

**Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council "Service Continues"**

From: Co-Chairs, Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council  
 To: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Support Command (HSC)  
 Copy to: Council Members (via E-mail – following approval by (HSC))

Subject: Minutes of the Friday December 9, 2005 Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council Meeting

In accordance with COMDTINST 1800.5D, Sec. 6.b. (6) the following minutes are submitted for your review and comment. Upon receipt of your comments, the minutes will be revised as recommended and will be distributed to Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council Members, to the National Retiree Council and to other Coast Guard Regional Retiree Councils. They will also be distributed, as part of a newsletter, to other Retiree Council affiliated retirees in the Washington DC area.

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER, 2005 MEETING OF THE  
 CAPITAL AREA COAST GUARD RETIREE COUNCIL**

**1. Welcome and Introductions** – CAPT Glass convened the Council meeting at 0900 on Friday, December 9, 2005 in Room B732 at Coast Guard Headquarters. Following is the list of attendees:

Council members: (8) LCDR. David A. DuPont CAPT Norman W. Lemley  
 CAPT Robert Gauvin CDR. Bruce Russell  
 CAPT. Charles J. Glass CAPT Warren G.(Bud) Schneeweis CAPT Michael Hendrickson CDR. Benjamin J. Stoppe, Jr

**2. Agenda**

**2.1 Welcome**, Introductions, and Approval of Agenda

**2.2 Administrative Items**

**2.2.1** Review and approve minutes of the September 23, 2005 Council meeting

**2.2.2** Schedule for future meetings

**2.2.3** Council nomination of new enlisted Co-Chair

**2.3 Council Program – Old Business** - Progress on and discussion of ongoing Council projects

**2.3.1** Retiree Appreciation Days - The Fort Myer Oct 14, 2005 meeting -

**2.3.2** Retiree Program Coordinator's Office

**2.3.3** Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council Web site

**2.4 New Business** - Discussion of new Council projects

**2.4.1** Continued Development of the Retiree Council Bang List

**2.4.2** Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council Google Group

**2.4.3** 2005 Christmas Card Distribution - Council members will prepare approximately 256 Cards for mailing

**2.5 Adjourn**

**3. Welcome and Introductions** –

**3.1** CAPT Glass welcomed the attendees and distributed copies of the above Agenda. It was noted that a quorum was present and that five additional Council members had planned but were unable to attend the meeting because of adverse driving conditions.

**3.2 Administrative Items** -

**3.2.1 Review and Approval of the Minutes of the September 23, 2005 Council Meeting** - .The Minutes of the September 23, 2005 meeting were distributed. It was noted that these minutes were previously distributed to Council members by E-mail. Discussion was opened on comments or changes to the Minutes. CDR Russell moved that the Minutes be approved without changes. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**3.2.2 Schedule for future meetings** – The schedule for future meetings - was discussed and agreement was reached on the following schedule -

Friday 31 March, 2006

Friday 23 June, 2006

Friday 29 September, 2006

**3.2.2 Nomination of Enlisted Council Co Chair** - CAPT Glass opened discussion on the nomination of YNCS Dennis (Mike) M. White, USCG (Ret) to be Co Chair for the Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council.

**3.2.2.1 Background** - COMDTINST 1800.5D, Sec. 6.b.(3) provides that Regional Coast Guard Retiree Council Chair(s) shall be nominated from among the members and approved and appointed by the sponsor. At its October 24, 2003 meeting, the Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council decided to follow the precedent of the National Retiree Council, to have one enlisted Co-Chair and one commissioned officer Co-Chair. At that time there was no enlisted representative member on the Council, so the Council nominated two commissioned officer Co-chairs with the understanding that one would agree to be displaced by an enlisted Co-Chair when a suitable candidate became available. At that time the Council was recruiting additional members to provide representation for enlisted and reserve Coast Guard retirees.

**3.2.2.2** At its January 28, 2005 meeting, the Council unanimously recommend to the Commanding Officer of the Headquarters Support Command that YNCS Dennis (Mike) M. White, USCG (Ret) be appointed as a member of the Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council.

**3.2.2.3** CAPT Glass made a motion that the Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council nominate YNCS Dennis M. White for appointment by the Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Headquarters Support Command as Council Co Chair, to replace CAPT Charles Glass. The motion was seconded. There was discussion regarding the requirement for appointment of an enlisted Council Co Chair. CDR Stoppe pointed out that many other Regional Councils did not have enlisted Co Chairs. It was agreed that there was no requirement in COMDTINST 1800.5D of in the Bylaws of the Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council mandating an enlisted Co Chair and that this Council action was based on the unanimous Council decision made at its October 24, 2003 meeting.

**3.2.2.4** The motion was approved unanimously to recommend YNCS Dennis M. White for appointment as Council Co Chair was approved unanimously.

**3.2.2.5** CAPT Glass volunteered to serve as Council Secretary if approved by the Council members and appointed by the new Council Co Chairs.

**4. COUNCIL PROGRAM –OLD BUSINESS –**

**4.1 Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) - The Fort Myer Oct 14, 2005 meeting** - Six Coast Guard retirees from the Washington DC area attended the October 14<sup>th</sup> Fort Myer RAD as guests of the Fort Myer Army Retiree Council. The RAD was conducted in the Spates Community Club, with a side trip to the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. CWO3 Elizabeth Splaine USCG (Ret) participated in the laying of a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns. There were about 200 local military retirees in attendance together with representatives of over 20 military retiree service organizations. Attendees were updated on pending changes in retiree benefits, particularly medical care under TRICARE For Life, and improvements in Survivor Benefits. Following a luncheon in the Spates Club dining rooms, attendees had the opportunity to visit the exhibits and collect information packets from the many military retiree organizations represented at the RAD. Coast Guard retirees met for a brief Retiree Council meeting and to receive Coast Guard literature on estate planning.

**4.1.1** There was discussion regarding Council promotion of Coast Guard retiree participation in future RADs. The Council recommended that it continue its initiative to provide information to Coast Guard retirees by promoting their participation in future RADs sponsored by military bases in the Washington DC area, including Maryland and Virginia.

**4.1.2** CAPT Glass agreed to get information on RADs planned by local military bases for 2006 as a basis for Council use in promoting Coast Guard retiree participation in local RADs.

**4.2 Retiree Program Coordinator's Office** – At its September 23 2005 meeting the Council discussed participation in the establishment and operation of National Retiree Council Coordinator's Office.

**4.2.1** At the May 6 2005 Retiree Council meeting CAPT Robert E. Warakomsky volunteered and was unanimously approved by the Council to lead this effort. The Council agreed that the manning schedule for the National Retiree Program Coordinator's Office would be based on demand and would be modeled on manning practices of other Regional Council Program offices.

**4.2.2** Capt Glass volunteered to E-mail the other Regional Councils to obtain information on their practices, procedures, and information resources to be used as a basis for establishing guidelines for the National Retiree Program Coordinator's Office.

**4.2.3** On October 4, CAPT Glass sent an E-mail to the Chairs of all Regional Councils asking for information on their practices, procedures, and information resources they used for the operation of their retiree services program offices.

**4.2.4** On November 2, RADM Ames sent a similar E-mail to the Chairs of all Regional Councils asking that they send information on the operation of their retiree services program office to CAPT. Warakomsky.

**4.2.5** Further discussion of the Retiree Program Coordinator's Office was postponed till the March Retiree Council meeting.

4.2.6 CDR Russell suggested that the Council offer help to CAPT Warakomsky get the Coordinator's Office started. CAPT Lemley volunteered to coordinate with CAPT Warakomsky to provide such help.

4.2.7 CAPT Glass distributed a Newsletter from the Yorktown Regional Coast Guard Retiree Council and noted that it contained a brief description of the operation of the Yorktown Regional Council retiree services program office.

4.3 Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council Web Site - Discussion of the Web site was postponed until the March 2006 meeting. It was noted that CAPT Warakomsky volunteered to develop the Web site, and that assistance in the WEB site development had been offered by CDR. Keith Whiteman of the Headquarters Support Command. At the September 23, 2005 Council meeting, CAPT Warakomsky stated that he would get started on the WEB site development shortly after his retirement from his current job in January 2006.

5. COUNCIL BUSINESS - NEW BUSINESS -

5.1 Continued Development of the Retiree Council Bang List – CAPT Glass reported that the number of Capital Area Coast Guard retirees who had elected to become affiliated with the Retiree Council by agreeing to have their E-mail address included in the Council "bang" (group E-mail list) was increased from 186 to 252 as a result of the bang list expansion program directed by CAPT Lee Carpenter. The expanded Retiree Council bang list was subdivided into sixteen (16) sub lists to facilitate group mailings. The sub lists each corresponded to four or five pages of retirees listed in the REGISTER OF MILITARY PERSONNEL IN WASHINGTON D.C. AREA (HSCNOTE 1720 - NOVEMBER 2004). Examination of the sub lists showed that there was potential for further expansion of the bang list.

5.1.1 The Council commended CAPT Carpenter and his committee for the excellent results of their effort to expand the bang list and to thereby improve the outreach of the Retiree Council to communicate with Capital Area Coast Guard Retirees. It was suggested that CAPT Carpenter be requested to reorganize and continue the effort and that this subject be discussed at the March 2006 Council meeting.

5.2 Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council Google Group - CAPT Glass reported that he had initiated a Google Group to facilitate distribution of information to Capital Area Coast Guard Retirees who are affiliated with the Retiree Council. All retirees on the bang list are listed as Google Group members. Following is a bulletin on the description of the Google Group.

About this group [Edit](#)

**Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council**  
Members of this Group are US Coast Guard Retirees living in the Greater Washington DC area who are affiliated with the Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council  
**This group contains adult content**

**Primary Language**  
English

**Public website**  
No public website  
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Group address [Edit](#)

**URL**  
<http://groups.google.com/group/CACGRET>

**Email**  
[CACGRET@googlegroups.com](mailto:CACGRET@googlegroups.com)

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Categories [Edit](#)

Society > Government  
United States > Washington, D.C.

**Tasks**  
No messages to review  
No new memberships to review

**Members**  
[Browse membership list](#)

[Invite or Add members](#)

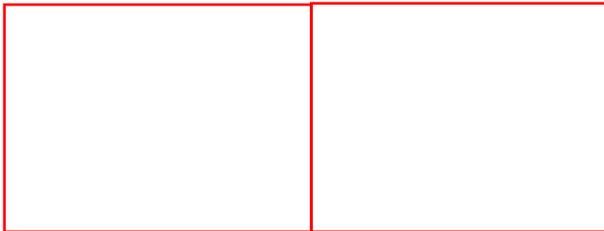
**Submitted requests**  
#52632 : Add 220 subscribers (approved)  
#52826 : Add 37 subscribers (approved)

[Remove this group](#)

5.2.1 Coast Guard retirees who receive Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council newsletters and bulletins from the Google Group can address responses by E-mail to the google Group E-mail address

[CACGRET@googlegroups.com](mailto:CACGRET@googlegroups.com)

5.3 2005 Christmas Card Distribution – The Retiree Council discontinued its business and proceeded with the preparation of about 256 Christmas cards for mailing to Capital Area retirees. The Christmas Card Graphics are shown below.



6. Adjourn – Preparation of the Christmas Cards for mailing was completed at 11:30 and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted:

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