Guard Atlantic Area. Its missions include search and rescue, maritime law enforcement, marine environmental protection, defense readiness, and ports, waterways and coastal security.

The 26-year old Cutter FORWARD, along with the service's 26 other medium endurance cutters, is slated to be replaced by a new fleet of Offshore Patrol Cutters that will operate more than 50 miles from land, carrying out the Coast Guard's maritime security and safety activities in support of national interests.

The OPC will be an economical, multi-mission ship, providing pursuit boat and helicopter capabilities and interagency interoperability. Its advanced technical features include modern sensors and enhanced surveillance capabilities necessary to detect threats far from U.S. shores and meet the demands of the Coast Guard's homeland security, search and rescue, law enforcement and other vital missions.

For more on the Coast Guard Cutter FORWARD visit <http://www.uscg.mil/lantarea/cgcForward/default.asp>

Follow updates on Cutter FORWARD's return to homeport on Twitter at [@uscglantarea](https://twitter.com/uscg_lantarea)

(Source: www.uscgnews.com)

SEVEN MILES DEEP, THE OCEAN IS STILL A NOISY PLACE

NOAA AND PARTNERS BRING BACK FIRST RECORDINGS FROM DEEPEST PART OF THE WORLD'S OCEAN

March 2 — For three weeks, a titanium-encased hydrophone recorded ambient noise from the ocean floor at a depth of more than 36,000 feet, or 7 miles, in the Challenger Deep trough in the Mariana Trench near Micronesia. Researchers from NOAA, Oregon State University and the U.S. Coast Guard were surprised by how much they heard.

“You would think that the deepest part of the ocean would be one of the quietest places on Earth,” said Robert Dziak, a NOAA research oceanographer and chief project scientist. “Yet there is almost constant noise. The ambient sound field is dominated by the sound of earthquakes, both near and far, as well as distinct moans of baleen whales and the clamor of a category 4 typhoon that just happened to pass overhead.”

The hydrophone also picked up sound from ship propellers. Challenger Deep is close to Guam, a regional hub for container shipping with China and the Philippines.

The project, which was funded by the [NOAA's Office of Ocean Exploration and Research](#), was designed to establish a baseline for ambient noise in the deepest part of the Pacific Ocean. Human-created noise has increased steadily in recent decades and getting these first recordings allows scientists in the future to determine if the noise levels are growing and how this might affect marine animals that use sound to communicate, navigate and feed, such as whales, dolphins and fish.

Getting these first recordings wasn't easy in an underwater trough deep enough to hold Mount Everest.

“The pressure at that depth is incredible,” said Haru Matsumoto, an Oregon State ocean engineer who worked with NOAA engineer Chris Meinig to adapt the hydrophone. “We had to drop the hydrophone mooring down through the water column at no more than five meters per second to be sure the hydrophone, which is made of ceramic, would survive the rapid pressure change.”

While atmospheric pressure in the average home or office is 14.7 pounds per square inch (PSI), it is more than 16,000 PSI at the bottom of the Mariana Trench.

Researchers [deployed the hydrophone](#) from the Guam-based [U.S. Coast Guard Cutter SEQUOIA](#) in July 2015. The device recorded sound continuously over 23 days, completely filling the flash drive. However, scientists had to wait until November to retrieve the hydrophone due to ships' schedules and persistent typhoons. The device remained anchored to the seafloor until scientists returned.

Another OSU co-investigator on the project, Joe Haxel, will lead a planned return to Challenger Deep in early 2017, where the researchers will deploy the hydrophone for a longer period of time and attach a deep-ocean camera.

Dziak, Matsumoto, and Haxel all work for [NOAA's Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory](#) in the [Acoustics Program](#) located at OSU's [Hatfield Marine Science Center](#) [offsite link](#). Haxel and Matsumoto are also affiliated with the Cooperative Institute for Marine Resources Studies in Newport, Oregon. The acoustic project in Challenger Deep is one of a number of projects in which the U.S. Coast Guard partners with NOAA to support scientific research.



Hydrophone being lowered into the Challenger Deep trough in the Mariana Trench in 2015. (NOAA photo)

(Source: www.noaa.gov)

SEVENTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT 10TH ANNUAL ADMIRAL'S CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

You are cordially invited to attend the Seventh Coast Guard District 10th Annual Admiral's Cup Golf Tournament in Estero, FL (just outside Ft. Myers). The tournament is sponsored by Base Miami Beach MWR and will be held at Wildcat Run Country Club, Miromar Lakes Beach and Golf Club and the Estero Country Club at the Vines on May 26, 27, and 28, 2016. These are three very prestigious private clubs that have offered to host our event this year.

Format: Thursday will be individual play w/1300 shotgun start at Wildcat Run Country Club; Friday will be individual play w/ 0830 shotgun start at Miromar Lakes Beach and Golf Club; and Saturday, scramble play w/0830 shotgun start at Estero Country Club at the Vines. We will be using the System 36 Handicap Scoring System with modified version. The scramble portion will be scratch play. To win the Admiral's Cup, the person with the lowest net score after the Individual Play will be named Champion. Additionally, the Low Gross Player and Runner-Up will also be recognized.

Cost: Tournament package is \$215 for E-6/GS-6 and below, and \$240 per player for all others and guests and this price includes the following: Green fees and cart for three rounds of golf, free range balls daily and the Awards Luncheon on Saturday at the Wildcat Run Country Clubs Main Dining Room. Non-playing guests may attend the Awards Luncheon at a cost of \$35 per person, regardless of age. We accept MasterCard or Visa credit cards and personal checks.

Accommodations: There are plenty of lodgings available in or near Estero. Visit www.hotels.com or visit the Estero Chamber of Commerce Website at <http://esterochamber.org>.

Golfers who wish to compete must download an application form from Base Miami Beach website: http://www.uscg.mil/basemiambeach/mwr/mwr_HOME.ASP or contact Mr. Bob Sova at 305-415-6673. If you are planning to attend, please fax your reservations ASAP to (305) 415-6674 and follow up with a call to (305) 415-6673 for processing payment. Entry deadline is 13 May 2016 which is also the last day to withdraw from the tournament to receive your monies back. You may also scan and email the application to: Robert.W.Sova@uscg.mil.

Use of Permissive Orders (Active Duty Military Only) is encouraged for personnel desiring to participate in this event at the discretion of your command. For additional information, please call (305) 415-6673.

NAMF RADFORD AWARD TO LIEUTENANT COMMANDER TOM BEARD USCG (Ret.)

The Naval Aviation Museum Foundation has announced that retired US Coast Guard LCDR Tom Beard is recipient of the Foundation's 2016 Arthur W. Radford Award for Excellence in Naval Aviation History and Literature. Beard, a Naval Aviator who served in both the Navy and the Coast Guard, was recognized as editor-in-chief for the three-time award winning book, *The Coast Guard*, is also the author of *Wonderful Flying Machines* and has co-authored or edited several other books. He has published more than fifty magazine and journal articles and has written edited and contributed to the production of Television documentaries. He is recipient of two previous awards for his work.

Tom is a graduate of Evergreen State College, and holds a M.A. from Western Washington University. A Navy attack pilot, Beard joined the Coast Guard after ten years of naval service and continued flying with the Coast Guard, and holds single and multi-engine, land/seaplane, and helicopter ratings, logging more than 7,000 flight hours.

Tom Beard is an avid sailor, holding a Coast Guard Master's license and cruising more than 160,000 miles nearly circumnavigating the earth twice, all the while continuing his writing.

The Radford Award will be presented at the Foundation's annual symposium, at the National Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, 4-6 May, in conjunction with The Foundation's tribute to the 100th Anniversary of Coast Guard Aviation.

For further information contact: Colonel D.J. "Deej" Kiely, USMC (Ret), Senior Editor, Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, 1750 Radford Boulevard, Ste B, NAS Pensacola, FL 32508, tel: (800) 327-2002, Ext 3223 (toll free) or you may use our FAX number at (850) 457-3032. Email is: dkiely@navalaviationmuseum.org



USCG TAPS

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GRADE	DATE	CITY	STATE
AGUILAR	DANIEL	MK2	20160113	CORPUS CHRISTI	TX
ALBENGA	MAURO	HSC	20160201	NAPLES	FL
ALESSI	THOMAS	RMC	20160226	W SENECA	NY
AYER	GERALD	HSC	20160128	SHORTSVILLE	NY
BARBER	CHARLES	MKC	20160213	STARKE	FL
BELL	WILLIAM	SK1	20151206	NORCROSS	GA
BERRY	MELVIN	BM1	20160116	BRONX	NY
BINES	JOHN	BMC	20160126	VACAVILLE	CA
BISCHOFF	HARRY	CAPT	20151223	SEGUIN	TX
BLANCHARD	JOHN	CDR	20151130	DAMARISCOTTA	ME
BLEDSON	KERRY	MSTC	20160115	MORGANTOWN	WV
BONOMI	BENNETT	LCDR	20151223	COOPER CITY	FL
BOSENBERG	CARL	CDR	20151206	N BRUNSWICK	NJ
BOSLAU	LYLE	ADC	20151210	DELTONA	FL
BOYNTON	RUSSELL	MK1	20160213	SOMERSET	MA
BROWN	NOEL	FS1	20151216	THE WOODLANDS	TX
BUNCUM	JULIUS	EN1	20151230	MT PLEASANT	SC
BURICH	GLORIA	CAPT	20160124	GRAND RAPIDS	MN
BUSSELL	BLANE	MKCM	20160126	CHARLOTTE AMALIE	VI
BUTLER	JULIUS	FS1	20160124	MANNS HARBOR	NC
CAMUNAS	ENRIQUE	EMCM	20160213	GARDEN GROVE	CA
CAPLE	LEROY	AE1	20160214	DOVER	PA
CARMACK	RICHARD	LCDR	20160123	FOLEY	AL
CARTER	DAVID	CDR	20151230	CHESTER	MD
CASALEZ	ANSELMO	GMCM	20160203	LAUREL	MD
CHASE	MAHLON	BMC	20151201	BELLEVUE	NE
COLLINS	RICHARD	BMC	20151203	ROSEVILLE	CA
CORDOCK	JAMES	DCCS	20151130	UNCASVILLE	CT
CORELL	ROBERT	MK2	20151224	LILBURN	GA
COTTON	DAVID	EM1	20151130	CHERRYFIELD	ME
CROSBY	JOHN	SN	20151130	SAN JOSE	CA
CROWELL	SAMANTHA	FN	20160214	BRICK	NJ
DABNEY	JAMES	CDR	20160115	RADFORD	VA
DANIELS	VICTOR	SA	20160216	CLEARWATER	FL
DANIELS	LEON	YNC	20160206	CHESAPEAKE	VA
DASH	ROY	CAPT	20160218	BEAVERTON	OR
DAVIDSON	ROBERT	F&S4	20151220	PALMYRA	TN
DAVIS	ROBERT	CAPT	20151223	VALENCIA	CA
DAVIS	M	SN	20160202	OCALA	FL
DECOSTA	EDWARD	SK1	20160131	MIAMI	FL
DEKONING	ANTHONY	BM1	20151229	MOREHEAD CITY	NC
DEPETER	JOSEPH	QM3	20160214	CENTEREACH	NY
DOREY	PETER	ATC	20151213	HARDSWELL	ME
DOWELL	RUSSELL	RMCS	20160210	TACOMA	WA
EDENS	JOSEPH	ENCS	20160117	MONCKS CORNER	SC
EDWARDS	JOSEPH	AEC	20151214	SOUTHPORT	NC
EUGLEY	EARLON	BMC	20160130	OKEECHOBEE	FL
EUSANTOS	GUILLERMO	FS1	20151201	ELIZABETH CITY	NC

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GRADE	DATE	CITY	STATE
<i>(TAPS continued from page 18)</i>					
EDWARD	CHARLES	MKC	20160126	CAVE SPRINGS	AR
FELDMAN	DONALD	CAPT	20151206	WHITEFISH	MT
FICKIE	EDWARD	CDR	20151231	AUSTIN	TX
FLANERY	JAMES	YNC	20151207	SPOKANE VALLEY	WA
FLEMING	PAUL	BMC	20151219	CHEYENNE	WY
FLORA	FRANK	EMCM	20160101	CUDAHY	WI
FOERSTER	BARBARA	TCCS	20160112	PT CHARLOTTE	FL
FONTAINO	FRANK	BM2	20151211	JACKSON	NJ
FORT	WILLIAM	LCDR	20160205	SHELBY	OH
FOUST	WILLARD	CWO3	20160121	WINNSBORO	SC
FRINZI	JOHN	HSC	20160206	MOBILE	AL
FRITZ	MAURICE	AECS	20151220	EMPIRE	MI
GARDNER	DAVID	DC1	20160127	LOUISVILLE	KY
GAUCHER	PHILIPPE	CAPT	20160213	COVENTRY	CT
GESICKI	DANIEL	AECS	20151130	BREMERTON	WA
GILLARD	DEWEY	EMCM	20160102	BOYNTON BCH	FL
GOLDBERG	BARRY	SABM	20160124	FL MYERS BCH	FL
GOOLSBY	FRANK	CWO4	20151214	UPPER MARLBORO	MD
GREGORY	WILLIAM	YNCS	20151229	SUN CITY	AZ
HAAS	GERALD	GMC	20160115	DUBUQUE	IA
HALL	CLARENCE	CAPT	20160114	SANFORD	ME
HALL	WILBUR	CWO3	20160219	HOLIDAY ISL	AR
HANSEN	HARVEY	LCDR	20160101	SCOTIA	NY
HANSEN	JOHN	PHC	20160218	SPRING GROVE	PA
HARTZELL	KAY	CDR	20160226	OLNEY	MD
HEARN	MARTIN	SN	20151229	PENSACOLA	FL
HERZOG	THOMAS	ATCS	20160213	SPANAWAY	WA
HILTY	RALPH	RMC	20151223	AVONMORE	PA
HINRICHS	CHARLES	CDR	20160120	ST AUGUSTINE	FL
JAMES	FAY	CDR	20151208	CAMBRIA	CA
JAMISON	ROY	LCDR	20160105	CULPEPER	VA
JOHNSON	JOHN	RMCS	20151225	EAST PALATKA	FL
JOHNSON	LARRY	FSC	20151210	JAMAICA	VA
JOHNSON	EDWARD	LCDR	20151202	KANSAS CITY	MO
JONES	EDWARD	BMC	20151209	HARRISBURG	PA
JONES	HENRY	PO2	20160112	BUCKLEY	MI
JORDAN	ANTHONY	MK1	20151217	PENSACOLA	FL
KANE	KYRAN	CWO3	20160117	EVERSON	WA
KASSELA	ROBERT	CWO2	20160205	RICE LAKE	WI
KELLY	EARL	RMCS	20160124	COEUR D ALENE	ID
KING	FREDERICK	BMC	20160205	PRIOR LAKE	MN
KLINGENSMITH	DAVID	CDR	20160105	ATHENS	WV
KLOTZSCHE	ALFRED	GM1	20160205	LOS ANGELES	CA
KRAMS	IRA	CDR	20151208	YORKTOWN	VA
KREIS	ROBERT	COMM3	20160215	DUMFRIES	VA
KRUEGER	WARREN	MKCS	20160119	BLUE SPRINGS	MO
LACHICA	JAMES	HSC	20160116	JEROMESVILLE	OH
LAMONICA	ANGELO	ATCS	20151201	SACRAMENTO	CA
LARUE	JOE	BMC	20160114	PORT HURON	MI
LAUGHLIN	FREDERIC	SK1	20160213	CAPE ELIZABETH	ME
LELAND	FRANCIS	ENC	20160117	OLD TOWN	ME
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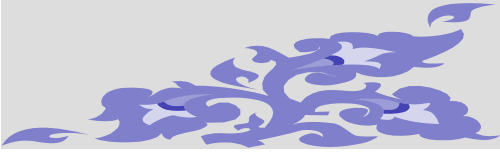

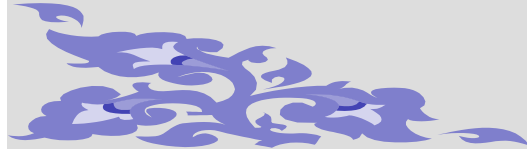
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LINNE	THEODORE	AD1	20151208	BEVERLY HILLS	FL
LIPPINCOTT	JOHN	CWO3	20151218	ROSEBURG	OR
MAES	ROBERT	ENC	20160120	CONCORD	CA
MAGLIOCCA	THOMAS	PSS2	20160102	SELKIRK	NY
MARX	ROBERT	CWO4	20160221	MANASQUAN	NJ
MASESSA	MICHAEL	MMCS	20160202	MOBILE	AL
MATHEWS	TERRANCE	YN1	20160129	ST PETERS	MO
MATTER	WILLIAM	CWO3	20160116	SWANNANOVA	NC
MAXWELL	ROBERT	GM1	20151201	BURNEY	CA
MCCOOL	MATTHEW	LT	20160112	FEASTERVILLE	PA
MCEACHERN	GEORGE	CDR	20160123	WILMINGTON	NC
MCGANNON	TERRENCE	DCC	20160107	HESPERIA	CA
MCKAY	CHARLES	BMC	20160204	NOKOMIS	FL
MCKEE	JACK	MK1	20160122	LAKE BUTLER	FL
MCKNEW	DANIEL	SN	20160214	MANAMA	
MCKNIGHT	CHARLES	MKC	20160113	RAEFORD	NC
MCSWAIN	WILLIAM	MKC	20160218	THEODORE	AL
MELANCON	RAYMOND	SKCM	20151201	MYSTIC	CT
METZGER	WILLIAM	LCDR	20151220	BEACON	NY
MILES	ROBERT	SKCS	20151205	KODIAK	AK
MILLARD	JOSEPH	BMC	20160116	TOMS RIVER	NJ
MORRIS	JAMES	MKCS	20151222	WINTER HAVEN	FL
MORRISON	ROY	ET2	20160121	MELBOURNE VILLA	FL
MUDGETT	JAMES	LCDR	20160128	SYKESVILLE	MD
MULDOON	JOHN	LT	20160225	SPARKS	NV
MULLEN	BILLY	EMC	20160120	WILLISTON	FL
MURRILL	WILLIAM	CWO3	20151130	WILLIS	TX
NIESZ	RALPH	CAPT	20160104	HONOLULU	HI
ONEIL	CHARLES	RM1	20160111	VADNAIS HGTS	MN
OUTTEN	WALTER	ETCM	20160105	GEORGETOWN	DE
PAVLIK	RICHARD	SA	20160124	STATEN ISLAND	NY
PERRIZO	IRVING	BMC	20160207	FLORENCE	WI
PERRY	MITCHELL	CDR	20160212	WHEAT RIDGE	CO
PETERSON	FRANK	MED4	20160126	DUPONT	PA
PETRIN	RALPH	BMCS	20151223	RAVENSDALE	WA
PHILLIPS	DARYL	MKCM	20160113	WESTPORT	OR
PICKARD	BART	TC1	20151222	CORVALLIS	MT
PIERCE	JONES	ADCM	20151209	SAN DIEGO	CA
PIERCE	HAROLD	BM1	20160225	MERIDIAN	ID
POPP	MILAN	BMC	20160102	EDMONDS	WA
POTTER	BYRON	YN1	20160104	W VALLEY CITY	UT
PRUITT	KENNETH	LCDR	20151219	IRVINE	CA
QUEEN	CLYDE	PSC	20160214	GREEN VALLEY	AZ
RAKER	CARL	YNC	20160215	MALVERN	AR
RAMSEY	EDWARD	MKCM	20160202	MILTON	NH
RAVENAL	JAMES	SD1	20160207	MT PLEASANT	SC
REETZ	GARY	BMC	20160108	WAUSSAU	WI
RICE	ALAN	HS1	20160104	LAKELAND	FL
RIDER	JAMES	AD2	20160120	ANCHORAGE	AK
ROBINSON	LIONEL	BMCS	20160107	WANCHESE	NC
ROE	LAURENCE	CWO3	20160223	BROWNFIELD	ME
ROJAS	EUGENIO	SKC	20160118	KEIZER	OR
ROLLINSON	VICTOR	BMC	20160111	WANCHESE	NC

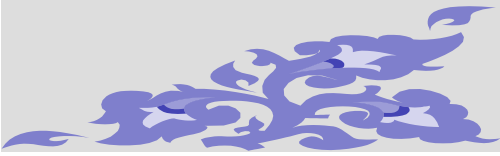

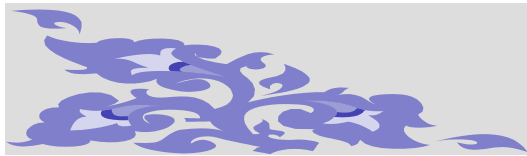
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ROSS	WILLIAM	CAPT	20151208	NEW YORK	NY
ROUSE	JOHN	CAPT	20151226	CARMICHAEL	CA
RUPP	DAVID	LCDR	20160120	NOKESVILLE	VA
SANDERS	JAMES	BMC	20151230	JUNEAU	AK
SAUNDERS	ROBERT	CWO2	20160120	RODEO	CA
SCHMARJE	JIM	SN	20160227	MESA	AZ
SCHRELL	BRUCE	SK1	20151211	PALM BAY	FL
SEABROOK	EPHIE	BMCM	20160219	FLORAL CITY	FL
SECONDEZ	SIXTO	FSC	20151210	PORT ANGELES	WA
SETTERS	JORDAN	MK2	20151210	COLUMBIA CITY	IN
SHAMPINE	JACK	CWO3	20160203	CARTERSVILLE	GA
SHARP	CHARLES	QMC	20160211	MANTUA	NJ
SIMEONE	BENJAMIN	SA	20160201	MONTROSE	NY
SIXBERRY	RONALD	CWO3	20160111	REESE	MI
SMALLEY	JACK	BMC	20151209	ALPENA	MI
SMITH	ROBERT	BMC	20160218	EXMORE	VA
SMITH	CHARLES	SKCS	20151221	NEWPORT	NC
SMITH	DELMAR	CAPT	20160101	FAIRHOPE	AL
SMITH	CLAIRE	RM1	20160119	YUMA	AZ
SOMERVILLE	GORDON	CDR	20151210	SEATTLE	WA
SPENCE	WILLIAM	CAPT	20160118	PALM COAST	FL
SPRADLIN	RAYMOND	F&S4	20151216	LITCHFIELD PK	AZ
STEG	KURT	CWO4	20160210	ORMOND	FL
STEPHENSON	BILLY	QMCM	20160215	YADKINVILLE	NC
STEUTERMAN	ROBERT	MK1	20160111	BEVERLY HILLS	FL
STEWART	JERRY	ENC	20160107	MILWAUKIE	OR
STRATHERN	DONALD	LCDR	20151203	SOUTH BEACH	OR
STUBBS	WILLIS	CSC	20160217	EDMONDS	WA
SUHONEN	RONALD	YNC	20151202	LAKE LINDEN	MI
SUMMERLIN	ROBERT	CWO3	20151227	KNOXVILLE	TN
SURACE	ANTHONY	BMC	20160123	ENCINITAS	CA
SUTTON	CARL	BM1	20160213	UNCASVILLE	CT
TAIRA	WARD	LT	20160109	HONOLULU	HI
TESON	WILLIAM	ENCM	20160227	VANCOUVER	WA
TURNER	GERALD	ENC	20160128	HEMLOCK	NY
TWISS	PATRICK	CDR	20160221	DOWNINGTOWN	PA
WAGNER	JOSEPH	ENC	20160121	EAST MORICHES	NY
WALLACE	JOHN	ATCS	20160203	POWAY	CA
WALSH	ANDREW	FTC	20160219	WINTERSPRING	FL
WALTERS	ROBERT	CWO4	20151215	SAN ANTONIO	FL
WARREN	MELISSA	ISC	20160115	RIO RANCHO	NM
WATTS	VERNON	MKCS	20151215	TYLER	TX
WEAVER	CHARLES	SN	20160113	CLEARWATER	FL
WEBBER	JAMES	AEC	20160115	OCOEE	FL
WELLS	CLAUDIA	CDR	20160105	CORPUS CHRIST	TX
WERNIG	VINCENT	CDR	20151211	PROVIDENCE	RI
WILCOXSON	JAMES	SKC	20160212	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK
WILKENS	RICHARD	RDCM	20160215	ROHNERT PARK	CA
WILKEY	LELAND	ADCS	20160223	TACOMA	WA
WILLIAMS	DANNY	DC1	20151209	GLOUCESTER	VA
WILLIAMS	CHARLES	CAPT	20151207	VIRGINIA BCH	VA
WILLIS	JIMMY	BMC	20151230	FRISCO	NC
WILLMANN	STEPHEN	BOSN4	20160201	MOBILE	AL

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YATES	BERNICE	ENCS	20160120	WELLBORN	FL
YORRO	DIGNO	SKC	20160217	GLEN BURNIE	MD
ZEAMER	CHARLES	YNCM	20160108	SILVER SPRING	MD

  					
KAISER	THEODORE	CDR	20160103	EDGEWOOD	NM
WILLIAMS	BRUCE	CAPT	20151216	BEND	OR

  					
BIRREN	JAMES	CAPT	20160115	THOUSAND OAKS	CA
BLEADINGHEISER	JAMES	CAPT	20160121	GAITHERSBURG	MD
BURICH	GLORIA	CAPT	20160124	GRAND RAPIDS	MN
DICKEY	M ELIZABETH	CAPT	20151215	TUCSON	AZ
DOHERTY	ERNEST	CAPT	20160221	GRAFTON	VA
FRAZIER	PAUL	CAPT	20160211	BOULDER	CO
HORWITZ	DAVID	CAPT	20151225	BETHESDA	MD
IDDINGS	ELIZABETH	CAPT	20151220	BARNESVILLE	OH
JACOBSON	ROBERT	CAPT	20151201	WOODSTOCK	GA
KROTOSKI	WOJCIECH	CAPT	20160101	BATON ROUGE	LA
LEWIS	PAUL	CAPT	20160130	LAS CRUCES	NM
MARSHALL	DONALD	CAPT	20160124	LEES SUMMIT	MO
OLMSTED	ROGER	CAPT	20151221	WASHINGTON	DC
REEVES	DENNIS	CDR	20151201	PARK HILL	OK
SCHULTZ	MYRON	CAPT	20160219	ATLANTA	GA
TAMSKY	MAURICE	LCDR	20151211	LA JOLLA	CA
WALSH	MARTIN	CAPT	20151213	PEARLAND	TX

DOD-USPHS PARTNERSHIP FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH

To address behavioral health issues associated with combat deployments, the Department of Defense and the U.S. Public Health Service signed a memorandum of agreement in 2008 establishing the "DOD-USPHS Partnership for Psychological Health" initiative. The initiative was designed to ensure that service members, their families, and veterans receive the resources they need by increasing the availability of behavioral health services such as psychiatric counseling, family and group therapy, and preventive and resiliency building services.

Behavioral health officers in the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service are detailed to military medical treatment facilities across the Nation to treat service members who are returning from overseas deployment with conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), insomnia, anxiety, flashbacks, and depression.

Each officer currently serving in the Commissioned Corps understands the passion and desire involved in beginning this process. We salute you on your journey to stand beside us and advance the health of this great Nation.

Source: <http://www.usphs.gov/>



DEPENDENT TAPS

Name of Dependent	Relationship	Date of Death	Location
Irene D. Aliff	Wife of LCDR William Aliff, USCG Ret	05 Feb 2016	Port Jefferson, NY
Norma Jean Allen	Wife of BM1 Bruce K. Allen, USCG Ret	06 Feb 2015	Saluda, VA
Rena Merle Anderson	Wife of CDR Floyd G. Anderson, USCG Ret	14 Feb 2016	Corpus Christi, TX
Donna Mary Austin	Wife of CAPT Ned C. Austin, NOAA Ret	27 Jan 2016	Bend, Oregon
Denise Ballingham	Wife of MK2 Don Ballingham, USCG Ret	13 Jan 2016	Uintah, UT
Diane Beith	Wife of CWO3 John Beith, USCG Ret	07 Jan 2016	Poplarville, MS
Sharon M. Berry	Daughter of CS1 Bradford E. Berry Sr., USCG Ret	18 Aug 2015	Queens, NY
Constance M. Bourland	Wife of CDR Gerald Bourland, USCG Ret	12 Nov 2015	Peculiar, MO
Nancy T. Bryant	Wife of EMCM Carroll Bryant, USCG Ret	11 Sep 2015	Lindley, NY
Iris R. Bunch	Wife of CAPT Charles Bunch, USPHS Ret	12 May 2015	Louisville, KY
Selina Cidade	Wife of CWO3 Eduardo F. Cidade, USCG Ret	30 Oct 2015	N. Sewickley, PA
Mary T. Conway	Wife of CDR Steven Conway, USCG Ret	18 Dec 2015	Purcell, OK
Virginia L. DeCastro	Wife of SKCM Margarito G. DeCastro, USCG Ret	19 Jan 2016	Murrells Inlet, SC
Julia A. Dein	Wife of CDR Richard J. Dein, USCG Ret	30 Aug 2015	Annapolis, MD
Gail Marie Dellapelle	Wife of DC1 John Dellapelle III, USCG Ret	15 Dec 2015	Dearborn Heights, MI
Kelly S. Diaz	Wife of MKC John A. Diaz, USCG Ret	24 Jan 2016	Panama City, FL
Donna Ewing	Wife of CWO4 Frederick Ewing, USCG Ret	31 Jan 2016	Paradise, CA
Mary Shine Figueroa	Wife of PS1 Jesus E. Figueroa, USCG Ret	19 Jan 2016	Laguna Niguel, CA
Vivian French	Wife of CDR Orland French, USCG Ret	24 Apr 2015	Adamston, MD
Ruby I. (Jones) Garrett	Wife of EMC Carl Garrett, USCG Ret	30 Nov 2015	Portsmouth, VA
Beatrice Gipe	Wife of CAPT Harold Gipe, USCG Ret	27 May 2015	Boca Raton, FL
Lynn Jasienowski	Wife of ENG3 Paul Jasienowski, USCG Ret	22 Dec 2015	Northport, ME
Roberta L. McCarthy	Wife of LT Joseph B. McCarthy, USCG Ret	16 Dec 2015	Petaluma, CA
Jean C. Medlock	Wife of TT1 John Medlock, USCG Ret	25 May 2015	South Elgin, IL
Roberta Reid Nixon	Wife of CAPT James Nixon, USPHS Ret	12 Aug 2015	Lake Oswego, OR
Virginia Louise Price	Wife of VADM Robert I. Price, USCG Ret	03 Mar 2016	Melbourne, FL
Patricia A. Seligman	Wife of CWO4 Larry P. Seligman, USCG Ret	26 Dec 2015	Valrico, FL
Jessie Louise Tomac	Wife of ENC William Tomac, USCG Ret	31 Dec 2015	Grand Rapids, MI
Kathleen A. Vernier	Wife of CWO3 Steven C. Vernier, USCG Ret	15 Feb 2016	Murfreesboro, TN
Evelyn Ward	Wife of RMCM Robert Ward, USCG Ret	29 Jan 2016	Collegedale, TN

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 Retiree 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.



Sitting proudly atop a hill at Arlington National Cemetery— sandwiched between sections 4 and 8 – is the **Coast Guard Memorial**. Warmly referred to as Coast Guard Hill due to its prominence, the memorial is a 12-foot pyramid rising out of the ground and is constructed of marble on a base of granite. The memorial pays homage to Coast Guardsmen who lost their lives in World War I, including those who perished aboard the cutter TAMPA. U.S. Coast Guard photo by PO1 Timothy Tamargo.

For more information see: <http://coastguard.dodlive.mil/2012/11/a-memorial-by-our-own-to-our-own/>

DEPUTY COMMANDANT FOR MISSION SUPPORT

The DCMS Watch is a 24X7 manned watch that is the primary point of contact for emergent mission support issues. Typical DCMS Watch activities include monitoring urgent personnel issues, tracking significant logistical events for deployed assets, advising Service and Logistics Centers of significant events and natural disasters and tracking Coast Guard Cutter casualties (757-398-6765 or email: d05-smb-dcms-watch@uscg.mil).

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 that the tax is being paid to.

Send your reunion or other notices to:

The Retiree 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

PHS Statement of Service

To receive instructions on how to obtain a **PHS Statement of Service**, contact: alex.potter@hhs.gov. For a **corrected** Statement of Service send your email to: phsscassignments@hhs.gov.

Coast Guard/NOAA/PHS Retiree Personnel Locator: If you are searching for a Coast Guard/NOAA or PHS 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, 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 request a copy of their DD-214 online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>.

This will reduce the waiting time veterans have experienced in the past (waiting for copies of their DD-214s).

Note: Because a written signature is required on the form, you will still need to print it out and mail or fax it to NPRC to obtain a copy.

VA compensation payments and federal income taxes

If you retired from the USCG, NOAA or PHS 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).
- ◆ 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
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

(*) 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 or PHS retiree/annuitant 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 **May 9, 2016**

RETIREE CUSTOMER SERVICE

1-800-PPC-USCG/1-800-772-8724

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/Filling Prescriptions/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	1-800-527-1000	http://www.va.gov
Insurance Information	1-800-669-8477	http://www.insurance.va.gov
Veteran's 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
To join our mailing list to receive The Retiree Newsletter and other updates via email, send an email to: cgretired-owner@cgl.uscg.mil		

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Other	Phone	Websites/Notes
Final Active Duty Pay	1-866-772-8724 Overseas (785) 339-2200	http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/ses/ Commanding Officer (SEP) USCG Pay & Personnel Center 444 SE Quincy St Topeka, KS 66683-3591
Contact PPC (SEP) 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) 801-080	http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/ Write to: National Personnel Records Center Military Personnel Records 1 Archives Drive St. Louis, MO 63138-1002
Veterans or next-of-kin of a deceased veteran can log on http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records and make requests. All others must write in and include complete name, rank/grade, SSN, dates of service and date of birth of the veteran. DD-214s 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/mariners/mariner-medals Maritime Administration U.S. Department of Transportation 200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590
National Coast Guard Retiree Council Help Desk Telephone/E-mail "HOTLINE"	(202) 475-5381 or toll free 1-866-664-6245 (ext 55381)	E-mail: NRHDesk@gmail.com

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

When you turn 65, your medical benefits will change. MEDICARE will become your primary medical coverage and TRICARE pays secondary to MEDICARE. You **MUST** enroll in MEDICARE PART B to retain your TRICARE coverage. If you are within 90 days of your 65th birthday, you should log on to <http://www.ssa.gov> or <http://www.medicare.gov> to enroll in MEDICARE PART B. Additional information can be found on the TRICARE web site at http://www.tricare.mil/Welcome/Eligibility/MedicareEligible.aspx?sc_database=web or by telephone at: 1- 866-773-0404. You may also call the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) at 800-538-9552.

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