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COXSWAIN BOB CANAVAN'S DEADLY ODYSSEY ON GUADALCANAL

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In August 1942, during the initial stages of World War II's Guadalcanal campaign, the local waters of Iron Bottom Sound concealed numerous Japanese submarines. With few Allied patrol craft available to defend against this silent but deadly menace, the Coast Guard landing craft based at Guadalcanal served as nightly anti-submarine patrols.

Each of the patrol's three LCPs (Landing Craft Personnel) took responsibility for a different part of Iron Bottom Sound. An early design of landing craft with a top speed of only eight knots, the LCP carried a crew of three and boasted a snub-nosed bow supporting side-by-side machine gun tubs. Each position held a .30 caliber air-cooled Lewis machine gun with circular pan-shaped magazines that attached to the top of the firing mechanism. The coxswain's helm and engine controls were located behind the tandem gun emplacements. The crews fitted their boats with depth charges set for fifty feet, a depth that could have sunk the enemy sub as well as the landing craft.

On Tuesday, August 18th, 1942, Coxswain Robert “Bob” Canavan volunteered to pilot one of the evening's anti-submarine patrol boats. Canavan's friends and fellow Coast Guardsmen, BM1 Charles Stickney, MM3 John Alcorn and BM2 Charles Williams volunteered to join him. Together with two marines, the crew embarked on a journey from which only one man would return. While the other LCPs deployed for their sectors of Iron Bottom Sound, Canavan steered his boat into the dark night to patrol near the small volcanic Savo Island.

Shortly before dawn on Wednesday, the 19th, Canavan sighted a warship steaming over the horizon from the west of Guadalcanal and assumed she was friendly. Instead, she was the large thirty-five-knot destroyer IJNS *Hagikaze* on a shore bombardment mission, but headed in Canavan's direction. Realizing she was an enemy warship, Canavan pushed his throttle to the stops and steered a zigzag course for the Tulagi side of the sound.

Canavan's evasive maneuvers proved too little and too late. With a top speed over four times that of the sluggish LCP, *Hagikaze* rapidly overtook Canavan and machine gunners began raking his boat. The crew's hopes of escape faded fast, so clad with life preservers, the marines, Williams, Alcorn and Stickney jumped overboard one at a time, while Canavan remained at the wheel. The last man to go over the side, BM1 Stickney, shouted, “I'll see you in hell Bob!” Kneeling at the helm, Canavan tried to escape, but enemy fire hit the boat controls. With the situation hopeless, Canavan shoved the rudder hard right and, without donning a life preserver, plunged over the side. He later recounted how he cheated death the first of many times: “As I hit the water, a burst of gunfire hit the [floor] boards where I had been kneeling.”

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CO's Corner - Congratulations to all of our newest retirees and thank you to all of our retirees and annuitants for your commitment, dedication and service to our great country! The summer months are challenging for PPC as we surge to process increased numbers of advancements, promotions, permanent change of station orders (PCS), temporary duty and PCS travel reimbursement, retirements and separations. As PPC navigates these challenges, we continually identify ways to further improve our processes and deliver exceptional service to all of our customers.

In the last Retiree Newsletter I asked for your feedback. I want to thank all of you for reaching out and sharing your ideas, thoughts and concerns. We are hearing you, and we are making improvements to how we deliver services and support to you.

In this issue of the Retiree Newsletter, I would like to focus your attention to page 9 and the article discussing the Annual Report of the Coast Guard National Retiree Council. For those not familiar, the National Retiree Council serves to sustain open and positive lines of communication between the Coast Guard Commandant and the entire military retiree community. There are 16 Regional Retiree Councils that are chartered to represent the local retiree communities and collaborate with the National Council on recommendations and issues concerning retiree entitlements. For more information on the Retiree Councils and the Coast Guard Retiree Service Program as a whole, please visit the Retiree Services Program website at <http://www.uscg.mil/retiree/>. There is a wealth of information on retiree resources, benefits, programs, program changes, etc, as well as a number of links to other veteran websites such as the VA, TRICARE, Department of Defense sites and more.

While we are on the topic of websites and information, I would like to encourage members to visit the "Retirees" section on the Pay and Personnel Center website (www.uscg.mil/ppp/). Our website provides information and updates on retiree pay and benefits, VA claims processing, Survivor Benefits, TRICARE and more. There is also a great user guide to help navigate the different functions available through Global Pay Self Service. Self Service is an easy and convenient way to update your contact information, access your retiree account statements, print your IRS tax forms (1099 and 1095), change your federal and state tax withholdings and more. Of course, if you can't find it on our website, the PPC staff is standing by to assist you with all of your questions and concerns.

As always we look forward to hearing from you and 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 SKC Anthony Lim at hawaiiiretiree.cc@gmail.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, Kargaburun 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 Al 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@questgroup.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.

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.

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.

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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 was featured in "The Finest Hours" during its release in January 2016. Not many of these sea-worthy 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.

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 – The Lake Ponchartrain Basin Foundation runs the former New Canal Coast Guard Station in New Orleans. They are seeking pictures, documents, etc. from former New Canal crew members to use in educational displays within the lighthouse. Those possessing these items or any related materials of interest may contact LT (ret) Bill Lutman by phone at: (864) 836-2791 or via email at: wglutman59@yahoo.com.

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.

Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association will host their 2017 biennial convention at the Crown Plaza Hotel in San Diego, CA., May 8-12, 2017. All Coast Guard veterans are invited to attend, including non-members of the CGCVA. Come join us for the great hospitality, camaraderie, a silent auction and the awards banquet. For additional information, please feel free to contact MCPO Mike Placencia (Ret) at: cgmasterchief22@hotmail.com. First opportunity to register will be in August. For up-to-date information and CGCVA membership eligibility and application, check out our website at: www.coastguardcombatvets.org/.

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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.

All Retired CPO/SCPO/MCPO please take notice: As of 13 April 2016 the Eastern Great Lakes Chapter of the CPOA based at USCG Sector Buffalo, NY was instituted servicing Eastern Ohio, Northern Pennsylvania and Central/Western New York. If you are interested in becoming a member of this Chapter and/or the CPOA please contact Herb Gierschke, ETC (Ret) via email at: herbert.a.gierschke@uscg.mil or at his work phone: (716) 843-9396. You may also contact MKC Joe Lipp, at email: joseph.j.lipp@uscg.mil or at his work phone: (716) 843-9588.

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.uscglightsipsailors.org.

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.

2017 PRINSENDAM RESCUE REUNION - "Calling on all former shipmates, aviators, and personnel stationed ashore who assisted in the rescue of 519 passengers and crew aboard the burning Dutch Cruise Ship Prinsendam on 4 - 5 October 1980 in the Gulf of Alaska". If you or someone you know was attached to any of the below listed units during the rescue and/or subsequent sinking of the Prinsendam and are not listed on my roster "I Want To Hear From You": USCGC BOUTWELL - USCGC MEL-LON - USCGC WOODRUSH - USCGC BITT - USCG Air Stations Kodiak and Sitka - USCG Support Center Kodiak - USCG Marine Safety Offices Valdez and Juneau - PACAREA - CCGD17 - CCGD13 - CCGD12—USCG CAMPAC - USCG Communication Station Kodiak - USCG Group Ketchikan - Elmendorf Air Force Base - Royal Canadian Air Force/Canadian Air Force - Alaskan Ham Radio Operators - Yakutat Fire Department - U.S. Tanker Williamsburgh - C/V SOHIO Intrepid - C/V Portland - Dutch Cruise Ship Prinsendam (Crew & Survivors)

Our Fifth Annual Reunion will be celebrated with activities beginning on Friday, 6 October through Saturday, 7 October 2017 in Seattle, Washington to commemorate the 37th Anniversary of "One of the Greatest Sea Rescues in Coast Guard History". A special invitation is also extended to rescued passengers and crew aboard the Prinsendam. If you require the assistance of a Stokes Litter to get that sorry caboose of yours out of Charlie Status one will be provided at no cost. Note: Subsequent and additional charges for transport via the new Coast Guard HITRON Helicopter may apply.

Contact YNCS Stan Jaceks, USCG, (Ret) by email at stanley2421@localnet.com or by phone at (509) 760-4866 (c) to become a member of our association, make a reservation or get additional information. Photo below of painting by Tony Falcone used by permission of US Coast Guard Academy.



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IRS Webpage for Veterans: <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/information-for-veterans>. Designed to provide timely federal tax-related information to Veterans about tax credits and benefits, free tax preparation, financial education and asset-building opportunities available to Veterans.

BOOK REVIEW: DEVIL AT MY HEELS

Reviewed by Matthew O'Connell

For those of you who have seen the movie, "Unbroken," or read the book by Laura Hillenbrand, this is Louis Zamperini's story in his own words. "Devil At My Heels," written with the help of David Rensin, begins with Zamperini calling himself "Lucky Louie." It is a reissue of a book first published in 1955. Luck is a perception and it is up to the reader to judge whether or not Mr. Zamperini was lucky or unlucky. This might tell you more about yourself than it does Louis Zamperini.

Zamperini was born in Olean, New York on January 26, 1917 and moved to Torrance, California when he was young; the family doctor recommended the warmer weather for the Zamperini boys whose susceptibility to pneumonia was the determining factor.

A brief recap of the Zamperini story: he was a juvenile delinquent until high school where he "turned my life around." He became a championship runner who went to the famous 1936 Olympics where he shook hands with Adolph Hitler (Hitler's comment: "Ah, you're the boy with the fast finish."). He might have been one of the first runners to break the four minute mile but the 1940 Olympics scheduled for Tokyo was cancelled; instead, he joined the US Army. In 1943, ordered on a rescue mission aboard a malfunctioning bomber he miraculously survived crashing into the Pacific Ocean and was adrift forty-seven days when he was then captured by the Japanese. Things got worse. Imprisoned, he was beaten and tortured in clear violation of Article 2 of the 1929 Geneva Convention. One particular guard, Matsuhiro Watanabe, nicknamed "The Bird," made Zamperini's life a living hell. Well aware of Zamperini's fame and hence his value as a propaganda tool, various Japanese authorities attempted to force him to denounce the United States. He refused and was subjected, once again, to beating after beating, denied food and water and became the particular obsession of Watanabe. Zamperini sums up his ordeal with the following understated reflection in an afterword: "I never once gave into pressure."

After the war, Zamperini had a very difficult time putting his ordeal behind him and adjustment stateside was not easy. He quickly descended into violence and alcohol abuse until he heard a sermon by a "then-young Billy Graham." Pulling himself back together, he founded a boy's camp and found within himself the peace to publicly forgive his captors. In 1984 he carried the Olympic torch and did so again in 1996.

Zamperini also recounts the most surprising part of his story. One day, his friend Draggan Mihailovich, called him up from Japan where he had been researching the Japanese portion of Zamperini's story for a CBS special.

"...hold onto your chair."

"Okay. What's up?"

"We found the Bird," Draggan said. "And he's alive."

"What?"

"Yeah, we found him. He's alive and wealthy from selling life insurance.

Would you like to see him?"

"Absolutely."

CBS's Bob Simon interviewed Watanabe: he admitted to everything and agreed to meet Zamperini. Watanabe had been number 23 on the top forty list of war criminals which meant execution if found. However, he had been hidden out by his family until the general amnesty which negated all punishment.

Watanabe's son refused to allow his father to meet with Zamperini. He didn't want his father humiliated by having to apologize. Zamperini, possessed of a different frame of mind, said he just wanted to go to lunch with him, talk about his children and grandchildren. "What they're doing. That's all. If he brings up the war, I'd say it's unfortunate that we even had a war. The one who forgives never brings up the past to that person's face. When you forgive, it's like it never happened." In 1998 Zamperini ran, for the last time with the Olympic torch—in Japan.

Louis Zamperini, the man once classified by our government as KIA, died July 2, 2014 in Los Angeles. He was 97.

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

PUBLIC HEALTH FAIR ON CAPITOL HILL

13 July 2016

Directors and staff of COA attended the first Public Health Fair on Capitol Hill. The event was hosted by the [Coalition for Health Funding](#), of which COA is a member. Representatives Rob Wittman (R-VA) and Gene Green (D-TX), founding co-chairs of the [Congressional Public Health Caucus](#), provided brief remarks and met with exhibitors like COA.

Public Health Service officers at the COA booth included CDR Allison Adams (nurse), CAPT Kofi Ansah (pharmacist), CAPT Dean Coppola (dentist), and CAPT Sara Newman (scientist). The PHS officers discussed their role as America's Health Responders, experiences serving in the [USPHS Commissioned Corps](#) and recent domestic and international health responses. COA staff discussed the association's role of protecting the interests of the USPHS Commissioned Corps. (Source of picture below and article above: www.coausphs.org)



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.



CG RETIREE SERVICES PROGRAM

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2016 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COAST GUARD NATIONAL RETIREE COUNCIL

The Coast Guard National Retiree Council (CGNRC) held its 15th annual meeting from 19-21 April 2016 at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC. The 2016 annual report of the CGNRC was promulgated by outgoing CGNRC co-chairs RADM John Acton (Ret) and MCPOCG Skip Bowen (Ret), who were relieved on 20 April 2016 by current co-chairs RADM Ron Rábago (Ret) and MCPO Kevin Isherwood (Ret). The overall objective of the annual Council meeting is to review the CG Retiree Services Program, discuss retiree issues, report findings and recommendations to the Commandant (CCG) through CG-13 and the chain of command and directly out-brief the Commandant. This year's meeting focused on pragmatic ways to support the Coast Guard's retiree community, within the current budgetary and operational environments. The Council received briefs and updates from programs with a nexus to retiree interests; heard remarks from the Commandant and CG-13, among others; and reviewed best practices and program feedback from the Regional Retiree Councils. Through open discussion, the goals for this year's annual meeting were accomplished, including:

1. Clarify the roles of the CG National Retiree Help Desk (NRHD) and the Regional Retiree Services Desks. The Council's recommendation that Regional Services Desks no longer be required is further articulated in the Council's revised draft CI 1800.5H, discussed below and included with this year's full report.
2. Review and recommend needed changes to the CG Retiree Services Program, CI 1800.5G. The Council reviewed CI 1800.5G, paragraph by paragraph, and recommended substantial changes, contained in their revised draft CI 1800.5H.
3. Develop the Council's 2016 recommended priorities for the Retiree Services Program.

The FULL 2016 Annual Report of the CGNRC and photos from the meeting, including special ceremony with the Commandant recognizing/thanking outgoing CGNRC co-chairs and appointing new co-chairs is accessible at: <http://www.uscg.mil/retiree/> . **BZ to the CGNRC!!**

"BRAVO-ZULU"

I'd also like to extend a sincere THANK YOU and JOB WELL DONE, on behalf of the entire CG Retiree Community, to CDR Bruce Russell, USCG (ret) for his initiative and tireless efforts in developing the *Coast Guard Retirees' Caregivers Guide*. VADM Sally Brice-O'Hara, USCG (Ret), 27th Vice Commandant, graciously provided the following poignant comments placed prominently on page one of the guide:

The Coast Guard Retirees' Caregivers Guide is an invaluable ready reference for retirees, annuitants, family members and non-family caregivers (for example, hospital social workers and nursing home staff) who need information and advice during some of life's most stressful times. It was conceived from the personal experiences of Commander Bruce Russell, who then worked tirelessly to incorporate the ideas and input of the Capital Area Retiree Council to build a repository of links and resources that will be helpful to others. Managing illness, incapacitation or loss of a loved one are inevitable, often intimidating, responsibilities. I am certain that this Guide, with easy to understand definitions and relevant points of contact, will reduce anxiety and uncertainty to make the caregiver's role a little easier. It's meant for you, please use it and share it.

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BZ to CDR Bruce Russell, USCG (Ret)!!

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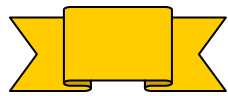
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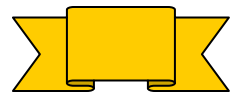
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ADAMS, MICHAEL	CDR	20160701
AGUILERA, MICHAEL	BMC	20160801
ALBRECHT, SCOT	LCDR	20160801
ALGOSO, ALAN	AETCS	20160801
ALLEN, ROGER	SKCM	20160801
ALLEN, TONIA	YNCM	20160801
ALLEN, BRAIDEN	ENG2	20160801
ANGELET, RICHARD	LCDR	20160701
ANTARAN, ALBERT	CDR	20160701
APRIL, CARISSA	CDR	20160701
ARMSTRONG, KYLE	LCDR	20160701
ATKISON, BRIAN	EMC	20160701
AULDS, GREGORY	MECS	20160801
AUTHEMENT, JOHN	LT	20160701
BAILEY, JAMES	MSSE3	20160601
BAILEY, MATHEW	BM1	20160701
BAILEY, JAMES	LCDR	20160601
BALLANCE, DEBRA	YNC	20160728
BAXTER, MICHAEL	ENG2	20160701
BEATTY, JASON	CDR	20160801
BEAUDRY, THOMAS	ASTCM	20160701
BELL, CHARLES	CDR	20160701
BELLEQUE, ERIC	CDR	20160701
BERKEY, ALLEN	YNC	20160601
BIVENS, JEFFERY	BMC	20160801
BLOCH, TODD	LCDR	20160701
BOCKSTOCE, ALBERT	BM2	20160601
BOE, MARK	CDR	20160624
BOINAY, PAUL	CAPT	20160601
BONDS, HIRAM	F&S3	20160701
BOURASSA, RICHARD	MKCM	20160701
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BRENNAN, TERRANCE	MLES4	20160801
BROWN, DENNIS	CDR	20160713
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BRYANT, BRANDON	ET2	20160822
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BURD, MARC	CDR	20160801
BURNS, STEVEN	BM2	20160722
BURNS, WILLIAM	CAPT	20160701
BURNS, TESSA	YN2	20160724
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BUTLER, PATRICK	PERS2	20160701
BUZZOLANI, MARIO	EM1	20160612
CABEL, ROMEL	ETC	20160601
CALDWELL, STEPHEN	PERS4	20160604
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CALMON, THOMAS	MEC	20160708
CAMPBELL, COURTNEY	ET3	20160624
CARAWAY, RENA	HS1	20160701
CAROWAY, AARON	AMT2	20160625
CARROLL, SHAUN	GM3	20160805
CARTER, WILLIAM	BMCM	20160701
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CERINO, AMY	PERS4	20160801
CHAMBERS, JONATHAN	ELC2	20160701
CHEATHAM, ELIZABETH	CDR	20160729
CHMIELEWSKI, CASEY	CDR	20160601
CHOATE, BRIAN	EMC	20160801
CHRISTENSEN, KARL	MSSD4	20160601

Name	Grade	Date of Retirement
CICHORACKI, CORY	LT	20160701
CLARK, CHARLES	AMT1	20160801
COLE, ANDREW	MK2	20160701
COLEMAN, ROBERT	MSTC	20160601
COLINCO, EZRA	SK1	20160801
COLLINS, BRADLEY	MSSE2	20160601
COMBS, DEAN	BMC	20160801
COMBS, THOMAS	LCDR	20160801
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CONNER, TYRONE	LT	20160801
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DALEE, TREVOR	ENG4	20160701
DANIELS, ASA	LCDR	20160701
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DAVIDSON, BRYAN	MKC	20160601
DAVIS, TROY	BM2	20160801
DEGEORGE, ANDREW	LCDR	20160801
DELLORCO, KRISTINA	CDR	20160801
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DORWART, JEFFREY	LCDR	20160701
DOUD, JOSHUA	MEC	20160701
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DUNN, AARON	FSCS	20160801
DUREN, MICHAEL	LCDR	20160601
DUTCHER, MIA	CDR	20160701
EDWARDS, HEATHER	SK2	20160628
EFTINK, VINCENT	LT	20160701
EMILE, GEORGE	MEC	20160601
ENGLAND, GEORGE	MK1	20160801
ENSWEILER, CASEY	ME2	20160723
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ESPINOZA, TIMOTHY	CAPT	20160701
EYLER, MARK	CAPT	20160701
FAIRCHILD, ROBERT	MSSD2	20160701
FAIT, CHAD	LCDR	20160701
FERRETTI, WILLIAM	BMC	20160801
FIELDS, STEVEN	OSCM	20160701
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FOLSOM, TIMOTHY	ITC	20160801
FORBES, SAMUEL	CDR	20160701
FOX, CHRISTOPHER	LT	20160801
FREEMAN, DARREN	AETC	20160601
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FRYE, JEFFREY	LCDR	20160601
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GARCIA, TECUNUMAN	ET1	20160701
GASCA, HENRY	SKC	20160701
GASKINS, GLEN	FSCS	20160701
GASS, LAWRENCE	CDR	20160617
GEFELL, DAVID	CDR	20160701
GIAMMANCO, SHANNON	LCDR	20160701
GIBSON, WILLIAM	LCDR	20160601
GILLIKIN, WILLIAM	ELC4	20160601

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GOODING,PETER	CDR	20160601	LAATZ,J	BMC	20160701
GORMAN,ANDREW	LCDR	20160701	LABORDE,KIRK	BM3	20160630
GRAYSON,DIANE	YNC	20160727	LADJACK,MICHAEL	EM3	20160624
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GROSS,STEVEN	ENG4	20160701	LANGDALE,THOMAS	BOSN3	20160801
GROW,ANDREW	MSTC	20160801	LANGFORD,KENNETH	LCDR	20160701
GUIDRY,JAMES	AMT1	20160716	LARSON,JAMES	LCDR	20160601
GUILIN,PARKER	ME1	20160729	LATHROP,ERVIN	OSCM	20160601
GUILMETTE,CHRISTOPHER	OSC	20160601	LAULE,CARL	ET1	20160805
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HACKLEY,DANIEL	MKCS	20160712	LECRONE,LYNDA	CDR	20160701
HAGLER,TED	FS2	20160628	LEGOFF,GERARD	BMCM	20160720
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HAMBY,JASON	LCDR	20160801	LEONGUERRERO,MICHAEL	CDR	20160701
HAMILTON,DAVID	IT1	20160701	LEPERE,ROBERT	BOSN2	20160601
HANSEN,WILLIAM	CAPT	20160726	LEWIS,MELISSA	YN1	20160603
HARRISON,THOMAS	CDR	20160701	LINDQUIST,ERIKA	SN	20160625
HASH,EUGENE	OS1	20160605	LITKA,RANDALL	F&S4	20160701
HAYES,JASON	LT	20160801	LOFTIS,LEE	F&S4	20160801
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JENICEK,PHILLIP	MSTCS	20160801	METRUCK,STEPHEN	RADM	20160701
JENSEN,PETER	CDR	20160724	MICHELLI,JOSEPH	MKC	20160801
JERNIGAN,KEITH	CDR	20160601	MIGLIO,PHILLIP	MK1	20160701
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JONES,KEVIN	CDR	20160701	MILLER,JAMES	MKC	20160607
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KAST,JOHN	BMCS	20160701	MOORE,BRUCE	MKCS	20160708
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KIRCHHARR,STEVEN	AETC	20160801	MORRIS,ROBERT	ET2	20160701
KLOPSON,JADON	CDR	20160701	MORRISON,LEESA	MSSE2	20160801
KOERMER,JAMES	CAPT	20160701	MOYERS,MICHAEL	LCDR	20160601

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ODONNELL, MICHAEL	AETC	20160801
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OPIE, DAVID	MK2	20160713
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OWENS, JARRETT	LT	20160701
PARKER, RAY	MKC	20160815
PAYNE, DAVID	MK1	20160808
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PENN, STEVEN	CAPT	20160628
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PETTY, SCOTT	PERS4	20160601
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PHILLIPS, NATHAN	LCDR	20160701
PIERCE, AMANDA	EM3	20160815
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PINO, CECILIA	GM3	20160701
PLACIDO, JONATHAN	BOSN4	20160601
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POWELL, ANTONIO	ISS2	20160701
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PRIESTMAN, ANNE	YNC	20160831
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QUINTANA, FRANK	ME1	20160801
RAPOSO, JOHN	BOSN4	20160829
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REESE, TERRY	OSS3	20160701
REHBERG, MICHAEL	MST1	20160613
REYNOLDS, RICHARD	CAPT	20160706
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SCHACHTNER, PAUL	LT	20160801
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SHIPLEY, REBECCA	FSC	20160801
SHIRE, DANIEL	INV3	20160601

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SPARKS, ANN	LT	20160701
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SUMNER, THURSTON	LT	20160701
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TALBOT, SCOTT	LT	20160701
TEIXEIRA, MICHAEL	DC2	20160701
TELLEZ, EVERETT	PS1	20160604
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THOMAS, WALTER	ET2	20160601
THOMPSON, STEVEN	AMT1	20160801
TILLERY, WALLACE	ETC	20160601
TIMBERLAKE, LYNWOOD	BM3	20160603
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TORREY, GREGORY	BM1	20160810
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VALENTINE, JEFFREY	BMC	20160801
VALLONE, FRANK	IVC	20160605
VANOVER, CHAD	ME2	20160801
VARNER, ANTONIO	PERS4	20160801
VARNER, LISA	MKC	20160801
VAUGHAN, THEODORE	LT	20160701
VU, VAN	LT	20160701
WAGLE, BILLY	PSS4	20160726
WARD, NEEDHAM	CAPT	20160815
WARD, ERIC	CDR	20160601
WARE, JAMES	LT	20160701
WARREN, JASON	LCDR	20160801
WASSON, KEITH	MK2	20160719
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WHIDBEE, ANDRE	LCDR	20160601
WHITE, ORLANDA	SKC	20160710
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WILLEY, JASON	BMCM	20160801
WILLHELM, ROY	ME2	20160701
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WILSON, HARRY	CDR	20160701
WILSON, LONNY	MKCS	20160701

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WINN, TAQUITIA	LT	20160701
WITZMAN, KENNETH	ETCS	20160701
WONG, DANIEL	MKCM	20160701
WOOD, CLINTON	AMTC	20160601
WOODWARD, JEREMY	MK1	20160628
WOOLEVER, BRAD	EMC	20160801
WYATT, DOUGLAS	LCDR	20160701
YARES, JOHN	LCDR	20160801
YERUSHALMI, DANIEL	F&S4	20160617
YOUNG, AYLWYN	CAPT	20160701
YOUNG, JAMES	CDR	20160701

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RHAMBAROSE, HARRICHAND	CAPT	20160801
ROBINSON, TANYA	CAPT	20160801
ROMERO, PATRICK	CDR	20160601
SALTCLAH, ROSE	CAPT	20160601
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SHIJE, JOSEPHINE	CDR	20160601
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WEBB, AMY	CDR	20160601
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YAMANE, KAREN	LCDR	20160701



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NEWS FROM THE HILL

Written by Chip Chase, CG-131

If you are a reservist, are you aware that you may qualify for retired pay before the age of 60? Have you served 90 days or more on active duty in any fiscal year since January 28, 2008? If so, you may be eligible to receive your Reserve retirement pay before age 60.

The 2008 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) included a provision to reduce the age at which a reservist may collect retired pay before age 60. The retirement age may be reduced by three months for every 90 cumulative days of qualifying active duty performed in a fiscal year after January 28, 2008. The 2015 NDAA amended this even further and reads "serves on such active duty or performs such active service in any fiscal year after January 28, 2008, or in any two consecutive fiscal years after September 30, 2014." This is great news. Now, for fiscal years 2015 and beyond, any short term qualifying active duty may be accumulated across two consecutive fiscal years to attribute to retired pay prior to age 60, eliminating the fiscal year barrier that may have hampered some of you earning reduced retirement age.

Qualifying duty includes "Overseas Contingency Operations" (OCO) (10 United States Code (U.S.C.) §12302 or commonly referred to as "Title 10"), Active Duty for Operational Support (ADOS) (10 U.S.C. §12301(d)), and "med-hold" (10 U.S.C. §12301(h)) orders. Orders under 14 U.S.C. §712 authority in response to domestic incidents prior to December 31, 2011 do not qualify for Reserve Early Retirement. The Coast Guard successfully submitted a legislative change proposal to include active duty for domestic contingency response as qualifying duty for early retirement, and was subsequently amended but was not back dated. The total cumulative days, including other qualifying active duty, must be in 90 day increments, and the domestic response duty must have been performed after December 31, 2011. The effective date does include response to *SUPER STORM SANDY*, but unfortunately does not include recall in response to the *DEEPWATER HORIZON* oil spill. A reservist still may not be ordered to nor have their current orders extended beyond the original end date solely for the purpose of qualifying the member for retired pay.

Some of you may not realize that you might already be eligible. You will not, however, be allowed to collect retired pay for periods of time when you were or are in a status that entitles you to collect other forms of pay or credit toward retirement. In other words, if you are still on active duty, in a Selected Reserve (SELRES) drilling status or in an Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) status, you will have to request transfer to a retired status in order to begin collecting retired pay. If you are already in a retired awaiting pay (RET-2) status and you were eligible for Reserve Early Retirement, you may request back pay within prescribed limits.

If you believe that you are entitled to Reserve Early Retirement, depending on your current status (SELRES/IRR/ISL/ASL/RET-2), you will need to apply for retired pay to Commanding Officer (CG PPC-RAS) through the following processes:

- 1) SELRES retirement eligible members complete a Reserve Retirement Transfer request through their chain of command with a requested retirement date to Commander (CG PSC-RPM) at ARL-PF-CGPSC-RPM-1-Status@uscg.mil 100 days before the requested retirement date.
- 2) IRR/ISL/ASL members contact Commander (CG PSC-RPM-3) for assistance with completing the Reserve Retirement Transfer form at ARL-CGPSC-REM-3-Query@uscg.mil.
- 3) RET-2 members submit a Trouble Ticket to PPC at <http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/ccb> with a completed Reserve Retirement Transfer request requesting early retirement calculations. Those in a retired status who apply later than their eligibility date may receive pay retroactively to the date they were eligible, up to six years, as long as you are not in a pay status.

When you begin collecting your Reserve Early Retired pay you are classified as a RET-1, "retired receiving pay." You will qualify for a blue retired ID card; however, you will not be entitled to medical benefits until you actually reach age 60, which will be reflected on the back of the ID card. You may still be eligible for TRICARE Retired Reserve until you reach age 60 .

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Examples:

- YN1 John Doe was on “Title 10” orders from 1 October 2010 to 30 September 2011 and then received ADOS orders from 1 October 2011 to 30 September 2012. YN1 Doe would be eligible to collect retired pay at age 58, as a result of serving 24 months of qualifying duty, instead of waiting until he reaches age 60.
- BMC Jane Doe was on “Title 10” orders from 1 February through 30 September 2011. BMC Doe would be eligible to collect retired pay 6 months prior to reaching age 60.
- ME2 George Bailey served on 14 U.S.C. §712 orders in response to a hurricane for 60 days from 1 March to 29 April 2011, and then served on short-term ADOS orders from 1 June to 31 July 2011. ME2 Bailey would be eligible to collect retired pay 3 months prior to reaching age 60.
- MK3 Sam Austin served on ADOS from 1 August 2015 to 30 September 2016 and received another short term ADOS orders from 1 October 2016 through 30 November 2016. Though MK3 Austin served 61 days on qualifying active duty in FY15 and 61 days of qualifying active duty in FY16, under the new rules he would qualify for 3 months of early retirement. The remaining qualifying days may be available to accumulate with any other qualifying active duty.

FAQs:

1. Do we need to show a DD214 for every 90-days of qualifying active duty or will a signed set of original orders suffice?
A: No, you will only need to provide additional proof of creditable time if you feel your SOCS computation, to include your qualifying duty toward Reserve Early Retirement, is in error.
2. Is it true that the active duty must encompass an entire 3 months from the beginning to end of a quarter, or are any 90-days eligible to earn retirement credit?
A: The qualifying active duty does not have to be consecutive, and may be a cumulative time of 90, 180, 270, or 360 days within a fiscal year, and may cross two fiscal years for any qualifying duty served on or after October 1, 2014.
3. Once my Reserve Early Retirement time is calculated, will it show up on an LES or somewhere in Direct Access?
A: No, the final calculations are done at PPC-RAS when requesting retired pay and will not show on an LES but should be reflected on the Statement of Creditable Service (SOCS). Request a SOCS at least 1 year away from when you estimate you could retire early to confirm final eligible dates and total creditable points.

IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

Federal and State Income Tax—The 1099-Rs will be issued in January 2017. Please ensure your home mailing address is correct so the forms will be mailed to the correct address. The Affordable Care Act forms (1095-Bs) will also be mailed out in January 2017. These forms will need to be filed with your federal income tax.

State Income Tax—Be sure to check your state tax withholding. If you move during a given period, be sure to also update your state tax information. The information is not automatically changed when you change your home mailing address. If you are not withholding state tax, your state of residence is where the taxable gross will be reported. State tax cannot be refunded as it is paid out on a monthly basis and 1099-Rs will not be corrected to show a different state. To obtain any money that may be due, contact the local Department of Revenue.

TRICARE AFTER 65

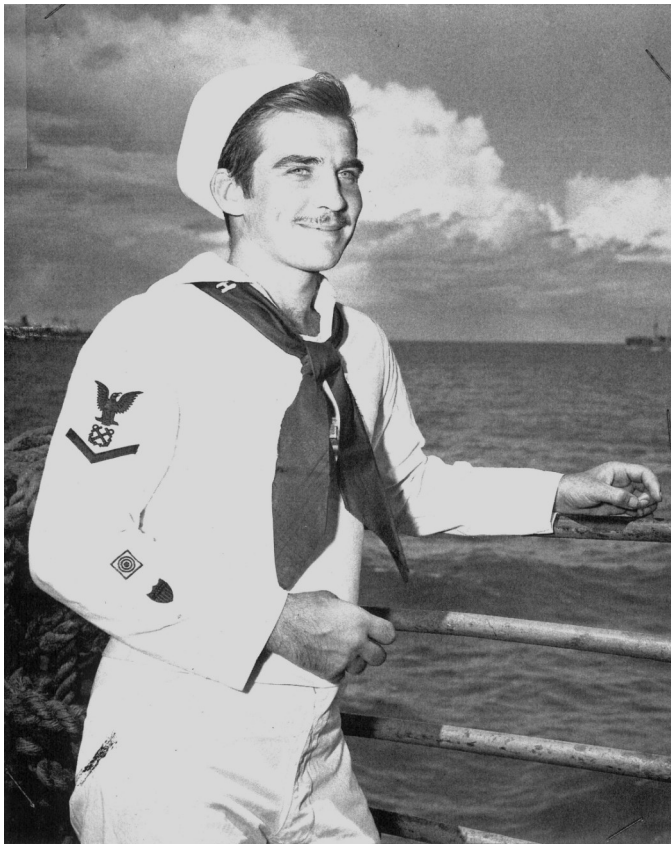
By taking a few simple steps, retirees can make sure they have their TRICARE benefits after they turn 65. Four months before your 65th birthday, you will receive a postcard from the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) with information about keeping TRICARE coverage after age 65. If you do not receive this postcard, call them at: 1-800-538-9552.

(Source: TRICARE News Release: <http://www.tricare.mil/TRICAREandMedicare082916>)

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Hagikaze closed on the empty circling LCP and shot out its motor. A small party boarded the boat and stripped out its machine guns and equipment before the destroyer sent it to the bottom of Iron Bottom Sound. Next, the Japanese warship retraced her course to deal with the crewmembers. Canavan had no life preserver and could do no better than play dead. To his astonishment, the ploy worked and the enemy left him alone. But lady luck did not smile on his shipmates. The Japanese located the five others, floating defenseless in the dark water, machine-gunned them and left them to the sharks. They were never seen again. This was one of many wartime instances where Coast Guardsmen died alongside their Marine Corps brethren.

After murdering Canavan's shipmates, *Hagikaze* resumed her mission of shore bombardment and steamed off to shell the marines on Tulagi. Meanwhile, fate had dealt Canavan both the gift of life and a death sentence. As the day dawned, he found himself alone and in shark-infested waters, clad only in shorts with no life preserver and a dozen miles from the nearest island. And so began one of the great stories of physical endurance in the annals of Coast Guard history. Canavan's chances of survival appeared bleak, so he first considered drowning himself. However, he changed his mind to attempt a crossing of Iron Bottom Sound. On Wednesday morning, he set out toward American-occupied Tulagi conserving his energy by using the sidestroke and backstroke. According to Canavan, "*I did more praying in those hours I spent in the water than I had done in the twenty previous years of my life.*" After swimming throughout the day and late into the evening, Canavan reached the shores of nearby Florida Island. He had covered over a dozen miles of ocean water in nearly twenty hours.




Photograph of Coxswain Bob Canavan after recuperating from his swim across Iron Bottom Sound to Tulagi Island. (Courtesy of the Coast Guard)

Late in the night, Canavan emerged from the water slashing the soles of his feet on coral under the surf line. Despite his lacerations, he collapsed on the beach and fell into a deep sleep. He remained in that state for so long that the local natives covered him with protective palm fronds. Famished, Canavan tried to eat a coconut for nourishment but he failed to stomach the milk and coconut meat. During the day, he hiked along Florida Island's shoreline through deserted native villages toward Tulagi. After sleeping under cover a second night on Florida Island, he located the closest point of land on Florida Island to American-occupied Tulagi. Dehydrated and exhausted with only 400 yards of water between him and a marine outpost on Tulagi, Canavan tried to swim the final leg of his odyssey. On his first attempt, he was thwarted by strong currents between the islands. He made it across on his second try, but to his surprise, the marines appeared to believe he was an enemy intruder and were prepared to shoot first ask questions later. The unit's commanding officer decided to take a chance and ordered his men to hold their fire. Canavan's life was spared yet again. Canavan finally crawled out of the water and the marines carried him to their encampment. Next, they sent him to the base hospital to recover his strength. After he recuperated, the Navy reassigned him to a new unit. Fiercely loyal to his commander and crew, Canavan disobeyed orders and stowed away on a PBY amphibious aircraft headed back to Guadalcanal. After disembarking at Henderson Field, Canavan returned to his unit and reported for duty. Not happy with Canavan disobeying orders, his Coast Guard commander dressed him down but allowed Canavan to remain with his unit on Guadalcanal.

As for the *Hagikaze*, the same day that Canavan lost his boat and shipmates, the predator became the prey. In the afternoon of Wednesday, the 19th, an Army Air Corps "Flying Fortress" zoomed across Iron Bottom Sound and caught the Japanese destroyer carrying out her shore bombardment mission off the shores of Tulagi.

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USCG TAPS

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GRADE	DATE	CITY	STATE
ADAMS	ROBERT	ATC	20160609	ELIZABETH CTY	NC
ADAMS	CHARLES	PS1	20160805	GLADE VALLEY	NC
ALEXANDER	JAMES	CDR	20160823	LOS ALAMITOS	CA
ALLEY	KENDELL	BM1	20160612	HANDCOCK	ME
ALONZO	FRANK	LCDR	20160805	MIDWEST CITY	OK
ALTENEDER	WILLIAM	MKC	20160625	LEWISTON	ID
ANDERSON	PETER	CWO4	20160807	PURVIS	MS
ARENDR	LOYDE	PS3	20160824	MONROE	LA
ARNETT	ROBERT	CDR	20160731	SEQUIM	WA
BABINEAU	WILLIAM	CAPT	20160819	AIKEN	SC
BADER	ERNEST	CAPT	20160701	SAN ANTONIO	TX
BAKER	ROBERT	BM1	20160617	CHARLEVOIX	MI
BARNETT	SIGMA	LT	20160808	VIRGINIA BEACH	VA
BARRETT	WILLIAM	FSC	20160530	YUKON	OK
BECK	GEORGE	QMC	20160622	NEW FREEDOM	PA
BENNETT	CHINIS	MMC	20160809	MIDLAND	MI
BERNAL	PATRICIO	FS1	20160730	ROSEVILLE	CA
BIDDLE	CARY	SR	20160626	BYRDSTOWN	TN
BLANCHARD	FRANCIS	CDR	20160812	VIERA	FL
BLISS	LESTER	F&S4	20160613	ZEPHYRHILLS	FL
BOWEN	GEORGE	RM1	20160426	MOBILE	AL
BOOTH	JOHN	BMC	20160819	LEESBURG	FL
BOYKIN	WILLIAM	BMCM	20160820	NORTH CAPE MAY	NJ
BREWER	CHARLES	AD1	20160630	BIRMINGHAM	AL
BURGER	LLOYD	CAPT	20160616	RAPHINE	VA
BURRISON JR	WALTER	FS1	20160623	WARNER ROBBINS	GA
BUSH	FREDERICK	CDR	20160818	CARLISLE	MA
BUYS	WARREN	MK1	20160703	WOODBIDGE	NJ
BYARS	WILLIAM	MKC	20160614	HAMPTON	VA
BYWATER	LYNN	CDR	20160711	OREM	UT
CANTERBERRY	RICHARD	FA	20160610	BAKERSFIELD	CA
CARBONE	ANTHONY	CDR	20160602	JOHNSON CITY	TN
CARTER	JAMES	BMC	20160805	HUFFMAN	TX
CLARK	STEPHEN	CAPT	20160626	FLOWER MOUND	TX
CONLEY	LARRY	BMCM	20160623	NEWPORT NEWS	VA
CORBETT	GERALD	ET1	20160830	SUMMERFIELD	FL
CORPE	DAVID	BM1	20160721	RUSHVILLE	IN
COULTER	ROBERT	BMCM	20160711	PORT ORANGE	FL
CROSS	CLYDE	ENC	20160622	FORT COLLINS	CO
CUIPENSKI	PETER	AMTC	20160713	FANNING SPGS	FL
DANIELSKI	RONALD	MKC	20160712	PINELLAS PARK	FL
DEDRICK	FREDERICK	LCDR	20160811	REHOBOTH BCH	DE
DELAIR	CARL	GMC	20160726	PASOROBLES	CA
DELIA	JOSEPH	QMCM	20160602	N LAS VEGAS	NV
DESCANT	PIERRE	BMC	20160816	METAIRIE	LA
DOHERTY	FRANK	PSS4	20160821	YUCCA VALLEY	CA
DONAHUE	ROBERT	CWO2	20160731	ROSEVILLE	CA
DUIN	ROBERT	RADM	20160624	REDMOND	WA
EVERMANN	NOAH	SN	20160621	ANCHORAGE	AK

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FALLS	DONALD	AD1	20160810	REDMOND	WA
FULCHER	LLOYD	BM2	20160613	STACY	NC
GASKINS	ELDON	ADC	20160723	BUXTON	NC
GEORGE	BOWEN	RM1	20160426	MOBILE	AL
GILBERT	FREDRIC	TTC	20160704	EL PASO	TX
GOULD	THOMAS	CDR	20160617	SAN ANTONIO	TX
GRAHAM	STEWART	CDR	20160813	JACKSONVILLE	OR
GRAY	TOMMY	EN1	20160721	YULEE	FL
GREEN	RONALD	BMCM	20160708	CONCORD	NC
GUDKNECHT	ROBERT	CDR	20160617	MEADOWBROOK	PA
HALENKAMP	ROBERT	CWO2	20160531	TRINITY	FL
HALL	EARL	CDR	20160709	PORTLAND	OR
HAMMAN	JOHNNIE	ADC	20160619	REDDING	CA
HAND	DONALD	CAPT	20160712	ALAMEDA	CA
HARDING	EDWARD	MKC	20160607	RHODESDALE	MD
HASSON	NORBERT	CSC	20160814	PLEASANTON	CA
HAY	KENNETH	ME1	20160601	KLAMATH FALLS	OR
HEILMAN	RICHARD	MK1	20160610	PETERSBURG	VA
HELBER	LARRY	CAPT	20160809	HONOLULU	HI
HENSON	KENNETH	CWO4	20160722	KIRKLAND	WA
HERRICK	EDWARD	COMM4	20160826	LAMBERTVILLE	MI
HIBBARD	DONALD	CAPT	20160828	BAHAMA	NC
HODAPP	WILLIAM	FICM	20160622	LOUISVILLE	KY
HOELL	ANDREW	RMCM	20160608	PENSACOLA	FL
HUFFORD	DAVID	BMC	20160826	ONALSKA	TX
HUMPHREY	ROBERT	CDR	20160616	WALNUT CREEK	CA
HUTTO	THERON	MK2	20160627	LARGO	FL
HYDER	TOM	BM2	20160717	PORT ARANSAS	TX
JEFFERSON	KYLE	OS1	20160816	KEY WEST	FL
JENKINS	JIMMY	BMC	20160701	BENTON	KY
KALISTA	JOSEPH	BOSN4	20160817	CHESAPEAKE	VA
KAMEROSKI	THOMAS	YNCS	20160809	JERMYN	PA
KELLEY	BOBBY	BM1	20160808	SMITHFIELD	KY
KENYON	GEORGE	CWO4	20160703	MELBOURNE	FL
KERNAGHAN	JOSEPH	ENC	20160624	PHILADELPHIA	PA
KESTER	DONALD	YNC	20160818	TAMAQUA	PA
KIDDER	RICHARD	LCDR	20160715	TOPSHAM	ME
KLENK	JOHN	CDR	20160628	OCEAN	NJ
KNIGHT	ROBERT	ET1	20160816	CALLAHAN	FL
KOLL	VICTOR	CAPT	20160723	SUN CITY WEST	AZ
LABADORF	THOMAS	MUCS	20160613	COLUMBIA	CT
LANGFORD	JOE	CSC	20160701	COLUMBUS	GA
LAWRENCE	RALPH	CDR	20160707	BEAUFORT	NC
LAWSON	WILLIAM	ENCS	20160718	QUINBY	VA
LEYDEN	KEVIN	BM1	20160625	NORTH ROYALTON	OH
LIUFAU	FAI	BM1	20160602	SAN DIEGO	CA
LOWER	WILLIAM	HS1	20160601	PUYALLUP	WA
LUCAS	ROBERT	RADM	20160710	ROUND ROCK	TX
LUELL	WILLIAM	BMCS	20160805	POINT PLEASANT	NJ
LYNCH	NORMAN	CAPT	20160630	BOWIE	MD
MAGANN	PATRICK	SKC	20160715	CENTRAL POINT	OR
MANGAN	ROBERT	BMCS	20160628	ERIE	PA

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MANLEY	EAMONN	ELC3	20160620	MADISONVILLE	LA
MARCILLIOTT	RICHARD	YN1	20160708	NIAGARA FALLS	NY
MARKING	CARL	DC1	20160623	FAIRVIEW	OR
MARTIN	CHESTER	HSCS	20160717	SPRINGFIELD	OR
MATHEWS	DAVID	MK1	20160621	LAVONIA	GA
MAYLAND	RICHARD	BMC	20160720	BLACKWOOD	NJ
MCBRIDE	CHARLES	SN	20160827	FORT WORTH	TX
MCDONALD	SEAN	BMC	20160605	BRANDENBURG	KY
MCDONOUGH	WILLIAM	RMCS	20160720	WATERFORD	CT
MCFADEN	ROBERT	LT	20160820	GILBERT	AZ
MCGEE	BOBBY	AM1	20160824	GLENWOOD	GA
MCILWAIN	ALBERT	YNC	20160623	PORTLAND	ME
MCKELVEY	JOHN	MKC	20160816	CAPE CANAVERAL	FL
MCNAMARA	PATRICK	BMCS	20160721	BEULAH	MI
MELVIN	ROBERT	CAPT	20160615	ELIZABETH CITY	NC
MEYER	GARRY	GM2	20160531	ANKENY	IA
MICHAEL	JOSEPH	BM1	20160809	INDIAN RIVER	MI
MILLER	MICHAEL	MST2	20160809	NASHVILLE	TN
MOORE	RODNEY	YN2	20160604	SAINT ALBANS	NY
MOORE	WILLARD	GMC	20160712	LIVE OAK	FL
MORGAN	GARY	BMC	20160603	EUGENE	OR
MUNRO	STEWART	MKC	20160611	HOLLYWOOD	FL
MUSSER	MARTIN	MKC	20160714	GRESHAM	OR
NEMEC	FRANK	YN1	20160707	SUGAR LAND	TX
NEWMAN	RICHARD	MKCM	20160716	TAHUJA	WA
OCONNOR	ROBERT	AM1	20160726	MARION	AR
OLIVER	ROBERT	BMC	20160603	PROVINCETOWN	MA
OSULLIVAN	JAMES	PS2	20160613	CANTON	MA
OSWALT	DONALD	ENC	20160701	GOOSE CREEK	SC
PEDEN	CLAUDE	CWO3	20160723	FALLON	NV
PERLOW	ROBERT	BMCM	20160630	HAMPTON BAYS	NY
PERRI	LEONARD	YNC	20160619	SCRANTON	PA
PHILLIPS	THOMAS	PSS4	20160704	MURRELLS INLT	SC
PICULELL	EDWARD	BM2	20160622	BELLVUE	WA
POTTER	EARL	CAPT	20160613	ST CLOUD	MN
POTTER	RONALD	CAPT	20160726	LOUDON	TN
RAES	WILFRED	CDR	20160819	OSWEGO	NY
REDD	AARON	SR	20160706	STAFFORD	VA
REVEILE	KENNETH	BMCS	20160621	JUPITER	FL
ROGERS	LEROY	MKC	20160725	WALL TOWNSHIP	NJ
ROGERS	TERRY	MSTCS	20160727	BRANDON	FL
ROYAL	HENRY	ADCM	20160609	YULEE	FL
RUSHING	WILLIAM	SK1	20160531	JACKSON	MS
SANBORN	HARRY	CWO3	20160729	TRAVERSE CITY	MI
SANDS	RONALD	CWO3	20160822	SUFFOLK	VA
SATERSTAD	OTTO	BMC	20160723	HANCOCK	MI
SCARBOROUGH	CELESTIAL	BM1	20160621	AVON	NC
SCHROEDER	CARROLL	CWO4	20160627	NEW CASTLE	ME
SCHULTZ	GERALD	ADCS	20160626	LEXINGTON	NC
SMITH	ERNEST	CWO4	20160731	MCLEAN	VA
SPONDER	HARRY	LT	20160711	MONTIGUE	NJ
SPRAGUE	LEWIS	RM1	20160630	HILLSBORO	OR
STARK	ORIN	MKCM	20160601	MYSTIC	CT

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STEWART	FORREST	CAPT	20160828	RYE	TX
STUART	RONALD	MKC	20160617	FALLBROOK	CA
SULLIVAN	RONALD	BMCM	20160718	EASTPORT	ME
TATE	CHARLES	YNC	20160715	NEW ALBANY	IN
THOMPSON	JOSEPH	LCDR	20160727	EMMAUS	PA
THOMPSON	JAMES	LCDR	20160819	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK
THOMPSON	ERIC	SN	20160702	HOUSTON	TX
TONKIN	JOHN	A ECS	20160624	HOMOSASSA	FL
TRACKERMAN	ANTHONY	CWO4	20160629	RIDGE CREST	NC
TRENT	JERRY	PS1	20160709	SEAL BEACH	CA
TRIGGS	DAVID	CWO3	20160721	ORLANDO	FL
TRIPP	LEIGHTON	LT	20160801	LONG BEACH	MS
VANBOMMEL	PETER	DPCM	20160601	LAS FLORES	CA
VANGEE	RICHARD	CWO3	20160829	CANTONMENT	FL
WACKOWSKI	MICHAEL	RMC	20160713	MARSHFIELD	MO
WADMAN	KENNETH	CDR	20160809	AFLENZ/STMK	AU
WALLACE	MARCUS	CAPT	20160716	CORINTH	TX
WALLEY	LOYAL	LCDR	20160812	LK PANASOFFKE	FL
WATKINS	BURTON	CWO4	20160810	THE WOODLANDS	TX
WATSON	ROBERT	ENCM	20160801	ARANSAS PASS	TX
WATTS	GEORGE	CDR	20160701	FITCHBURG	MA
WEATHERFORD	WILLIAM	MKC	20160713	QUINLAN	TX
WEBSTER	RICHARD	FS1	20160618	CUSHING	ME
WEHNER	RONALD	ENC	20160728	TOLEDO	OH
WHITE	CHARLES	MKC	20160828	SHELBYVILLE	KY
WHITE	KATHLEEN	YNC	20160723	BAINBRIDGE ISLAND	WA
WILKS	TIMOTHY	AVT1	20160615	SEMMES	AL
WILLIAMS	LAWRENCE	MKC	20160703	SPANAWAY	WA
WITHERS	LACY	CSCS	20160805	ZEPHYRHILLS	FL
WITHERSPOON	RAYMOND	SK1	20160613	DUNEDIN	FL
WOOD	DONALD	FS1	20160704	WILMINGTON	NC
WORDSWORTH	WARREN	CDR	20160813	STRASSBURG	VA
WYPICK	JOHN	CDR	20160816	SANTA ANA	CA
ZWERNER	DAVID	CAPT	20160721	GLOUCESTER PT	VA



NOAA TAPS

CURTIS	WILLIAM	CDR	20160715	SEVERNA PARK	MD
PHILLIPS	BERNARD	CDR	20160612	ASHVILLE	NC



PHS TAPS

BRACHMAN	PHILIP	CAPT	20160606	ATLANTA	GA
BRIDGE	RODNEY	CAPT	20160629	WAXAHACHIE	TX
BRUUN	ROBERT	CAPT	20160611	ALAMEDA	CA
BURKE	GENE	CAPT	20160731	TAHLEQUAH	OK

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GRADE	DATE	CITY	STATE
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CURT	GREGORY	CAPT	20160731	GARRETT PARK	MD
FORD	THOMAS	CAPT	20160618	TUCSON	AZ
HITCHINS	VICTORIA	CAPT	20160617	ROCKVILLE	MD
JACOBSON	GERALD	CAPT	20160805	OVERLAND PARK	KS
JOHNSON	BRUCE	CAPT	20160730	LEXINGTON	KY
MOORE	JAMES	CAPT	20160609	LEXINGTON	KY
MYRIANTHOPOULOS	MARJORIE	CAPT	20160721	CHICAGO	IL
NOLL	EMMETT	CAPT	20160611	MILLERSTOWN	PA
RICHARDSON	WANDA	CAPT	20160804	SUN CITY WEST	AZ
SIMPSON	DANIEL	CDR	20160612	ALBUQUERQUE	NM
SPENCER	HARRISON	CAPT	20160811	WASHINGTON	DC
STEINBERG	ALFRED	CAPT	20160614	POTOMAC	MD
WILLIAMS	JAMES	CAPT	20160602	COLORADO SPRINGS	CO

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The B-17 bomber dropped its payload and scored a lucky hit on the warship's number three gun turret—nearly sinking the *Hagikaze*, killing thirty-three and wounding thirteen of her crewmembers and causing a mushroom cloud visible across Iron Bottom Sound at Guadalcanal. Later, the severely damaged destroyer underwent emergency repairs and fought another year until the Battle of Vella Gulf, when U.S. destroyers sank her with nearly all of her crew.

Back at Guadalcanal, Thursday, August 20th, proved a momentous day for the Americans defending their small strip of the island against experienced Japanese troops. Nearly two weeks after the landings on Guadalcanal, Henderson Airfield finally opened for business when nineteen Wildcat fighters and twelve Dauntless dive-bombers arrived to begin air operations against enemy land and sea forces.



The Japanese destroyer *Hagikaze*, which sank Bob Canavan's LCP and killed his shipmates during their anti-submarine patrol on Wednesday, August 19th. (Courtesy of Wikipedia)

Coast Guard personnel serving at Guadalcanal received dozens of medals for heroism and devotion to duty, making the battle for Guadalcanal one of the most honored Coast Guard combat operations in service history. In February 1943, U.S. Army General Alexander Patch declared Guadalcanal secured of all Japanese military forces. After that, the Allies remained on the offensive for the rest of the Pacific War and the Japanese fought a lengthy retreat back to their home islands.

During Guadalcanal, Coast Guardsmen like Bob Canavan and his shipmate, Medal of Honor recipient Signalman 1st class Douglas Munro, lived up to the service's core values of honor, respect and devotion to duty.

Canavan was a member of the long blue line and later returned to his hometown of Chicago after surviving one of the most physically demanding struggles in the history of the U.S. Coast Guard.




DEPENDENT TAPS

Name of Dependent	Relationship	Date of Death	Location
Christine L. Alm	Wife of CWO4 Jeffrey Alm, USCG Ret	22 Jun 2016	Florence, AL
Frances A. Amos	Wife of CWO4 Edward L. Amos, USCG Ret	04 Jun 2016	Martinsville, VA
Ellen Jean Baker	Wife of ADC John H. Baker, USCG Ret	16 May 2016	W. Bloomfield, MI
Mary F. Bayer	Wife of BM1 William Bayer, USCG Ret	08 Jun 2016	Louisville, KY
Kathleen J. Bock	Wife of CAPT Richard R. Bock, USCG Ret	22 Jun 2016	Eustis, FL
Patricia Ann Boyer	Wife of BM1 William H. Boyer, USCG Ret	24 Dec 2015	Winter Garden, FL
Aloma Napua Bower	Wife of CWO4 Peter Bower, USCG Ret	15 Jun 2016	Montrose, CO
Sandra Case	Wife of CWO3 Howard Case, USCG Ret	25 Jun 2016	Memphis, TN
Amy Chafe	Daughter of YNCS Bart Chafe, USCG Ret	21 Jul 2016	San Diego, CA
Sue Ann Clarke	Wife of CAPT James T. Clarke, USCG Ret	13 Jul 2016	Greenville, SC
Virginia Cooper	Wife of HSC Oren Cooper, USCG Ret	31 May 2016	Lake Mary, FL
Winifred Corbett	Wife of LCDR Leland F. Corbett, USCG Ret	18 Mar 2016	N East, MD
Cynthia Ulen Domy	Wife of BMC Patrick A. Domy, USCG Ret	27 Mar 2016	Coeur d Alene, ID
Shirley M. Jenkins	Wife of MKSC Jack B. Jenkins, USCG Ret	13 Jul 2016	Louisville, KY
Melissa Johnson	Wife of YNCS Michael W. Johnson, USCG Ret	03 Jun 2016	Grand Ridge, FL
April Jones	Wife of TCCM Richard Jones, USCG Ret	06 Jun 2016	Juneau, AK
Margaret Jones	Wife of CAPT Emlyn Jones, USCG Ret	15 Jul 2016	Tacoma, WA
Lorene E. McCraw	Wife of MKC Boyce M. McCraw, USCG Ret	29 May 2016	Belleville, IL
Linda Ann McDermot	Wife of CWO3 James R. McDermott, USCG Ret	06 May 2016	Phoenix, AZ
Sarah B. O'Brien	Wife of CDR Bernard P. O'Brien Jr., USCG Ret	27 Jun 2016	New Haven, CT
Carolyn Parnell	Wife of MKC Ronald Parnell, USCG Ret	28 Mar 2016	Stephens City, VA
Sandra Lee Wetsel	Wife of MK1 Richard E. Wetsel, USCG Ret	18 Sep 2015	Claremont, NC
Kiernan A. Wimmer	Son of AMTCS Roy A. Wimmer, USCG Ret and YN1 Mary A. Pineda-Wimmer, USCG Ret	14 Nov 2015	Tempe, AZ
Betty Jean Womak	Wife of CAPT Jack Womak, USPHS Ret	01 Jul 2016	Medford, OR
Buena H. Zareno	Wife of FSCS Antonio T. Zareno, USCG Ret	07 Jan 2016	Virginia Beach, VA

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.

VA BENEFIT: SPOUSE BURIAL

Burial benefits available for spouses and dependents buried in a national cemetery include burial with the veteran, perpetual care, and the spouse or dependents name and date of birth and death will be inscribed on the veteran's headstone, at no cost to the family. Eligible spouses and dependents may be buried, even if they predecease the veteran. The veterans family should make funeral or cremation arrangements with a funeral provider or cremation office. Any item or service obtained from a funeral home or cremation office will be at the family's expense.

(Source: www.cem.va.gov)

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: phscassignments@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:

DHS Office of General Counsel
Board for Correction of Military Records
Mailstop #485
245 Murray Lane
Washington, DC 20528
Phone: (202) 447-4099
<http://www.uscg.mil/legal/BCMR.asp>

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 1099-R (reporting taxable income)

or you need to change:

- ◆ Your and your dependents' home mailing address (for Retired/Annuitant Statement, newsletter, 1099-R, 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 **Nov 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
TRICARE Eligibility—Pharmacy (Medicare info)	1-877-363-1303	http://www.tricare.mil/CoveredServices/Pharmacy/Eligibility.aspx
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
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) 801-0800	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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