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Vice Commandant Change of Watch

WASHINGTON—Vice Admiral Vivien S. Crea stepped down as the U.S. Coast Guard's vice commandant during a change of watch ceremony Friday, August 4, 2009 at 10 a.m., at the Telecommunications and Information Systems Command, 7323 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA.

The change of watch ceremony, at which Admiral Thad Allen, the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard presided, marked the transition of authority from Crea to Vice Admiral David P. Pekoske.

Crea made history when she was confirmed by the Senate in 2006, becoming the first woman in the service to achieve the rank of Vice Admiral and serve as vice commandant. As the second in command and Chief Operating Officer of the service, Crea oversaw the operations management of the organization and the development of Coast Guard policies. She was also the Coast Guard's current "Ancient Albatross," the longest-serving, active duty Coast Guard aviator.

Crea's flag assignments also included command of the Atlantic Area and the Coast Guard Defense Forces East, where she was the operational commander for all Coast Guard activities from the Rocky Mountains to the Arabian Gulf. Other assignments included service as commander of the First Coast Guard District, Military Aide to President Reagan and Executive Assistant to the 20th commandant of the Coast Guard.

Among Crea's personal awards are the Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (four awards) and the Meritorious Service Medal.

Relieving Crea is Vice Admiral Pekoske, who served as Commander, Coast Guard Pacific Area prior to his Senate confirmation as vice commandant of the Coast Guard. While in charge of Pacific Area, Pekoske was responsible for missions that included maritime safety, maritime mobility, protection of natural resources, maritime security, homeland security, and national defense in an area of operations that encompassed more than 73 million square miles throughout the Pacific Basin to the Far East. As second in command and Chief Operating Officer, Pekoske executes the Commandant's strategic intent, manages internal organizational governance and serves as Component Acquisition Executive.

Pekoske was promoted to Flag rank in 2004 while serving as the Executive Assistant to the Commandant, a position he held from 2001 to 2004. From 1999 to 2001, he commanded Coast Guard Group/Marine Safety Office (now Sector) Long Island Sound, based in New Haven, CT.

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CO's Corner

Greetings from PPC Topeka, where we are still enjoying the last little bit of what has been a cooler (and more enjoyable) summer than usual. The kids have already been back at school here since mid August and PPC continues to work hard to meet the expectations of our customers for 100% on time, accurate payroll deposits.

To that end, we are working very closely with the Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) on improving communications on members that rely on both of our services to make up their pay and disability entitlements. We have to be able to communicate quickly and accurately or we can not achieve the required accuracy when we pay our customers. We experienced lots of communication glitches during our retroactive record review project for Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay and still routinely run into challenges in this area. I am preparing for a meeting with VA and DFAS representatives as this newsletter goes to press to discuss those issues and execute a Memorandum of Agreement committing ourselves to improving our communications. This will take a consolidated effort with Coast Guard headquarters information technology staff to procure and implement "Connect Direct" application software, which is the VA's selected data transmission tool. We will keep you posted on our progress.

One thing YOU can do to make sure you don't experience any problems with our service is to keep us updated with accurate contact information, including address, phone numbers, and e-mail address. You would be surprised how many customers forget this critical requirement.

That is enough news for this edition. Please enjoy the cool weather of fall, and don't forget to check out our PPC web site <http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/ras/> Thank You!

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

Semper Paratus!

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TRICARE NEWS

Enrollment in the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program can provide cost-savings for dental care

The TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) is the first and only group dental benefits plan authorized by the federal government for Uniformed Services retirees and their families. There are many reasons why enrollment in the TRDP can help save money on the cost of dental care:

◆ Affordability and value

For the average annual premium amount that an enrollee pays per contract year for TRDP coverage, the program provides two cleanings, two routine exams and one set of x-rays per year, covered at 100% of the program allowable amount with no applicable deductible, as well as coverage for gum surgery, oral surgery and root canals. All these services are available to enrollees immediately upon their coverage effective date. In addition, the TRDP provides enrollees with \$1,200 per contract year for covered services, \$1,000 per contract year for dental accidents, and a \$1,500 lifetime maximum amount for orthodontic services.

After only 12 months of continuous enrollment, TRDP enrollees become eligible for coverage of crowns, bridges, dental implant services, dentures and orthodontics. These are often necessary services that can be extremely costly—especially without any type of dental coverage.

◆ Coordination of benefits

Many Uniformed Services members are retiring at an earlier age and many are entering the civilian work force. Coverage offered by employer plans can be costly and is not always comprehensive. The TRDP can help enrollees who have other dental coverage maximize their benefits, save on their out-of-pocket expenses and protect their family's health when their employer's plan coverage isn't quite enough.

For Uniformed Services retirees who are employed or who have a spouse who is employed and who have dental coverage in addition to the TRDP, coverage and benefits are governed by coordination of benefits (COB) rules. Under COB, most dental carriers coordinate benefits with one another to allow enrollees to maximize the coverage provided by both programs—often paying most or all of the patient's dental bill and helping to greatly reduce out-of-pocket expenses.

Adding coverage for family members through an employer's plan can also mean higher out-of-pocket costs. Sometimes, employer plans do not even offer coverage for family members. The TRDP covers eligible family members of non-enrolled Uniformed Services retirees who have a dental insurance plan through their employer that is not available to their families—so they can still get coverage for their family members when it would otherwise not be available. This special TRDP eligibility rule gives retired Uniformed Service members even more options for affordable, quality dental coverage and protection for their families.

◆ Incentives to schedule regular dental checks for yourself and your family

One of the most important things you can do for your overall health and well-being is scheduling regular dental visits for oral exams and cleanings. Early diagnosis and prevention of dental disease is key to good dental health. The dentist can often be the first to see signs of a more serious health problem.

The TRDP provides the coverage necessary to help maintain good oral health and often avoid the need for major dental treatment down the road. Under the TRDP, basic diagnostic and preventive care like annual exams, x-rays and cleanings are payable at 100% with no applicable deductible or maximum amount. With the increasing cost of health care—including dental—enrolling in the TRDP now makes better sense than waiting until more expensive services are needed later.

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VA News

VA Begins Stimulus Payments to Veterans

June 25, 2009

Recipients of Some VA Benefits Will Receive \$250

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has requested the Department of the Treasury to make \$250 payments to eligible Veterans as part of President Obama's recovery plan. The first payments were sent Monday, June 22. All payments will be distributed by June 30.

As part of the recovery plan, VA is making one-time payments of \$250 to eligible Veterans and survivors to offset the effects of the current economy. VA estimates \$500 million in payments will be made to approximately 1.9 million Veterans and eligible beneficiaries as part of this measure.

To be eligible for the payment, VA beneficiaries must have received VA's compensation, pension, dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC), or spina bifida benefits at any time between November 2008 and January 2009. Also, beneficiaries must reside within the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa or the U.S. Virgin Islands.

No application is necessary. VA used its existing payment records to determine eligibility for the \$250 payment. Beneficiaries will receive their payments the same way they receive their monthly VA benefits -- either by direct deposit or in the mail.

This payment is not countable in determining eligibility for VA pension or Parents' DIC. The law allows one \$250 payment per person. The payment is tax-free. VA beneficiaries who also receive benefits from the Social Security Administration or Railroad Retirement Board will be paid through those agencies, and will therefore not receive the payment from VA.

VA will spend more than \$1.4 billion as part of President Obama's economic recovery plan to improve services to America's Veterans. VA's Internet site – www.va.gov/recovery – provides current information about VA's work to deliver its portion of recovery act funds to benefit Veterans.

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(Source: VA Press Release dtd 25 Jun 2009)

Editor's notes

We have recently changed our name from
Personnel Service Center (PSC) to
Pay & Personnel Center (PPC)

Need a corrected DD-214?

If your DD-214 is incorrect and you want a corrected form (DD-215), you need to send your request in writing to:

Commander (ADM-3)
Personnel Service Center
US Coast Guard Stop 7200
4200 Wilson Blvd, Ste 1100
Arlington, VA 20598-7200

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

More DD-214 information

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

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.

Coast Guard/NOAA Retiree Personnel Locator: If you are searching for a Coast Guard/NOAA retired individual, we can help. Place your personal correspondence to that individual in a sealed envelope, making sure to include how they can get in touch with you. On the outside of that envelope, address it to them with their full name and rank/rate (for military). Please write your return address and attach a stamp on the envelope. Then, place that envelope in a larger envelope and address it to:

**Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy Street
Topeka, KS 66683-3591**

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

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.

Send your reunion or other notices to:

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

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

VA compensation payments and federal income taxes

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

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

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

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

REUNIONS AND NOTICES

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

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

TRACEN CAPE MAY, Retiree Council Office is located in the Work Life Building. Open hours are Tue -Thu from 0900 - 1500, and we'll take appointments for other times. It's open to CG Retirees and Active duty personnel. This includes other Armed Forces who need the service we provide. lb.F.W.Andersen@uscg.mil
kc2jpo@comcast.net <http://www.cpoacapemay.org/rcgrc.htm>. Office: (609) 898-6387 Cell: (609) 972-6453

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

Decedent Affairs Officer
LT Jeannie Paschal
ISC Cleveland, OH
Phone: (216) 902-6285
e-mail: jeannie.a.paschal@uscg.mil

Reserve Reunion Dinner and Dance
USCG Station/Base Boston Reserves
24 October 2009
Base Boston All Hands club
Contact: BMC Skip Newell at (508) 238-4443 or e-mail to astroskip@aol.com

Wilmington, NC is designated a "Coast Guard City" and a directory is being formed to get in touch with all Coast Guard personnel that live in and around the surrounding area. If interested in receiving information about activities and possibly reunions in our area, please provide the following information. Name, rank (active or retired), address, phone and e-mail. Send all information to:

CWO2 David W. Foster, USCG, Ret
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Rocky Point, NC 28457
Phone: (910) 602-3888, E-mail:
dwfcwo2@msn.com

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Adrian.H.Rymer@USCG.Mil, LFConley@USCG.Mil or
JAMES.D.OCALLAGHAN@USCG.MIL

USS CALLAWAY (APA - 35) U. S. Coast Guard Manned Attack Transport 43rd reunion. Former crew members will gather October 12-16, 2009 in Branson, MO at the Grand Plaza Hotel. For more details contact: Wallace E. Shipp, 11240 John Kline Lane, Broadway, VA 22815-2687, phone (540) 896-1194

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

"STORIS MUSEUM"- We are in the process of obtaining the former CGC STORIS for a museum in Juneau, AK. We are currently looking for any historical information and artifacts for the museum. Contact: Jim Loback @ (714) 968-8964 or www.storismuseum.org.

Coast Guard All Icebreaker Muster May 12-16, 2010 in Nashville, TN. Further information can be obtained by visiting the website www.icebreakermuster.net or contacting Louis LaRiccia at (623) 434-6805 or e-mail at icebreakermuster@yahoo.com

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New NOAA Satellite Reaches Orbit

Satellite features enhanced severe weather and solar storm detection capabilities

June 27, 2009

NOAA and NASA officials announced a new [Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite](#) (GOES), launched tonight, successfully reached orbit, joining three other GOES spacecraft that help NOAA forecasters track life-threatening weather and solar storms.

The new satellite, GOES-O, lifted off at 6:51 p.m. (EDT) from the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida, and separated from the launch vehicle at 11:12 p.m. (EDT). At the same time, the first signal was captured at the Air Force Tracking Station, Diego Garcia, located in the Indian Ocean.

“Reliable satellite coverage helps us see severe weather as it develops,” said Mary E. Kicza, assistant administrator for NOAA’s Satellite and Information Service. “With more than a thousand tornadoes touching down in the United States each year, and hurricanes a serious risk to residents along the Gulf and East coastlines, it’s critical GOES-O is in orbit and ready when needed.”

GOES-O is the second spacecraft in the GOES-N/O/P series and features significant improvements in the instruments that capture high-resolution pictures of weather patterns and atmospheric measurements.

“The imagery and data we get from GOES is key to our ability to continuously monitor and diagnose weather in the tropics,” said Bill Read, director of [NOAA’s National Hurricane Center](#) in Miami. “Continued improvements in the type and quality of GOES data will contribute to improvements in tropical cyclone forecasts.”

GOES-O also provides expanded measurements for space and solar environment monitoring, including the Solar X-Ray Imager. The SXI is improving forecasts and warnings for solar disturbances, protecting billions of dollars of commercial and government assets in space and on the ground and lessening the effect of power surges for the satellite-based electronics and communications industry. On July 7, GOES-O will be placed in its final orbit and renamed GOES-14.

NOAA has two operational GOES satellites hovering 22,300 miles above the equator – GOES-12, in the east, and GOES-11, in the west – each provide continuous observations of environmental conditions of North, Central and South America and surrounding oceans. While these two are operational, another GOES satellite, GOES-13, is in orbital storage and can be activated if one of the other satellites experiences trouble. These satellites supply the data critical for fast, accurate weather forecasts and warnings, detecting solar storm activity and relaying distress signals from emergency beacons. Once it reaches geostationary orbit, GOES-O will undergo a series of tests for approximately six months before completing its “check-out” phase. After check out, GOES-O will be placed into orbital storage mode.

NOAA manages the operational environmental satellite program and establishes requirements, provides all funding and distributes environmental satellite data for the United States. NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., procures and manages the development and launch of the satellites for NOAA on a cost reimbursable basis.

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



GOES-O launched at Space Launch Complex-37, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla.

(Source: NOAA News Release dtd June 27, 2009)



USCG Retirements

Name	Rank	Date of Retirement
ARGUELLES, MICHAEL	LCDR	20090701
ASIATICO, CAROLINA	MST1	20090618
BABCOCK, DAREN	PERS3	20090601
BACA, PAUL	CDR	20090801
BAINES, LESTER	AET1	20090817
BARRERA, ABEL	PS1	20090627
BARRY, RALPH	PS2	20090619
BASS, DAVID	MK1	20090801
BATCHELOR, ERIC	AETC	20090701
BATES, CLIFFORD	CDR	20090801
BATES, THOMAS	COMM4	20090607
BAUR, CHERYL	LT	20090701
BEACH, GEORGE	LT	20090729
BECKERS, CARL	F&S2	20090601
BECKWITH, DAVID	AMTCM	20090701
BELAIR, AARON	MK1	20090801
BENDER, BRYAN	LCDR	20090701
BENNICK, BART	OSS2	20090801
BERRYHILL, BRENDA	SKC	20090707
BEST, RAYMOND	BMC	20090723
BITZER, CHARLES	LT	20090701
BJOSTAD, JAMES	CAPT	20090601
BLACK, CLARK	LCDR	20090601
BLAHA, FRANK	LCDR	20090701
BLAIR, MICHAEL	CAPT	20090701
BOEH, WILLIAM	CDR	20090701
BOOSE, SCOTT	SKC	20090701
BORDAS, MIKE	ITCS	20090620
BOYD, THOMAS	PERS4	20090801
BRADLEY, RANDY	LCDR	20090701
BRECK, JOSEPH	EMC	20090701
BREITUNG, CRAIG	CDR	20090601
BROWN, JAMES	BM1	20090801
BROWN, JOSEPH	SK2	20090810
BRYAN, JAMES	AMT1	20090801
BUSCHMAN, NEIL	CAPT	20090701
CAHILL, THOMAS	CAPT	20090701
CAMPBELL, LIONEL	MSSE3	20090601
CAMPBELL, DONALD	LCDR	20090801
CAPPS, TRAVIS	MKCS	20090801
CASE, JOHN	MKCS	20090707
CASEY, THOMAS	LT	20090801
CHAMBERLIN, JEFFREY	MKCS	20090701
CHRONINGER, SCOTT	MSSE4	20090701
COLANTONIO, FRANCIS	LCDR	20090801
CONKLIN, CHRISTOPHER	CAPT	20090701
COPELAND, RODNEY	YN1	20090601
CORNELIUS, DAVID	ENG3	20090601
COST, JOSEPH	LCDR	20090701
COYNE, KEVIN	BOSN4	20090701
CRANSTON, WILLIAM	MED3	20090701
CRIBBO, JAVIER	EM3	20090729
CROOMS, MCCLURE	MKCS	20090801
CROWELL, ROBERT	ETC	20090601
CUMMINGS, PHILIP	BMC	20090601
CURBO, CHARLES	PS1	20090627
CURCIO, JOSEPH	OSC	20090601
DALSTRA, JONATHAN	AMT2	20090527
DALY, JOHN	CDR	20090801
DANDREA, MARK	CAPT	20090701
DANIELS, EDWIN	CAPT	20090701

Name	Rank	Date of Retirement
DAVIDSON, RUSSELL	CDR	20090701
DAVIS, DARREN	BMCS	20090701
DAVISON, CHAD	MSSD2	20090701
DEDEAUX, DAVID	BMC	20090801
DERAGON, DOROTHY	YN1	20090622
DERAGON, NORMAND	PACM	20090726
DEVEREAUX, WILLIAM	CAPT	20090701
DICKERSON, TIMOTHY	LCDR	20090701
DICKEY, STACY	FSC	20090701
DILL, EDWARD	BMC	20090601
DILLON, JAMES	ET2	20090812
DOONAN, TRACEY	SKC	20090701
DOUGLASS, SCOTT	CAPT	20090801
DUNN, VANESSA	SK1	20090801
ELDRIDGE, GREGORY	BMC	20090701
ELLIOTT, BARRY	YNC	20090615
EMERIC, ELMER	CDR	20090601
FARMER, RANDALL	CDR	20090801
FEOLA, JOSEPH	BMCS	20090731
FISH, ROBERT	MKC	20090801
FLORES, MIGUEL	MSTC	20090701
FONNER, BRYAN	ET1	20090804
FORBES, THOMAS	CDR	20090718
FORD, TAMMIE	OSC	20090701
FOX, DAVID	GMC	20090601
GARCIA, FRANK	MK1	20090724
GARCIA, JAMES	MSTC	20090701
GARZA, GREGORY	FSC	20090701
GATES, RICHARD	DC2	20090803
GENSON, LEONARD	ET1	20090614
GIEB, KERRY	EMC	20090601
GODFREY, DONALD	AVI4	20090701
GOLDBERG, BENJAMIN	ETC	20090601
GONZALEZ, RICHARD	LCDR	20090801
GRAHL, SCOTT	FS1	20090801
GREINER, EDWARD	CAPT	20090701
GRIPPA, FRANCISCO	FN	20090626
GROSS, ROBERT	BMC	20090801
GUIDICE, ANTHONY	PSC	20090619
GUSTAFSON, KENNETH	ELC2	20090701
GUTKNECHT, JAMES	ENG4	20090601
GWILT, SCOTT	BM1	20090801
HALLENBECK, PENNY	YN1	20090601
HANLIN, JOSEPH	LT	20090623
HARDING, JOHN	CDR	20090701
HARE, ANGELA	YN1	20090612
HARMON, HERBERT	BOSN3	20090701
HARRY, JEFFREY	LCDR	20090601
HARTNETT, RICHARD	CAPT	20090701
HARVEY, JEFFREY	EMC	20090801
HAWE, WILLIAM	IVCM	20090803
HAWTHORNE, JAMES	CDR	20090701
HAYES, WILLIAM	BM1	20090801
HAYES, SEAN	YNC	20090701
HECKLER, WILLIAM	OSCM	20090801
HELPER, DONALD	OS1	20090701
HENDERSON, CHARLES	EMC	20090801
HENDRY, MICHAEL	FS1	20090601
HERRERA, JOHN	HSCS	20090701
HODGINS, TIMOTHY	EM3	20090806

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HOODYDONK, ADRIANUS	BM2	20090615	MUTCHLER, JAMES	PERS3	20090701
HUDSON, HENRY	CDR	20090701	NELSON, MICHAEL	ENG3	20090801
HUENEFELD, DONALD	CDR	20090716	NEMETH, PATRICK	CAPT	20090701
HUMPHREYS, MARK	PERS2	20090601	NICKEY, RONALD	SK2	20090801
HUNTSMAN, MARVIN	SKC	20090701	NISKOCH, JOHN	MSSE3	20090701
HUNYADY, PAUL	OSCS	20090601	NOELANI, ANGELINE	LT	20090728
HUYLER, CHARLES	BM2	20090804	NOGGLE, KENNETH	AET1	20090803
JACOBS, BRADLEY	CAPT	20090701	NOTLEY, KEVIN	ENG3	20090701
JAUDON, STEPHEN	LT	20090701	OGLESBY, THELBERT	MK1	20090809
JEROME, JAY	LT	20090601	OLEARY, MICHAEL	ET2	20090705
JOHNSON, MARYFRANCES	LCDR	20090801	ONEY, JOHN	LT	20090801
JOHNSON, CHARLES	BMC	20090712	OSTLUND, DAVID	AETC	20090801
JOHNSON, ERIC	SKCM	20090801	PACSAI, KIM	LCDR	20090701
JONES, EDDIE	MK1	20090801	PALLETTE, JAYME	YN1	20090701
JORDAN, REED	PYA4	20090801	PALMER, RODNEY	HS2	20090812
KANG, CATHERINE	CDR	20090601	PANICEK, MARK	CDR	20090701
KAPP, NEIL	IT2	20090604	PARKS, CARLTON	ETCS	20090801
KASTEN, WILLIAM	LCDR	20090601	PASSARETTI, DENNIS	MK2	20090716
KAUTZMAN, LARRY	MKC	20090801	PENNINGTON, ERIC	BM3	20090630
KELLY, RICHARD	RADM	20090701	PEREZ, MANUEL	CDR	20090701
KINGREY, JEFFREY	MSSE2	20090701	PETERSON, JAMES	AST1	20090801
KISHIYAMA, LONNIE	LCDR	20090701	PETTIT, GARY	BM1	20090724
KOZELUH, JOHN	BMCM	20090728	PETTITT, JEFFREY	CAPT	20090701
KUNCES, DENNIS	LCDR	20090621	PHIPPS, MARK	LCDR	20090701
KURTZ, RAYMOND	SKC	20090701	PORTER, GREGORY	MKC	20090630
LAJAVIC, DONALD	LCDR	20090801	QUIGLEY, KEVIN	CAPT	20090701
LARKIN, DANIEL	BOSN4	20090629	RAND, MICHAEL	CAPT	20090701
LAU, COLLIN	CDR	20090717	RANDALL, ROBERT	LT	20090815
LAWING, MICHAEL	DCC	20090801	RAUWORTH, MICHAEL	CAPT	20090818
LECROY, KEHM	AMTC	20090701	RAWLINGS, ROBERT	LT	20090801
LEE, PATRICK	LCDR	20090801	REID, JAMES	LCDR	20090701
LEIB, DAVID	BM3	20090630	RENSINK, JEFFREY	AETC	20090601
LEO, MARK	FSC	20090601	RENTZ, TROY	MSSD3	20090701
LERSCH, DAVID	CAPT	20090701	REYNOLDS, DANIEL	ENG4	20090701
LESTER, CHARLES	MSSD3	20090701	RICHARDSON, PAULETT	FS1	20090801
LEWIS, JAMES	LCDR	20090718	RINKER, KEVIN	ENG4	20090701
LEWIS, JEFFERY	MSTC	20090601	ROBERTS, MICKY	AETC	20090601
LIMNEOS, DARYL	FSC	20090801	ROBERTS, MILLARD	CAPT	20090617
LITTLE, RANDY	LT	20090701	RODRIGUEZ, JOSE	DC1	20090701
LONG, JOHN	CAPT	20090815	ROSA, FRED	RADM	20090701
LONG, JOHN	CAPT	20090701	RUSSELL, MELISA	SA	20090720
LOUTTIT, JAMES	CAPT	20090701	RUSSO, AMANDA	SN	20090818
LUYSTER, WILLIAM	BM2	20090618	RUUD, JOHN	SKC	20090602
LYMANGROVER, RAND	CDR	20090613	SABIN, RICHARD	INV3	20090801
MAEDA, STEVEN	PS1	20090701	SARSLAND, SHANE	EMCS	20090801
MAHER, EDWARD	OS2	20090720	SAUNDERS, JAMES	AMT2	20090716
MAKKI, TAREK	SN	20090714	SAWYER, THOMAS	YN1	20090705
MALBROUGH, CHARLES	OSCM	20090701	SCHILTZ, MICHAEL	BM1	20090701
MARTINEZ-ORTIZ, CARMELA	LT	20090701	SEWER, DARRYL	BM1	20090801
MCCAUL, BRIAN	LCDR	20090801	SIGNOR, ROBERT	LT	20090801
MCCLELLAN, DANIEL	CAPT	20090601	SKUBY, TIMOTHY	CAPT	20090701
MCCORMICK, STARLA	YN2	20090715	SLADE, RODNEY	BMC	20090601
MCCUBBINS, DAVID	HS1	20090801	SMITH, RICHARD	ENG2	20090701
MCDEVITT, JOHN	AETCS	20090801	SMITH, DWIGHT	EM1	20090721
MCDOUGALL, DAVID	CDR	20090818	SMITH, JACK	CAPT	20090701
MCFEATERS, ROBERT	MK1	20090811	SPIDELL, DARRELL	YN1	20090629
MCGORTY, TIMOTHY	MST2	20090625	SPITLER, DANIAL	BMC	20090601
MCKIBBEN, PAUL	OS1	20090618	STABLER, RONALD	MSTC	20090727
MEDRANO, CHRISTINA	LT	20090701	STADT, PATRICK	CAPT	20090701
MEISTER, NEIL	CDR	20090801	STENBERG, MICHAEL	AETC	20090801
MELEKIAN, BERNARD	PSC	20090616	STERN, BRIAN	AMTC	20090601
MEYER, RAYMOND	CAPT	20090711	STURM, FRANCIS	CAPT	20090701
MICHALOWSKI, JAMES	CDR	20090701	SWAN, WILLIAM	INV2	20090601
MILLS, CHRISTOPHER	CAPT	20090601	SWIST, MICHAEL	OS2	20090620
MOBLEY, VICKIE	YN1	20090801	TALLEY, JESSICA	MK3	20090527
MONAGHAN, JAMES	CAPT	20090701	TENGAN, JASON	CDR	20090601
MONCK, TIMOTHY	BOSN3	20090801	THEBODO, ROBERT	ET1	20090814
MOODY, GORDON	PS1	20090702	THIBODEAU, JAMES	ET1	20090603
MORALES, SERGIO	IS1	20090701	THOMAS, LUKE	AMTC	20090601
MORSE, GEOICONDAR	YN1	20090801			

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THOMAS, GARY	F&S2	20090601
THUNBERG, PAUL	MSSE2	20090601
TREGO, MATTHEW	MSSE3	20090601
TRZIL, LAWRENCE	MST1	20090706
TUCKER, MORI	ETCS	20090801
TUNE, ALEXIS	LCDR	20090601
UNDERWOOD, MICHAEL	BM1	20090601
VANHOOSER, ERNEST	CDR	20090728
VANINWAGEN, DAVID	BM3	20090715
VENNARD, RONALD	FS1	20090531
VERONE, MONTAGUE	ETC	20090701
VIEKMAN, BRUCE	CAPT	20090701
VILLANI, SAMUEL	PSC	20090704
VONGUNTEN, RICHARD	AVI3	20090601
WALKER, ANDREW	EMC	20090801
WALKER, ALONZO	SK1	20090701
WALTER, RICHARD	EMC	20090606
WALTERS, JAMES	AETCM	20090711
WARE, DANA	CAPT	20090701
WARREN, JOHN	MKCS	20090801
WATSON, MICHAEL	MSSE4	20090801
WETMORE, FRANK	OSS4	20090701
WIGGINS, MICHAEL	AMT1	20090601
WILKERSON, KATRENIA	YNCM	20090701
WILLIAMS, KEVIN	OSC	20090701
WILLIEN, WILLIAM	MK1	20090607
WINNINGHAM, NORMAN	MSSD3	20090601
WISNIEWSKI, DOUGLAS	CAPT	20090701
WOJAHN, THOMAS	CDR	20090801
WOLF, PHILLIP	LT	20090601
WOODCOCK, HERBERT	YNC	20090801
WOOLFORD, LEROY	YNC	20090801
WORKMAN, EDWARD	ITC	20090601
WYKLE, ROGER	CDR	20090701
YATES, CHARLES	LCDR	20090601
YELVINGTON, ALAN	LCDR	20090601



CHRISTMAN, EMILY	CAPT	20090701
RATHBUN, JAMES	CDR	20090601
WHITE, SEAN	CAPT	20090701

Congratulations to all

Letters to the Editor

Announcing a new Coast Guard Retiree Council

A new East Central Florida Coast Guard Retiree Council for all Coast Guard retirees and annuitants has been established for those who reside along the coastal area from Daytona Beach to Melbourne and westward to include Orlando and surrounding areas. Its purpose is to keep open a positive line of communication between the Coast Guard and its retiree community in an effort to make sure the resources and capabilities of each are used to help resolve the needs of the other. Specific benefits that accrue are:

- ◆ Improving the interface between retirees and local CG Units
- ◆ Annuitants can function as mentors and participate in recruiting and retention
- ◆ Raise the visibility of the CG via coordinated efforts between Districts and local retirees
- ◆ Establish Retiree Services Offices
- ◆ Develop comprehensive, easy access, and understandable survivor benefits counseling tools for retirees
- ◆ Promote enhanced understanding of military health care issues
- ◆ Forging a strong communications link between the sponsoring command (Sector Jacksonville) and the retiree community
- ◆ Establish liaison with other Service-affiliated organizations (e.g. CWOA, CPOA, CGEA, FRA, ROA, MOAA, NAUS) to further the above listed objectives.

This is your opportunity to participate in a worthy cause while at the same time associate with other Coasties with no dues. The Co-Chairs are:

RADM Bob Merrilees, USCGR, (Ret) (321) 452-5426
RMerrilees@cfl.rr.com

PACM John Heaphy, USCGR, (Ret) (386) 852-7773
John.Heaphy@Live.com

Please contact either one of them to join up.

You can help yourself as well as the Coast Guard. We encourage your membership and participation.





TAPS

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	RANK	DATE	CITY	STATE
ALLBRITTON	WILLIAM	BMCS	20090721	SAINT PETERSBURG	FL
ALLEN	STACEY	FS1	20090529	NEW LONDON	CT
ARMSDEN	DOUGLAS	CDR	20090810	WAYLAND	MA
ARNOLD	LOUIS	LCDR	20090711	RUTHERFORD	NJ
BARNES	JACK	GMC	20090717	LAWRENCEVILLE	GA
BELK	JAMES	BMC	20090729	BRAZORIA	TX
BELL	PATRICK	RM3	20090624	LAND O LAKES	FL
BEMBURY	WILLIAM	SD1	20090721	EDENTON	NC
BENDER	DONALD	MMC	20090620	ASTORIA	OR
BENTON	EVERETT	SKC	20090613	BURLESON	TX
BERG	JANET	LCDR	20090616	GRAND RAPIDS	MI
BLAZICH	JOHN	BMCS	20090810	BROOKLAWN	NJ
BLUTEAU	ROBERT	BT1	20090731	HAMPDEN	MA
BOUT	VICTOR	SKCS	20090607	COCOA	FL
BOWDEN	WILLIAM	ENG3	20090716	ELLSWORTH	ME
BOYER	DEBRA	OSC	20090814	DOWNEY	CA
BOYKIN	WILLIAM	RM1	20090726	INVERNESS	FL
BOZEMAN	THOMAS	CWO4	20090727	MCLEAN	VA
BRADY	JOHN	QMCS	20090716	RIO RANCHO	NM
BREWER	WILLIAM	BMC	20090727	PITTSBURG	CA
BROWN	CLARENCE	BMCM	20090705	TEHACHAPI	CA
BUEHLER	WARREN	BM1	20090607	FOND DU LAC	WI
BUNDICK	CLARENCE	QM1	20090531	EXMORE	VA
BURKEE	JOHN	CWO4	20090711	STURGEON BAY	WI
BURROWS	ROBERT	YNC	20090530	SPRINGFIELD	MO
CADDELL	HAROLD	BMCS	20090804	VANCLEAVE	MS
CALLAHAN	MICHAEL	DC1	20090717	SAGINAW	MI
CASKIE	DAVID	ET2	20090611	SPRINGHILL	FL
CATALA	GEORGE	EM1	20090723	WILSON	NC
CHAMBERLAIN	ERNEST	GMC	20090628	KENT	WA
COFFIN	HOWARD	ENCM	20090624	PEORIA	IL
CONNORS	KERRY	FS2	20090614	CENTRAL ISLIP	NY
COSTIGAN	ERNEST	ADCM	20090721	TRAVERSE CITY	MI
CRAWLEY	PHILIP	CWO4	20090728	BRAINTREE	MA
CULLEN	THOMAS	PS1	20090603	YONKERS	NY
CURTIS	CONCIE	EN3	20090609	COLUMBIA	MS
DAVIS	FRED	LCDR	20090807	MODESTO	CA
DAVIS	ISAAC	EMCM	20090816	MCDONOUGH	GA
DEJESUS	JOSE	QMCS	20090801	CAGUAS	PR
DELCASTILLO	JUAN	CDR	20090726	POTOMAC	MD
DESELM	BERNARD	PSCS	20090606	LA MESA	CA
DILLOWAY	STANLEY	CDR	20090705	BOTHELL	WA
DOUGLASS	JAMES	YNC	20090728	EL SOBRANTE	CA
DUDDING	WALTER	CAPT	20090624	TOMS RIVER	NJ
EMERICK	JAMES	AM1	20090726	VISALIA	CA
EVANS	GILBERT	CAPT	20090603	FORT PIERCE	FL
EWING	ROBERT	BTC	20090707	BOULDER CITY	NV
FARLOW	ROY	EMC	20090720	GREENSBORO	NC
FERRARO	FRANK	ENCM	20090709	SAN FRANCISCO	CA

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	RANK	DATE	CITY	STATE
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FISHER	WAYNE	CWO4	20090605	GROVELAND	FL
FRANKENHAUSER	DEAN	CAPT	20090603	BALTIMORE	MD
FRIENDS	BARRY	MKCS	20090608	HENDERSONVILLE	TN
FULCHER	EZEKIEL	CDR	20090731	TALLAHASSEE	FL
FULLER	DALE	FS1	20090530	STURGEON BAY	WI
GALLOWAY	WILLIAM	BMCM	20090619	CHARLOTTE	NC
GILL	WILLIAM	CDR	20090613	COLUMBIA	MO
GIRARD	JOHN	YNC	20090606	PETALUMA	CA
GLOMB	MATTHEW	CDR	20090727	LAKE RIDGE	VA
GOBER	ALVIN	EMCS	20090603	LONGVIEW	TX
GORDON	DONALD	HS3	20090614	EUREKA	CA
GUILLES	RONALD	SA	20090623	CONCORD	MA
HABERLE	WALTER	LCDR	20090806	FORT WORTH	TX
HALL	ALBERT	AEC	20090819	BRADENTON	FL
HANES	CLYDE	SN	20090728	ARCHDALE	NC
HANNAH	GARY	ATC	20090711	NEBO	NC
HANNAN	JACK	BMC	20090610	SHEFFIELD VILLAGE	OH
HASKIN	FREDERICK	YN1	20090726	PISCATAWAY	NJ
HAYES	WASEY	CWO2	20090713	INGRAM	TX
HAYTACK	WILLIAM	BTCS	20090602	KENT	WA
HERMAN	ROY	HSC	20090601	SAN DIEGO	CA
HODSDEN	WILLIAM	SKC	20090724	CAPE MAY	NJ
HOLMES	ALFRED	RDML	20090602	VIRGINIA BEACH	VA
HOOPINGARNER	HOSEA	LCDR	20090610	WALLACE	CA
HOWIE	WILLIAM	DC1	20090609	CHESAPEAKE	VA
JENKINS	TURNER	LCDR	20090601	TARBORO	NC
JOHNSON	LINDA	YN2	20090609	CHANDLER	AZ
JORDAN	BYRON	CAPT	20090607	SAINT GEORGE	UT
JOYCE	ALBERT	ENCS	20090628	WAUSA	NE
JOYE	THOMAS	SN	20090628	WILMINGTON	NC
KARCH	JOSEPH	CWO3	20090726	WEST CREEK	NJ
KELSEY	WINSLOW	BMC	20090727	SALEM	CT
KENNEDY	SIDNEY	CDR	20090728	ONTARIO	CA
KOLOGY	DAVID	SKC	20090607	OCALA	FL
KRASLEY	KENDALL	YN1	20090530	ALEXANDRIA	VA
KUROWSKI	ROBERT	BMC	20090810	GREEN BAY	WI
KUSMIERCZAK	JOHN	EN1	20090806	MARYVILLE	IL
LEE	ROBERT	CAPT	20090717	WEST HARTFORD	CT
LEWIS	HAROLD	RMC	20090627	CLINTON	NC
LISTER	JESSIE	FS1	20090531	PORTSMITH	RI
MACOMBER	RUSSEL	RMCS	20090701	ORANGE CITY	FL
MCCLELLAN	WILBURN	FS1	20090605	COCOA	FL
MCCORKEL	CHARLES	DCCS	20090712	THEODORE	AL
MCFADDEN	ROBERT	RMC	20090630	SEMINOLE	FL
MCGOLDRICK	WILLIAM	BM2	20090710	NORFOLK	MA
MENDOLIA	JOHN	PS3	20090707	NESCONSET	NY
METZGER	STEVEN	FA	20090613	HERNANDO	FL
MOORE	JAMES	DCCS	20090725	ERWINVILLE	LA
NGAYAN	BALTAZAR	ETC	20090530	SEVERN	MD
ODOM	BILLY	GMC	20090707	GREENSBORO	NC
OHARA	GERARD	SKC	20090608	TOPEKA	KS
OWEN	JAMES	BM1	20090622	BEDFORD	VA
PAGE	JEFFERS	CWO3	20090814	MOBILE	AL

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	RANK	DATE	CITY	STATE
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PARRISH	ELMER	MKCM	20090620	MOBILE	AL
PENDER	EUGENE	ENCM	20090712	SURPRISE	AZ
PETZOLD	RICHARD	CAPT	20090605	WILBRAHAM	MA
PULLIAM	PROCTOR	CWO1	20090702	CORPUS CHRISTI	TX
REEVES	A	ATC	20090615	MOBILE	AL
REITLER	KENNETH	ENCS	20090708	CLARENCE	NY
ROBISCH	MILO	QM1	20090721	TULSA	OK
ROSSI	MARVIN	AMCS	20090802	ELIZABETH CITY	NC
SALLSTROM	HENRIK	MK2	20090627	SPOKANE	WA
SEVILLA	DAN	FSC	20090728	TAMPA	FL
SHORT	WILLIAM	LCDR	20090717	CORAL SPRINGS	FL
SILVA	GEORGE	BM2	20090723	LISBON	CT
SKOG	ROBERT	AVI4	20090703	MOSES LAKE	WA
SMITH	KEITH	ADC	20090708	SEGUIN	TX
SMITH	MARSHALL	BMC	20090704	FORT WORTH	TX
SPENCER	STANLEY	AMC	20090727	MONTGOMERY	AL
STANFORD	THOMAS	BM1	20090807	ST PETERSBURG	FL
STOUT	CHARLES	CAPT	20090716	MOUNT EDEN	KY
TABOR	ALLEN	ENC	20090620	NEW BEDFORD	MA
TANNER	JAMES	CDR	20090529	MOBILE	AL
TEEL	HUGH	LCDR	20090616	SALEM	CT
TICE	LORRIE	YNCM	20090728	CYPRESS	CA
TILDEN	CHARLES	FS1	20090622	BOTHELL	WA
TRAMUTOLO	CLYDE	MKC	20090802	CEDAR RAPIDS	IA
TRUMP	WILLIAM	ENC	20090724	ST PETERSBURG	FL
TYLER	ROBERT	YN1	20090606	ALEXANDRIA	VA
WALKER	ALLEN	CWO4	20090708	LILLIAN	AL
WALSH	JAMES	CWO4	20090630	BERKELEY HEIGHTS	NJ
WARREN	JOHN	CWO3	20090630	WEST LAKE	OH
WATSON	HERMON	BTC	20090712	ALBANY	OR
WEISS	CHARLES	CWO2	20090629	CAPE MAY CT HSE	NJ
WILKS	BOBBY	CAPT	20090713	FAIRFAX	VA
WILLIAMS	JACK	QMC	20090714	MONROE	VA
WILLIAMS	DAVID	CDR	20090726	LOVELAND	CO
WINGENDER	JAMES	RM1	20090716	SEMINOLE	FL
WINTON	FRANK	PS2	20090708	MABANK	TX
YANDO	ANTHONY	BM3	20090621	TEATICKET	MA
YOUNG	MICHAEL	EM1	20090813	LEWISPORT	KY
ZABRANSKY	CARL	CS1	20090601	BOTHELL	WA

Dependent TAPS

Name of Dependent	Relationship	Date of Death	Location
F 'Betty' Brusstar	Wife of CWO4 Edwin L Brusstar, USCG, Ret	05 Jun 09	Titusville, FL
Anna M Handley	Wife of LCDR Melvin Handley, USCG, Ret	20 May 09	Jackson, MS
Mescal E Brailer	Wife of AETC Paul J Brailer, USCG, Ret	29 May 09	Glen Burnie, MD
Betty Hopkins	Wife of CWO3 Leslie A Hopkins, USCG, Ret	04 Jun 09	Palm Springs, CA
Claire M Bursley	Wife of RADM G H Patrick Bursley, USCG, Ret	11 Jun 09	Silver Springs, MD
Billie J Angotti	Wife of FSCM John Angotti, USCG, Ret	29 Dec 08	Virginia Beach, VA
Gladys N Benjamin	Wife of BMC Harry C Benjamin, USCG, Ret	27 Dec 07	Green Bay, WI
Velnia L Hooper	Wife of CS1 Ebbie K Hooper, USCG, Ret	24 Jun 09	Elizabeth City, NC
Luz Rafanan Angel	Wife of ETC Florencio Felarca Angel, USCG, Ret	10 Apr 09	Quezon City, RP
Carol Mae Barto	Wife of LCDR Thomas W Barto, USCG, Ret	20 Jun 09	Adrian, MI
Josephine Fino	Wife of AMC Leonardo Fino, USCG, Ret	17 Jun 09	Casa Grande, AZ
Nancy Riedinger	Wife of CWO3 Alfred Riedinger III, USCG, Ret	25 May 09	Durango, CO
Marilyn J Pohl	Wife of GM1 Michael E Pohl, USCG, Ret	27 May 09	Marshfield, WI
Virginia 'Ginger' Steve	Wife of LCDR John Steve, USCG, Ret	09 Feb 09	Astoria, OR
Mona E Scanlon	Wife of ENCS Francis J Scanlon, USCG, Ret	21 Jul 09	Cheboygan, MI
Diane M Navarro	Wife of EM2 Charles R Navarro, USCG, Ret	02 Jul 09	Simi Valley, CA
Carol Lee Myers	Wife of YNCS David C Myers, USCG, Ret	01 Nov 08	Hayes, VA
Christine Berquist	Wife of CDR Don Berquist, USCG, Ret	30 Jul 09	Lake Gogebic, MI
Dorothy Boone	Wife of MK1 Ellis Boone, USCG, Ret	10 Jul 09	Bonifay, FL
Evelyn Lorraine Yeakle	Wife of QMCS Joseph Yeakle, USCG, Ret	25 Jul 09	Monkton, MD
Catherine S Freie	Wife of LCDR John H Freie, USCG, Ret	09 Apr 09	Anchorage, AK
Theresa Borowski	Wife of PSC Anthony J Borowski, USCG, Ret	07 Jul 09	Bonita Springs, FL
Renee Cabla Valerio	Ex-Wife of ADCM Billy Valerio, USCG, Ret	06 Apr 09	Henderson, NV
Elaine S Brogdon	Wife of CWO4 Charlie C Brogdon, USCG, Ret	30 Jul 09	Desert Hot Spgs, CA
Katie M Hampton	Wife of SK1 Horace Hampton, USCG, Ret	07 Oct 08	Jackson, TN
Bernice E Morris	Wife of BMC Ralph Morris, USCG, Ret	20 Aug 09	Ingleside, TX
Rita J Castelli	Wife of QM1 Michael Castelli, USCG, Ret	14 Sep 09	Palatka, FL

If you have lost a loved one and would like their name printed in Dependent TAPs, please contact PPC-DG-RAS@uscg.mil with their name, date of death, your name and retired rank, and city/state of residence. RAS will make appropriate updates and then forward to The Coast Guard/NOAA Retirees' Newsletter Editor. Or you can send your request in writing and mail to: Commanding Officer (RAS), Pay & Personnel Center, 444 SE Quincy Street, Topeka, KS 66683-3591. You may also fax your request to (785) 339-3770.

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◆ An expansive network of over 100,000 dentist locations nationwide

Enrollees in the TRDP can choose any licensed dentist with the enrollment service area to provide their covered dental treatment. However, the program encourages enrollees to use a TRDP participating network dentist or a Delta Dental Premier® dentist. Dentists who participate in the networks that support the TRDP have agreed to a predetermined fee schedule and will submit all claims paperwork and adhere to Delta Dental's quality-of-care standards. Enrollees in the TRDP who see a network dentist will not incur any out-of-pocket costs other than their cost share and applicable deductible.

For more information about how enrolling in the TRDP can help reduce dental health care costs for Uniformed Services retirees and their families, visit the TRDP web site at www.trdp.org.

(Source: TRICARE News Release)

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Commissioned in 1977, Pekoske has a Bachelor of Science in Ocean Engineering from the Coast Guard Academy. He is a 1989 graduate of the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University with a Master's in Public Administration. Pekoske graduated from the Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a Master of Business Administration in 1997. He served as a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Board of Trustees from 2006-2008.

His personal decorations include the Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medal, (two awards), the Legion of Merit (two awards), the Meritorious Service Medal (five awards), the Coast Guard Commendation Medal (two awards), the Coast Guard Achievement Medal (four awards) and the Commandant's Letter of Commendation.

(Source: Coast Guard News Release)

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The 2009 Guardsmen of Yesteryears Breakfast will be held on Saturday Oct 17th. The breakfast is open to anyone who served in the United States Coast Guard. It will be held at the Chincoteague Elementary School located at 6078 Halie Whealton Smith Dr., Chincoteague Island, Virginia.

Coffee and meeting of friends will start at 7AM

This year's guest speaker will be Retired Commandant of the USCG, Admiral Loy.

Information and/or tickets can be obtained from the following.

David Lewis @ (757) 336-1853 or cell (757) 894-4095
 Wayne Merritt @ cell (757) 894-8240
 Jerry Tarr @ (757) 336-1204

COURIER/KUKUI Reunion will be held October 18-23, 2009 at the Radison in New London, CT. For reservations call 1 800-333-3333. For further information please contact David Newell, 6800 Golf Course Blvd, P70, Punta Gorda, FL 33982, phone: (941) 505-0426.

The 2nd Station Saint Simons Island Reunion will be held November 13-15, 2009. Sponsored by the Coastal Georgia Historical Society, the reunion will be held at the Historic Old Coast Guard Station at East Beach on Saint Simons Island. Registration fee is \$85.00 per person. For further information please call Michele Collins at (912) 634-7099 or e-mail: stationssireunion@yahoo.com

Military Retiree Paydays for CY 2010

January 4	July 1
February 1	August 2
March 1	September 1
April 1	October 1
May 3	November 1
June 1	December 1

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
Public Affairs

PRESS RELEASE

Date: June 17, 2009

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Coast Guard Auxiliary is 70 Years Old

Washington—Seventy years ago on June 23, 1939, Congress chartered the Coast Guard Auxiliary authorizing the Coast Guard to use civilian volunteers to promote boating safety on the nation's waterways. On its 70th anniversary the Auxiliary, "America's Volunteer Guardians", continues the long tradition of helping protect boaters and all Americans.

Nationwide 30,000 Auxiliarists assist in safe guarding our harbors and provide boating education and free Vessel Safety Checks to recreational boaters. Since 1996 Congress has authorized the Auxiliary to provide much needed support for most Coast Guard missions.

Over the decade, Auxiliary members:

- * Saved 5,083 lives, assisted 141,980 people and saved \$1,460, 055, 940 in property
- * Taught boating safety to 1,678,946 people with 980,000 hours of classroom work.
- * Conducted 1,170,535 Vessel Safety Checks (VSCs) over 579,000 hours
- * Made over 418,000 Recreational Boating Safety Program Visits spending more than 279,000 mission hours
- * Served 4,297,312 hours underway on safety patrols
- * Verified 138,867 private aids to navigation
- * Examined over 10,223 Commercial Fishing Vessels
- * Provided 2,358,200 hours directly supporting the Coast Guard
- * Served 44,417,850 hours

Coast Guard Commandant Thad Allen recognizing the Auxiliary stated "...As the finest all-volunteer organization in our Nation, I consider each of you an integral part of our Coast Guard. We simply could not meet the challenges we face or conduct the missions we do on a day-to-day basis without your selfless devotion to duty..."

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

Questions, Address or Direct-Deposit Changes

If you need information or have questions about:

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

or you need to change:

- ◆ Your and your dependents home mailing address (for Retired/Annuitant Statement, newsletter, 1099R, correspondence)
- ◆ Your financial institution or account number for your direct deposit
- ◆ Report a change to your Designation of Beneficiary for Payment of Unpaid Retired Pay (Note: Use Form *CG PPC-3600 Designation of Beneficiary for Payment of Unpaid Retired Pay)

You may make the requests listed above by **telephone**, by **fax** or in **writing**. Our telephone and fax numbers are:

Toll free: 1 800 772-8724
Commercial: (785) 339-3415
Fax: (785) 339-3770

Allotments, SBP Coverage and Beneficiary Changes

If you need to:

- ◆ Start, stop or change an allotment (you may use Form *CG PPC-7221 Retired Allotment Authorization Form, fax in the form or a written request, call us or send us an e-mail request). If you e-mail us with the request, your pay tech will call you to verify your information.
- ◆ Report a change to your Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) coverage (must be in writing)

You may **fax** your request to (785) 339-3770 or mail to:

Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy St
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

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

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

Website: <http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/ras/>

Income Tax Withholding Changes

If you need to:

- ◆ Start or change the amount of State Tax Withholding (Retirees can call, e-mail, fax or use *IRS Form W-4, or state form. **If using IRS form, indicate that the form is for State Income Tax Withholding, not federal, which state it's for and the dollar amount to be withheld, (minimum amount is \$10.00, no cents).** We cannot withhold state tax for annuitants)
- ◆ Change your Federal Income Tax Withholding (Retirees use Form W-4, Annuitants use Form W-4P)
- ◆ Change exemptions or additional withholding

Federal tax changes **must** be in writing. The original Form IRS W-4 or W-4P must be mailed to PPC (RAS) for action and filing, per IRS requirements. PPC (RAS) cannot accept a faxed W-4 or W-4P. Please mail to:

Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy St
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 retiree/annuitant or a Lighthouse keeper call:

Toll free: 1 800 772-8724
Commercial: (785) 339-3415
Fax: (785) 339-3770

Or write:

Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy St
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

E-mail articles, dependent taps entries, reunion notices, etc., to **PPC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil** or call us at the numbers listed below (phone menu option #4). The deadline for the next issue is November 9, 2009.

1 800 PPC-USCG/1 800 772-8724

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

Other Important Phone Numbers and Websites

Medical/Dental Benefits	Phone	Websites/Notes
Eligibility (DEERS)/ID Cards	1 800 538-9552 (TTY/TDD) 1 866 363-2883	http://www.tricare.mil/deers In CA: 1 800 334-4162; In AK & HI 1 800 527-5602
Mail-Order Pharmacy	1 866 363-8667	http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/Prescriptions/FillingPrescriptions/TMOP
Retiree Dental Plan	1 888 838-8737	http://www.trdp.org
TRICARE Overseas	1 888 777-8343	http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/Regions/RegionsNonUS
TRICARE United States	phone numbers on their website	http://tricare.mil
TRICARE For Life	1 866 773-0404	http://www.tricare.mil/tfl/default.cfm
Senior Pharmacy Program	1 877 363-6337	http://tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/Eligibility/WhoIsEligible/MedicareBeneficiaries
Federal Long-Term Health Insurance	1 800 582-3337	http://www.opm.gov/insure/ltc/
CG Health Benefits Advisor	1 800 942-2422	
Veterans Benefits	Phone	Websites/Notes
Department of Veterans Affairs	1 800 827-1000	http://www.va.gov
Insurance Information	1 800 669-8477	http://www.insurance.va.gov
Veterans Group Life Insurance		http://www.insurance.va.gov/sglisite/vgli/vgli.htm
New VGLI Applications and VGLI Reinstatements: OSGLI PO Box 41618 Philadelphia, PA 19176-9913	1 800 419-1473 Overseas phone (973) 548-5699 Overseas Fax # (973) 548-5300	Death and accelerated benefits claims only: Fax: 1 877 832-4943 All other fax inquiries: 1 800 236-6142 or e-mail: osgli.claims@prudential.com All other inquiries: osgli.osgli@prudential.com General Correspondence: QHteg'qhUI NK 80 Livingston Avenue Roseland, NJ 07068-1733
Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents	1 800 827-1000	http://www.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current_benefits.asp VA Pamphlet 80-02-1
Headstones and Markers	1 800 697-6947	http://www.cem.va.gov/hm.htm

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Other	Phone	Websites/Notes
Final Active Duty Pay	1 866 772-8724 Overseas (785) 339-2200	http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/ses/ Commanding Officer (SES) USCG Pay & Personnel Center 444 SE Quincy St Topeka, KS 66683-3591
Contact PPC (SES) for information on Severance Pay, Separation Pay, Disability Severance Pay, LES's, IRS Form W-2.		
Travel Claims	1 866 772-8724 Overseas (785) 339-2200	http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/tvl.asp Send final travel claim to: Commanding Officer (TVL) USCG Pay & Personnel Center 444 SE Quincy St. Topeka, KS 66683-3591
Service Records	(314) 801-0800	http://vetrecs.archives.gov Write to: National Personnel Records Center 9700 Page Avenue St. Louis, MO 63132-5100
For copies of personnel records, medical & dental records, and service medals-requests must be in writing and include complete name, rank, SSN, dates of service and date of birth. DD-214's are now available via the website http://vetrecs.archives.gov		
Social Security	1 800 772-1213	http://www.ssa.gov
WWII U.S. Merchant Marine Awards and Decorations	(202) 366-2646	http://www.marad.dot.gov/contact_us.html Attn: Patricia Thomas, Medal and Decorations Maritime Administration U.S. Department of Transportation 400 7th Street, SW Room 7304 Washington, DC 20590
National Coast Guard Retiree Council Help Desk Telephone/E-mail "HOTLINE"	1 866 664-6245* (toll free) or 1 202 475-5381 *enter 55381 when you hear the voice greeting	E-mail: NRHDesk@gmail.com