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Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council Newsletter

Council co-chairs: CAPT Charles Glass and CDR. Bruce Russell

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Your Council has been active during the first half of 2005, meeting in January, May and June. Summaries of those meetings are given below.

Our objective is to publish this newsletter quarterly and provide you, the members, with information on Council activities and items of interest to Retirees in the Washington DC, Maryland and Northern Virginia Council area. In addition, we may send out items that are time-critical using our E-Mail list.

Summaries of recent meetings are attached as well as a copy of COMDTINST 1800.5D, dated 3 January 2003, along with the charter of the Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council to give a sense of the Council's scope and activities.

If you are interested in contributing to this newsletter, attending a meeting, or wish to communicate with us prior to our a Council meeting, or would like to provide informational items of interest to retirees, please send an, call or write to our Council Co-Chair, Chuck Glass, or to our newsletter editors, Norm Lemley or Mike White (see attached listing of E-Mail, mailing address, and phone numbers).

We also ask that you “Pass on” this Newsletter to others that may be interested. In addition, we also ask for additional E-Mail and/or mailing addresses and phone numbers of our Capital Area Coast Guard Retirees to add to our mail list.

We look forward to serving all Coast Guard Retirees and extend an invitation to attend our meetings and participate on Council projects and keep us informed of your issues and concerns.

Council Meeting Schedule

Schedule for future meetings –

Friday 30 September 2005 (at Ft Myer, see below re: possible RAD date change)

Friday 9 December 2005,

Friday 24 March, 2006,

Friday 23 June 2006

Meetings are normally held at USCG Headquarters.

Recent Council Meeting Minutes Summaries

Summary of minutes of the 6 May and June 10, 2005 Meeting may be found at Attachment 1.

Items/Activities of Interest

USCG Day Picnic

The Coast Guard Day Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, 6 August from 1100 - 1600, with a rain date of Sunday, 7 August. Additional details will be E-Mailed as they are available.

USCG Band Concert at the Navy Memorial on August 2

The U.S. Coast Guard Band Concert will be on 2 August at 7:30 pm at the Navy Memorial on 701 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.



The United States Coast Guard Band, LT Kenneth W. Megan, Director, celebrates America's past and present with music as diverse as America herself. This free outdoor concert occurs on Tuesday, August 2, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C. The United States Coast Guard Band is one of our nation's premier military bands and has developed an international reputation as one of the finest professional concert bands in the world, offering audiences exciting programs in the great tradition of American band music.

From jazz-inspired classical works to folk songs to Dixieland favorites, the Coast Guard Band presents a rich variety of music. George Gershwin's *Cuban Overture*, originally entitled *Rumba*, was inspired by a trip to Havana in 1932 and features complex, percussive Caribbean rhythms. Musician 1st Class Lisa Taylor is the soprano soloist in *America, Of Thee I Sing*, a medley of familiar and unusual American folk songs. *Golden Age of the Xylophone*, a rag from the early part of the 20th century, features Senior Chief Musician Albert A. Lyman Jr. Chief Warrant Officer Richard E. Wyman conducts *Forged in Fire* by Mark Watters, composed for and performed at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta. John Williams's heroic *Summon the Heroes*, also written for the 1996 Summer Olympics, commemorates the centennial of the modern Olympic Games. Service personnel past and present are honored in Daniel Sandidge's *Service Medley*.

All Coast Guard Band concerts are free and open to the public. No tickets are required. For more information on the Coast Guard Band visit www.uscg.mil/band.

USCG Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD), 30 September 2005 at Ft Myer

The Council has decided to hold its Retiree Appreciation Day in conjunction with the Army on 30 September 2005 at Ft Myer (Arlington, VA). (**see below re: possible RAD date change**) As of this date, nineteen Coast Guard retirees have expressed interest in attending. Please advise if you (and/or family members if desired) will attend by contacting CAPT Chuck Glass, Retiree Council Co-Chair via E-Mail at cjglass@verizon.net, or call or write him per his phone number and mailing address in the attached member listing.

We will hold a separate afternoon session for Coast Guard attendees to address specific issues of USCG interest as well as include a brief Retiree Council meeting which will provide a "MEET YOUR RETIREE COUNCIL" opportunity.

We will also have access to an internet connection to display material available on the National Coast Guard Retiree WEB site. We will distribute handouts and CDs of retiree information from the April 2005 National Coast Guard Retiree Council meeting.

When available, we will provide more specific information on the FT Myer RAD such as the finalized date, schedule, and meeting place, parking arrangements, handicap access, dining and shopping facilities, requirements for Base access and other information that might be of interest/help to prospective attendees.

The following is the list of Retiree Appreciation Day programs planned for the Washington DC area military retirees.

- Ft. Meade - 16/17 Sep (still tentative)
- Ft. Belvoir - 17 Sep (date is expected to be changed)
- Ft. Myer - 30 Sep
- Andrews AFB - 5 Nov
- Bolling AFB - 19 Nov
- Naval Station Annapolis (none planned for 2005)

**REGISTER OF MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THE WASHINGTON D.C.AREA
(HSCNOTE 1720)**

The Headquarters Support Command publishes (HSCNOTE 1720).annually. It is an excellent reference for USCG personnel in the area.

Below is a FORM than can be copied and used by Retireeswho wish to have their name, and other information included in the annual publication of HSCNOTE 1720. **For inclusion in the November 2005 publication of HSCNOTE 1720, a completed FORM should be submitted by September 15, 2005.** The FORM should be E-Mailed to:CMyles@comdt.uscg.mil or mailed to: USCG HEADQUARTERS (HSCa-2), 2100 2nd St. S.W., Washington, DC 20593

Please also E-Mail a copy of the above FORM to CAPT Glass at cjglass@verizon.net so that the information can be added to our Retiree Council mailing list. We urge Retirees to release their information to the Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council to enable the Council to communicate with them regarding issues and programs of interest to Retirees.

**COAST GUARD RETIREES OR FAMILIES OF DECEASED
COAST GUARD PERSONNEL INFORMATION**

1) NAME (Last,First, Middle Initial)_____

2) RANK(Military Only)(Ex.YN3/LTJG)_____

3) ADDRESS:

Street:_____

City:_____

State:_____

Zip:_____

4) PHONE NUMBER:_____

5) E-MAIL ADDRESS_____

6) SPOUSE NAME:_____

7) RELEASE MY INFO TO RETIREE COUNCIL ____ YES ____ NO

8) PERMISSION FOR PUBLICATION IN CG HWNOTE 1720. I HEREBY
GIVE MY PRMISSION FOR THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO BE
PUBISHED IN CG HQNOTE 1720*

Date:_____

Signature:_____

Note: *All persons granting permission to be listed in HSC Note 1720 will receive a copy of the booklet When it is published in November 2005. Unless otherwise directed by members, information published In HSC Note 1720 shall be made available to the puboic upon request.

Council Updating Its E-Mail Mailing List

The Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council E-Mail mailing list includes only a fraction of the Retirees in the Washington D.C. area. This limits the Council's ability to "pass the word" and to get input on Retirees concerns and issues.

At its June 10th meeting, the Council decided to expand its mailing list of Capital Area Coast Guard Retirees and established a Committee for that purpose.

CAPT Lee Carpenter is the Committee Chairman. Committee members are: CAPT Chuck Glass, CAPT Norm Lemley, CWO4 Elizabeth Splaine, Mrs. Eileen Delaney, CAPT Michael Hendrickson, and CAPT Bud Schneeweis.

The purpose of this project is to include as many Capital Area Coast Guard Retirees as possible on the existing Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council E-Mail "bang list" so as to facilitate Retiree Council E-Mail communications regarding events of interest to Coast Guard retirees, such as Coast Guard participation in the September 2005 Retiree Appreciation Day at Fort Myer, the scheduled Coast Guard Band Concert at the Naval Memorial on August 2, 2005, future planned Retiree Benefit Seminars, Quarterly Retiree Council Newsletters, and other information.

This "bang list" is for the exclusive use by the Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council, and will not be circulated or used for any other purpose. CAPT Glass will be responsible for updating and controlling use of the "bang list". Group E-Mail messages will be sent to addressees using the Bcc E-Mail address function so as to avoid disclosure of the identity of addressees.

CAPT Carpenter and his team will contact those in the current REGISTER OF MILITARY PERSONNEL IN WASHINGTON D.C. that are not now on the Council listing asking for their approval to be included on the list. The information needed is address, spouse, telephone number, and E-Mail address.

Committee Members will also elicit information from the persons contacted regarding other Capital Area Coast Guard retirees who might want to be included on the list of Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council Affiliated Retirees and e mail "bang list". Committee Members will follow-up by calling these other Coast Guard retirees to get their first-hand approval to be included on the "bang list" and to get their address, telephone number, E-Mail address, and name of spouse (if applicable).

Ways to Request Military Records at the National Personnel Records Center (St. Louis, MO)

The following site, provided the needed information --

http://www.archives.gov/facilities/mo/st_louis/military_personnel_records/standard_form_180.html

Basically, veterans or next-of-kin of deceased veterans can use vetrecs.archives.gov

All others: [Obtain and Fill out Standard Form 180 \(SF-180\)](#)  [Standard Form 180](#)

The address is:

National Personnel Records Center
Military Personnel Records
9700 Page Ave
St. Louis, Missouri 63132

USCG Personnel World Wide Locator

Active Duty Member Information

The Coast Guard World Wide Locator has duty stations for active duty personnel. To locate 4Active Duty Personnel Only: The telephone number is (202) 493-1697 or Send an E-Mail with the person's full name to CGlocator@Ballston.uscg.mil

Coast Guard Personnel Command does not have custody of crew lists or current addresses for former Coast Guard service members.

Separated Member Information

The Military Reference Branch, [National Archives](#), Washington, D. C. 20408, holds copies of most deck logs. The Suitland Reference Branch, National Archives, Washington D. C. 20409 has custody of muster rolls.

The [National Personal Records Center](#) in St. Louis, Missouri has a repository of records for retired and separate military members. You will need to fill-in [Standard Form 180](#) to request military records information. (<http://www.nara.gov/regional/mprsf180.html>)

List of Useful Web Sites

USCG Home page <http://www.uscg.mil/USCG.shtm>

USCG Retiree Home page www.uscg.mil/hq/g-w/g-wp/g-wpm/retiree/retiree.htm

USCG Finance Center (for retired pay etc) <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/index.htm>

USCG EVENING COLORS <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/eveningcolors/index.htm>

Maritime Security Threat Level <http://www.uscg.mil/USCG.shtm>

USCG Academy www.cga.edu

USCG Auxiliary www.cgaux.org

Coast Guard Magazine <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-cp/cb/CGMagazine.htm>

CG Reservist <http://www.uscg.mil/reserve/magazine/magazine.htm>

NAVY Times <http://www.navytimes.com/>

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance: www.cgmahq.org

USCG Recreational Boating Safety Office <http://www.uscgboating.org/>

USCG Deepwater Program <http://www.uscg.mil/deepwater/>

USCG Directives <http://www.uscg.mil/ccs/cit/cim/directives/welcome.htm>

USCG Personnel World Wide Locator CGlocator@Ballston.uscg.mil

USCG History <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-cp/history/collect.html>

USCG Aviation <http://www.aoptero.org/>

USCG Foundation <http://www.cgfdn.org>

USCG Coast Guard Band www.uscg.mil/band.

USCG Auxiliary Northern Va Div. 14 <http://www.uscgaux.org/~05414/index.html>

Air Force Academy <http://www.usafa.af.mil/>

Naval Academy <http://www.usna.edu//homepage.php>

Kings Point <http://www.usmma.edu/>

West Point <http://www.usma.edu/>

What Happened This Day in USCG http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-cp/history/Chronology_index.html

Department of Homeland Security <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/>

National Personnel Records Center (St. Louis, MO)

[http://www.archives.gov/facilities/mo/st_louis/military_personnel_records/standard form 180.html](http://www.archives.gov/facilities/mo/st_louis/military_personnel_records/standard_form_180.html)

National Association of State Boating Law Administrators <http://www.nasbla.org/>

TRICARE Information Systems <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/faqs/>

TRICARE For Life Beneficiary Letter (<http://tricare.osd.mil/tfl/pdf/carratoletter.pdf>)

TRICARE For Life Brochure (<http://tricare.osd.mil/tfl/pdf/brochure4June.pdf>)

TRICARE For Life Beneficiary Information Card (http://tricare.osd.mil/tfl/tfl_bencard.html)

TRICARE For Life Cost Matrix (<http://tricare.osd.mil//tfl/matrix.html>)

Social Security Administration Online www.ssa.gov,

Medicare Online www.medicare.gov

FREDS PLACE <http://www.fredsplace.org/>

Military Officers Association of America <http://www.moaa.org/>

USCG Warrant Officers Association <http://www.cwoauscg.org/>

USCG Chief Petty Officers Association <http://www.uscgcpoa.org/>
Fleet Reserve Association <http://www.fra.org/aboutfra.html>
Navy League http://www.navyleague.org/index_flash.php
Employers Support the Guard and Reserve www.esgr.com
ROA http://www.roa.org/about_us/about_ov.asp
Navy Memorial Events <http://www.lonesailor.org/events.php>
For SBP info: www.dfas.mil
Navy Mutual Aid Assoc: www.navy mutual.org
Dept of Veterans Affairs: www.va.gov
FEMA Independent Study <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp>
USAA Insurance www.usaa.com
Geico Insurance www.geico.com

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Attachment 1

Recent Council Meeting Minutes Summaries

Summary of Minutes of the June 10, 2005 Meeting

Summary of Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council June 10, 2005 Meeting Minutes

CAPT Glass convened the Council meeting at 0900 Room B732 at Coast Guard Headquarters. The following t attended:

Council members: (10)

LCDR George D. Bond, II USCG (Ret)	CAPT Norman Lemley, USCGR (Ret)
CAPT Lee Carpenter, USCG (Ret)	CDR Bruce Russell, USCG (Ret)
CAPT Bob Gauvin, USCGR (Ret)	Mrs. Eileen Delaney
CAPT Bud Schneeweis, USCG (Ret)	CAPT Charles Glass, USCG (Ret)
CWO4 Betty Splaine, USCG (Ret)	CAPT Michael Hendrickson, USCG (Ret)

Commanding Officer, USCG Headquarters Support Command - CAPT Robert Farmer, USCG

Agenda

WELCOME, Introductions, Guest Comments, and Approval of Agenda -
Comments – CAPT Farmer

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Review and approve minutes of the May 6, 2005 Council meeting
Schedule for future meetings

COUNCIL PROGRAM

OLD BUSINESS - Progress on and discussion of pending Council projects
Combined Coast Guard/Fort Myer Retiree Benefit Seminar Planning
Planning for other combined Coast Guard/Military Facility Retiree Benefit Seminars
Council Christmas Cards
Coast Guard Retiree Bang List

NEW BUSINESS - Discussion of new Council projects

Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council Web site
Recruiting Assistance

Retiree Council At-Large – fredspace

Retiree Program Coordinator's Office

ADJOURN

CAPT Farmer reported that the move of Coast Guard Headquarters to the St Elizabeth Hospital west campus would take place in about seven years subject to budgetary approval.

Administrative Items

The Minutes of the May 6, 2005 were approved as corrected to show that CAPT Gauvin attended the May 6 Council meeting..

Schedule for future meetings –

Friday 30 September 2005 (date may change to correspond to Ft Meyer RAD)

Friday 9 December 2005

Friday 24 March, 2006

Friday 23 June, 2006

COUNCIL PROGRAM – OLD BUSINESS - Progress on and discussion of pending Council projects

Combined Coast Guard/Fort Myer Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) Planning - Planning for Coast Guard participation in the September 30, 2005 Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) at Ft. Myer, was discussed

Fort Myer RAD program – CAPT Glass reported on his discussions with COL Cohn the Co-Chair of the Ft. Myer Retiree Council. COL Cohn advised that the 2005 Ft. Myer RAD was tentatively planned for 0800 – 1630 on Friday 30 September in Spates Community Center at Ft. Myer. The program will have two sessions: a morning session covering TRICARE issues, and an afternoon session covering wills, trusts, and other retiree legal issues. COL Cohn welcomed Coast Guard participation in the Ft. Myer RAD and offered to provide a room for a separate meeting of Coast Guard attendees regarding issues of particular interest to Coast Guard retirees

PLEASE NOTE: SUBSEQUENT TO THIS 10 JUNE RETIREES COUNCIL MEETING WE WERE ADVISED THAT THE DATE OF THE FT MEYER RAD WAS POSTPONED DUE TO SCHEDULING CONFLICTS. WHEN WE LEARN OF THE NEW DATE WE WILL EXAMINE THE LOGISTICS OF CO-SPONSORING THIS EVENT. WE WILL REVISIT THIS AFTER WE LEARN MORE.

Estimated Coast Guard Attendees -. CAPT Glass reported that an E-Mail message was sent to Capital Area Coast Guard Retirees on the Council “bang” list, eliciting interest in attending the September 30 RAD at Ft. Myer. E-Mail replies from eighteen (18) retirees expressing interest in attending. Five (5) Retiree Council members also wish to attend the RAD. CAPT Glass noted that retiree spouses are welcomed to attend RADs. If all spouses attended there would be forty-six (46) Coast Guard representatives. CWO4 Elizabeth Splaine commented that she had attended several RADs sponsored by local military commands and that attendees are not usually accompanied by their spouses. CAPT Schneeweis commented that some spouses may wish to attend for commissary or exchange shopping. CAPT Lemley commented that Council communications on the RAD should encourage participation of spouses.

Coast Guard Program -. CDR Russell outlined the activities that should be covered in a Coast Guard RAD session. The following were suggested by various Council members: Review the Coast Guard Retiree Benefits Seminar Survey to select several issues of importance to retirees. Select three or four of these issues and prepare material for presentation at the Coast Guard session; Conduct a demonstration of Coast Guard retiree information available on the Coast Guard Retiree WEB Page; Prepare handouts for distribution based on Power-Point presentations from the April 2005 National Retiree Council meeting; Distribute copies of PCS PUB 1800 “Information for Survivors of USCG, USCGR, and NOAA Retirees”. ;Distribute copies of the MOAA (Military Officers Association of America) publication “Help Your Survivors – NOW!: – Prepare for Your Family’s Future”; Plan and convene a meeting of the Retiree Council to acquaint attendees with Retiree Council members and to enable retirees to ask questions and make suggestions regarding Retiree Council projects, and to raise issues and concerns of retirees; and prepare and distribute a Coast Guard Retiree package of handouts at a Coast Guard table.

Retiree Information – CAPT Glass commented on the need to keep Capital Area Retirees informed regarding the Ft. Myer RAD. Ft. Myer has not yet issued a press release regarding the September 30th RAD. When such a release is issued it should be E-Mailed to all Capital Area Coast Guard Retirees. Also retirees should be kept informed about planned Coast Guard sessions at the RAD. CAPT Lemley commented that all Capital Area Coast Guard Retirees, not just those who expressed an interest in attending the Ft. Myer RAD, should be kept informed. SEE NOTE ABOVE RE: CONCERNS ABOUT THE LOGISTICS OF THE MEETING.

Committee Assignments – CDR Russell, Chairman of the Retiree Benefits Seminar Committee proposed that Committee members (CAPT Glass, CAPT Lemley, CAPT Schneeweis, and himself) work in concert to accomplish the above activities to prepare for the September 30th RAD. CAPT Glass will prepare and E-Mail RAD information bulletins to the Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree bang list to keep them informed on the Ft. Myer RAD program.

Planning for Participation in Future RADs CAPT Carpenter suggested that the Retiree Council proceed with the Fort Myer RAD, The Council should use its experience with the Ft .Myer RAD as a basis for deciding and planning participation in future RADs. Experience could be enhanced by conducting an exit survey of Coast Guard attendees at the Ft. Myer RAD, and documenting the experience of Retiree Council members who serve as organizers and presenters at the Coast Guard session of the Ft .Myer RAD.

The Retiree Council agreed to proceed as suggested by CAPT Carpenter on planning for participation in future RADs, and to have this issue on the agenda for the 9 December Retiree Council meeting.

Council Christmas Cards – CAPT Glass presented a progress report on the 2005 Retiree Council Christmas Card project. The Project Committee includes CAPT Glass, CAPT Lemley, CDR Russell, and CWO4 Elizabeth Splaine. The Committee agreed to proceed with the project as it did in 2004.

CAPT Glass displayed five (5) prospective Christmas Card illustrations for review and consideration by the Council. All prospective illustrations were characterized a “legacy” illustrations, that is they illustrated historic moments in Coast Guard history, lighthouses, lightships, etc. CAPT Carpenter suggested that retirees receiving the

cards might be interested in illustrations of new Coast Guard cutters or aircraft. CAPT Glass commented that he would search Coast Guard sites for more contemporary illustrations.

CAPT Lemley suggested that the five prospective Christmas Card illustrations, together with selected contemporary illustrations be E-Mailed to Council Members for consideration. CAPT Glass agreed to provide Council Members with illustrations for selection before the scheduled September 30 Retiree Council meeting.

CDR Russell suggested that an E-Mail contact point for the Retiree Council be added to the card following the listing of Council members.

Review and Expansion of the Capital Area Retiree Bang List –

CAPT Lee Carpenter is the Mailing List Committee Chairman and CAPT Chuck Glass, CAPT Norm Lemley, CWO4 Elizabeth Splaine, Mrs. Eileen Delaney, CAPT Michael Hendrickson, and CAPT Bud Schneeweis are members.

CAPT Carpenter will assign each Committee Members a telephone call list, consisting of the names of Capital Area Coast Guard Retirees listed on specified pages of the REGISTER OF MILITARY PERSONNEL IN WASHINGTON D.C. AREA (HSCNOTE 1720 - NOVEMBER 2004)

Committee Members will make a telephone call to persons on their assigned call list, confirm/update information on their address, spouse, telephone number, and E-Mail address, and ask for their approval to be included them on the list of Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council Affiliated Retirees and "bang list".

Committee Members will also elicit information from the persons called regarding other Capital Area Coast Guard retirees who might want to be included on the list of Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council Affiliated Retirees and "bang list". Committee Members should follow-up by calling these other Coast Guard retirees to get their first-hand approval to be included on the "bang list" and to get their address, telephone number, E-Mail address, and name of spouse (if applicable).

Committee Members will forward the name and updated information for retirees called, who agree to be included on the list of Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council Affiliated Retirees to CAPT Carpenter. This information will then be relayed to CAPT Glass who will update the current list of Retiree Council Affiliated retirees, and prepare a related E-Mail "bang list".

The Committee aims to complete this project by September 30, 2005. This can be achieved if each Committee member calls and forwards information on 5 retirees per week.

CAPT Farmer suggested that the Council encourage Capital Area Coast Guard retirees who are not listed in the current edition of HSCNOTE 1720 (REGISTER OF MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THE WASHINGTON DC AREA) be asked to submit a FORM, providing contact information and authorization to include such information in the next edition of HSCNOTE 1720. CAPT Glass agreed to submit the FORM for publication in Evening Colors with a request that retirees also authorize use of their contact information by the Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council. **Following the Council meeting, CAPT Farmer advised CAPT Glass that the deadline date for retirees to submit FORM 9737 for inclusion in the November 2005 publication of HSCNOTE 1720 is September 15, 1005**

NEW BUSINESS - Discussion of new Council projects

Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council Web site - At its May 6 meeting, the Council decided to undertake development of a Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Web Site to be linked to a new National Coast Guard Retiree Council-at-Large Web page. managed by CWO4 Fred Siegel, USCG (Ret) . CAPT Glass and CDR Russell reported on their unsuccessful attempts to use the Council-at-Large Web page for Capital Area Retiree Council purposes and recommended that the Council proceed with the development of its own Web site.

At the May 6th Retiree Council meeting, CAPT Robert Warakomsky volunteered to develop the Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council Web site and to serve as Web master. It is intended that this Web site will serve as an alternative to the bang list, for notification of Coast Guard retirees about Retiree Days and other events of interest to Coast Guard retirees.

CAPT Farmer is providing CAPT Warakomsky with Headquarters Support Command assistance in the development of the Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council Web site. He has put CAPT Wrakomsky in touch with Headquarters IT personnel for assistance in linking the Council Web site with the main Coast Guard Web site.

Recruiting Assistance – CDR Russell commented on the April National Retiree Council discussions of recruiting assistance.

Reserve Recruiting Assistance - As a result of his assessment of the Coast Guard recruiting program, CDR Russell suggested that CAPT Lemley recast his recruiting proposal to address Reserve recruiting from a pool of already trained mariners available through US maritime training schools. CAPT Schneeweis commented that the Coast

Guard Recruiting Command has centralized management of all recruiting efforts and that any proposal to develop direction for Coast Guard Reserve recruiting should be channeled through the Chief of the Reserve Recruiting program.

Coast Guard Academy Recruiting Assistance - CDR Russell noted that the Coast Guard Academy has a new outreach program for recruiting of applicants for appointment to the Academy. As mentioned in the Minutes of the May 6 Retiree Council meeting, CDR Russell will conceptualize a recruiting assistance program in which a Retiree Council representative will serve to facilitate communications between Guidance Counselors at schools with promising minority Academy applicant pools and a CG Academy recruiting outreach representative. Again CAPT Schneeweis advised that the Academy recruiting program is being closely directed by the Academy and that development of our Retiree Council program should be loosely coordinated with the Academy recruiting staff.

Retiree Council At-Large (freds place) - Discussion resumed briefly on the purpose of the Retiree Council At-Large Web site being managed by CWO4 Fred Siegel, USCG (Ret). CDR Russell commented that the purpose of the Retiree Council At-Large Web site is to facilitate communications between the National Coast Guard Retiree Council with and among Co-Chairs of Regional Coast Guard Retiree Councils.

Retiree Program Coordinator's Office – CAPT GLASS noted that the report of the April 2005 National Coast Guard Retiree Council has been finalized since the May 6 Capital Area Retiree Council meeting. The final report includes the proposal to establish a Headquarters Retiree Program Coordinator's Office staffed with members of the Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council. This would require working space and associated office equipment and supplies, a standard workstation, HQ's telephone directory listing and parking support. This Office would serve as Headquarters single point of contact between the active duty Coast Guard and the Coast Guard military retiree community. The proposal shown in Enclosure 3 to the final report of the April 2005 National Retiree Council meeting includes a detailed list of duties for the Retiree Program Coordinator's Office. Council members were reminded that CAPT Robert Warakomsky, USCG (Ret) volunteered and was unanimously approved by the Council to head up this effort. He is expected to report to the Council Co-Chairs on developments of this project as they occur and may call on them for assistance as-required.

Addendum to the Minutes:

On 21 June, CAPT Glass was informed by the Co-Chair of the Ft. Myer Retiree Council that the date for the Ft. Myer RAD has been changed. No alternative date has yet been set. Coast Guard Retirees who wish to attend the Ft. Myer RAD will be kept informed by E-Mail of the new date for the RAD, and more details of the RAD program as they become available.

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Summary of Minutes of the May 6, 2005 Meeting of the Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council

Following is the list of attendees:

Council members:

CAPT Lee Carpenter, USCG (Ret)

LCDR David DuPont, USCG (Ret)

CAPT Bob Gauvin, USCG (Ret)

CAPT Charles Glass, USCG (Ret)

CAPT Michael Hendrickson, USCG (Ret)

CDR Bruce Russell, USCG (Ret) CAPT

CAPT Warren (Bud) Schneeweis, USCG (Ret)

CWO4 Elizabeth Splaine, USCG (Ret)

CAPT. Robert Warakomsky, USCG (Ret)

YNCS Dennis (Mike) White, USCG (Ret)

CAPT Bud Schneeweis, USCG (Ret)

Guest: RADM Fred Ames, USCG (Ret), CoChair Coast Guard National Retiree Council
CO, USCG Headquarters Support Command - CAPT Robert Farmer,

Recorder: PO Robby Reyes

2. Agenda

2.1 WELCOME, Introductions, and Review and Approval of Agenda -

2.2 Comments: CAPT Robert Farmer

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3.1 Review and approve minutes of the 28 January, 2005 Council meeting

3.2 Schedule for future meetings

4. COUNCIL PROGRAM - OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Highlights of the Commandant's 2005 National Coast Guard Retiree Council meeting (RADM Fred Ames)

4.2 Review of Retiree Benefits Seminar Survey

4.3 Committee Report on Retiree Benefits Seminar

5 COUNCIL PROGRAM - NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Discussion of pending Council projects

5.1.1 2005 Christmas Card project

5.1.1.1 Request for listing of Capital Area retirees and annuitants over 70

5.1.1.2 Review of Capital Area Zip Codes

5.1.2 Review of contents of Council News Letter

5.1.3 Response to Survey of Regional Coast Guard Retiree Councils

5.1.4 Review (updating) of Capital Area Retiree bang list

6 ADJOURN

CAPT Glass welcomed the attendees and distributed copies of the above Agenda. No changes were suggested and so the above Agenda was accepted.

CAPT Farmer addressed the Council regarding the security improvements and renovations planned for CG Headquarters, and the GSA study regarding relocation of Coast Guard Headquarters to the St. Elizabeth's Hospital campus.

Highlights of the Commandant's 2005 National Coast Guard Retiree Council meeting: RADM Fred Ames, Co Chair of the Commandant of the Coast Guard National Retiree Council, distributed a draft copy of the "2005 NATIONAL RETIREE COUNCIL MEETING REPORT" (**Attached**) and commented on several of the report highlights.

The following two report highlights are of particular interest to the Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council.

Headquarters Retiree Program Coordinator's Office - A Headquarters Retiree Program Coordinator's Office staffed with members of the Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council is proposed to be established. This would require working space and associated office equipment and supplies, a standard workstation, HQ's telephone directory listing and parking support. This Office would serve as Headquarters single point of contact between the active duty Coast Guard and the Coast Guard military retiree community. The proposal shown in Enclosure 3 to the Attachment includes a detailed list of duties for the Retiree Program Coordinator's Office. This proposal will be considered at future Retiree Council meetings. CAPT Warakomsky volunteered to head up this effort.

Coast Guard Retiree Council-at-Large – A Coast Guard Retiree Council-at-Large has been established and chaired by CWO4 Fred Siegel, USCG (Ret) and his Web site will service the needs of the National Coast Guard Retiree Council. It was noted that the Web site was up and operating at (www.fredsplace.org/retiree/).

Delegate Report - CDR Bruce Russell, the Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council delegate to the National Retiree Council, gave his impressions of the National Council proceedings.

He noted sharing the National Council presentations on retiree benefits and healthcare with all Capital Area retirees is a monumental but necessary task. Disseminating the information presents problems because of its sheer volume, and he is looking for ways to overcome this obstacle.

CDR Russell commented that the primary benefit of the National Retiree Council meeting was the opportunity for personal contact with Coast Guard experts on TRICARE and experts on other retiree benefits. He cited the need to make retirees aware of the exceptional healthcare information available through the TRICARE Web site www.tricare.osd.mil. He also thought it important that Coast Guard retirees be made aware of personalized TRICARE assistance available through the Coast Guard's toll-free benefits advisor number (1-800-942-2422).

Recruiting – CDR Russell reported that the Coast Guard is by-and-large doing well with recruiting with the exception of 3 areas: minority recruiting (all ranks); Reserve recruiting (the fireman and policemen the USCG targets are not signing up at the pre-Iraq war rate for any Reserve or Guard duty); and Academy applications (down to 1000 total applications for a class size of about 300, though there were 17,000+ hits on the CGA web site).

COMPASS Program and Coast Guard Academy (CGA) Recruiting Initiative– CDR Russell reported that the National Council heard 2 presentations about diversity and the COMPASS program. The COMPASS program is looking for volunteers to reach out and tell the CG story, particularly to minorities. The National Council heard about a new CGA initiative looking for volunteers to reach out to high schools to tell the Academy story. RADM Jim Van Sice, the newly designated Superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy commented that he expected the volunteer program would focus primarily on getting young Lieutenants to go to schools and reach out directly to the student body. CDR Russell said that he briefly discussed, combining the COMPASS program approach and the CG Academy outreach effort to use older retirees to reach out to High School Guidance Counselors for both enlisted and CG Academy recruiting. CDR Russell mentioned this approach to some of the other Council Co-chairs and they encouraged him to suggest the Capital Area Retiree Council put one or more pilot programs together--- The Capital Area Retiree Council covers a large, very diverse region of the country, has a large number of retirees scattered in all directions of the compass, and could cover a lot of ground. The Capital Area Retiree Council could get materials from both the COMPASS program and CG Academy initiative.

Report of Retiree Benefits Seminar Survey – On March 22 and again on April 3rd, an E-Mail survey was sent to 154 Capital Area Coast Guard Retirees who had agreed to communicate with the Retiree Council on retiree issues. The E-Mail survey message to 40 of the Capital Area Retirees was rejected for a variety of reasons. A constructive response was received from 35 of the Capital Area Retirees. No response was received from 79 of the Capital Area Coast Guard Retirees. The survey elicited interest in topics to be covered in a proposed Retiree Benefits Seminar and asked for preferences regarding the location for the Seminar. The list of proposed Seminar topics was developed by CAPT Schneeweis and CDR Russell. LCDR DuPont collected and summarized the Survey responses. The Council reviewed the results of the Survey and concluded that it confirmed retirees' interest in a Retiree Benefits Seminar covering the proposed Seminar topics.

There appears to be no firm preference among the Survey responses regarding the location for a Retiree Benefits Seminar. It would appear that most responders would prefer to have the Seminar at a government facility near to home (where they go for retiree services such as medical care, commissary/exchange, etc.).

Retiree Benefits Seminar Committee Report - CAPT Schneeweis and CDR Russell reported that the results of the Seminar Survey indicated that the Council should proceed with plans for a Seminar. Discussion was opened on the issue of having a Coast Guard unique Seminar vs. "piggybacking" on a retiree day program already being planned by some other m. Following the Council meeting, CAPT Schneeweis provided the following list of Retiree Day programs planned for the Washington DC area military retirees.

Ft. Meade - 16/17 Sep (still tentative)
Ft. Belvior - 17 Sep (date is expected to be changed)
Ft. Myer - 30 Sep
Andrews AFB - 5 Nov
Bolling AFB - 19 Nov
Naval Station Annapolis (none planned for 2005)

CAPT Schneeweis commented that MOAA provides presenters to many retiree benefit seminars offered by military retiree organizations nationwide. He was aware of only one annual Coast Guard sponsored retiree day program in Alameda, California

It was noted that publication of these seminar dates should be included in our Newsletter.

The Council decided to check with sponsors of the various Retiree Day programs about the feasibility of having Coast Guard retiree participation. CWO4 Elizabeth Splaine stated that she had attended Retiree Day programs at Fort Meade and at Bolling AFB, and that she felt that Coast Guard retirees would be welcomed. CAPT Schneeweis commented that most Military Retiree Benefit Seminars are all-service affairs, open to retirees from all armed services.

CAPT Glass agreed to contact the sponsors of the Fort Myer Retiree Day program to determine if they were agreeable to Coast Guard retiree participation in the September 30, 2005 Retiree Day program.

CAPT Glass suggested that a cross check be made between the topics to be covered in the Fort Myer Retiree Day program and the retiree benefits topics of interest contained in Coast Guard Retiree Benefits Seminar Survey.

Review and Expansion of the Capital Area Retiree Bang List - A motion was made, seconded, and approved to establish a committee to telephone Capital Area retirees listed in the November 2004 REGISTER OF MILITARY PERSONNEL IN WASHINGTON DC AREA. Five Council members agreed to serve on the committee.

Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Web Page/Site - The Council agreed to undertake development of a Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Web Site to be linked to new National Coast Guard Retiree Council-at-Large Web page at fredspace..

CAPT Warakomsky agreed to contact the CWO4 Fred Siegel, the Web Master of the fredspace Web site and to serve as Web master for the Capital Area Retiree Council

COUNCIL PROGRAM – NEW BUSINESS

Retiree Council 2005 Christmas Card Project - At the January 28, 2005 Council meeting, unanimously approved the Christmas Card Project for 2005. CDR Russell, CAPT Glass, CAPT Lemley, and CWO4 Splaine volunteered for the 2005 Christmas Card Committee.

Retiree Council Newsletter -Review of Contents: CAPT Glass commented that the Council had previously decided to E-Mail a quarterly Newsletter to the Council bang list. Two such Newsletters have been distributed. They consisted of extracts from the minutes of recent Council meetings. CAPT Lemley and YNCS White were designated as the Newsletter editors.

ATTACHMENT 2 --
COAST GUARD NATIONAL RETIREE COUNCIL Minutes
"Coast Guard For'er"

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To: Commandant (G-C)
Via: Assistant Commandant for Human Resources (G-W)
Subj: 2005 NATIONAL RETIREE COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

1. Background

a. The Commandant of the Coast Guard National Retiree Council (CCGNRC) held its fourth annual meeting in accordance with COMDTINST 1800.5D from 12 to 14 April 2005 at Coast Guard Headquarters. In addition to the Co-Chairs, eight (8) chartered regional Coast Guard Retiree Councils were represented plus one "Retiree Council-at-Large" representative. The Chief, Army Retirement Services also attended on 13 April. Attendees are listed in the agenda, enclosure (1).

h. The Co-Chairs provided representation at the Secretary of the Navy and Chief of Staff, Army Retiree Councils, but could not attend the Chief of Staff, Air Force Council due to previous scheduled engagements.

c. The Council had an ambitious agenda of briefings and discussions from staffs and organizations both within and external to the Coast Guard, enclosure 1. In lieu of recounting the wide range of superb information passed on to the Council, we focus on those issues of potential importance to the Commandant and the Assistant Commandant for Human Resources.

d. The Council would like to make special note of the exceptional support provided by the Military Coalition/National Military and Veterans Alliance, and especially the Military Officer Association of America (MOAA), the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) and the National Association of Uniformed Services (NAUS). Besides the highly informative briefings, MOAA again sponsored a lunch for the Council in the Commandant's Flag Mess and FRA hosted the Council for an afternoon session at their facilities with a reception following.

2. Issues

a. **Armed Forces Retirement Home.** The Council positively notes that the Coast Guard is pursuing the legislative proposal to include our Service in the Armed Forces Retirement Home. The outcome will truly be a win-win for our members and Service.

b. **Benefits.** The Council notes the significant progress made over the last year by the Military Coalition, working with the Administration and Congress, in obtaining important benefits for active duty and reserve members, the retiree community, and their families. The Council continues to support those legislative initiatives that honor the men and women who serve everyday in harms way, made all that more visible with the Global War on Terror. Especially with the recruiting and retention challenges within various active duty, Reserve and National Guard components, the Nation must keep faith with the relatively small numbers of service members who bear the majority of the responsibility for the protection of our liberties. An argument is being made that dollars spent on retirees and annuitants do not impact the current force and that those dollars would be better spent in acquiring new systems and equipment and on those currently serving. However, this Nation is experiencing a paucity of those with military service, especially parents, teachers and guidance counselors, who are the traditional influencers of the recruitable population. This leaves those who have "served with honor" as the best cadre of recruiting and retention influencers. Keeping faith with this critical population will be one of the important keys to maintaining the all-volunteer-force (or more appropriately the all-recruited-force). Current important legislative initiatives include:

- i. Eliminate the Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) offset to SBP,
- ii. Authorize full concurrent receipt of military retired pay and VA disability compensation,
- iii. Accelerate effective date (currently 10/1/08) for 30-year paid-up SBP coverage,
- iv. Accelerate 10-year concurrent receipt phase-in schedule for 50%-90% disabled retirees, and
- v. Authorize Combat-Related Special Compensation for medical retirees with less than 20 years.

c. **Healthcare.**

- i. The Council notes the tremendous strides made by TRICARE (new regional contracts that greatly simplify the system) and associated enhanced benefits, such as TRICARE for Life (TFL) and the expanded pharmacy benefit. While there have been and continue to be some problems with the contact changeover and attracting sufficient providers to participate in certain localities (reimbursement rate issues), the overall patient

satisfaction is extremely high. The Council does note the proposed 5% cut in 2006 reimbursement rates would further exacerbate the provider issue.

- ii. There is little doubt that TRICARE offers the best healthcare plan in America, but herein lays the challenge. The Council is concerned that the cost of the system is growing almost exponentially and must be addressed soon to avoid a crisis.
 - iii. The TRICARE website, www.tricare.osd.mil, is an exceptional healthcare information/access tool. Additionally, all Coast Guard members, especially retirees, should make note of the Coast Guard's toll-free health benefits advisor number, 1-800-9HBAHBA. All too often members are attempting to tackle complex issues on their own when expert help is readily available.
- d. **Civilian Retirees.** Mr. Tom Fisher, G-WPd, proposed to the Council that Coast Guard civilian retirees be included as they too have been long associated with the Service and feel just as "CG Blue" as those wearing the military uniform. In keeping with "Team Coast Guard," the Council unanimously concurred with the inclusion of civilian retirees. The proposed revision to Commandant Instruction 1800.5 is included as enclosure (2).
- e. **Retiree Council-at-Large.** CWO4 Fred Siegel, USCG (Ret.) of "Fred's Place" attended the meeting as the prospective representative for a "Retiree-at-Large Council." With so many retirees dispersed throughout the country (and world for that matter), with limited access to the now ten regional councils, it makes tremendous sense to make maximum use of the Internet and connect to retirees wherever they might be. The Council unanimously endorsed this initiative. CWO Siegel will be the Chair of this "virtual council" and is applying his able talents and power of his robust website to this effort. For instance, please see www.fredsplace.org for information on this Council meeting. Fred has also established an "internal COMMCEN" website to provide informal internal communications amongst the National Retiree Council and the Chairpersons of the Regional Retiree Councils: www.fredsplacc.org/retiree/. Enclosure (2) also reflects the Retiree-at-Large Council.
- f. **CGHQ's Retiree Program Support.** As reported last year, the Council sincerely appreciates the support provided by RADM Venuto and his staff and acknowledges that the majority of retired affairs support is provided by the Personnel Service Center in Topeka, hence the continued argument that the "double-hatted" billet at Headquarters is adequate. However, many of the administrative issues in operating a National Council and a growing contingent of regional councils (as we become more successful in the spirit of the governing Commandant Instruction) is outside the "retired affairs" support tasked and staffed at PSC. In reality, the HQ's billet has little to no time to assist the Co-Chairs of the National Council nor the Regional Councils in promoting and coordinating those CCGRNC program initiatives that foster active outreach between Coast Guard units and retirees as suggested by the Commandant Instruction, such as establishing Retiree Services Offices, providing benefits and transition counseling, mentoring, sponsoring, and participation in other recruiting and retention initiatives. Understanding that a full-time billet is neither necessary nor would ever compete well in the budget process given the many unfulfilled human resource needs, the Council proposes staffing a HQ's Retiree Program Coordinator position with members of the Capital Area Council, similar to how a portion of the work is accomplished by the Office of Auxiliary. This will require working space and associated office equipment and supplies, standard workstation, HQ's telephone directory listing, and parking support from CG-I similar to that provided in G-O. The suggested duties of this retiree-staffed billet are provided in enclosure (3).
- g. **Coast Guard For'er Initiatives.** Following is a short summary of regional retiree council activities; should we be successful in establishing part-time Retiree Program support at HQ's, a comprehensive database of retiree services provided and measures of their value to the Coast Guard will be built.
- i. The National Council Co-Chairs responded to more than 100 E-Mails/requests for information on various Coast Guard issues, how to form a regional council and how to find a "lost shipmate."
 - ii. Regional Councils
 1. There are ten (10) regional councils either chartered or in the process of chartering;
 2. A few have established Retiree Services Offices that operate at a part-time basis and respond to both retiree and active duty requests for information/advice; Meetings vary from monthly luncheons with guest speakers to regular quarterly business meetings;
 4. Initiatives/programs include information kiosks, retiree benefits seminars, comprehensive E-Mail listings to connect retirees with the Coast Guard, Christmas card program, and recruiting assistance.
3. Summary. This was actually the second meeting of the Council "on its own," having previously been a participant with the Secretary of the Navy Retiree Council. The CCGNRC program continues to mature, due to a cadre of highly dedicated retirees. Significant value is being provided to those Coast Guard units and surrounding retiree communities where there is "enlightened leadership" at the

commands. Retirees who are willing to volunteer their time, skills, knowledge and expertise to the Coast Guard community leverage the commands' work force. Those supportive commanders and commanding officers truly understand that for a minor investment in space, resources, and time, and a good dose of respect, pays substantial dividends. The Council salutes their insight and will continue to encourage others to step forward!

Fred L. Ames

Vincent W. Patton

Enclosure:

(3) Retiree Program Coordinator Duties

Enclosure (3)

Retiree Program Coordinator Duties

Under the auspices of the Commandant of the Coast Guard National Retiree Council (CCGRNC) program, serve as the United States Coast Guard Headquarters single point of contact in CG- I to keep open a positive line of communications between the Coast Guard and the Coast Guard military retiree community in an effort to ensure the resources and capabilities of each are used to help resolve the needs of the other. Specific duties shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Conducting the necessary I-IQ's administrative and logistics functions to support the CCGNRC and Regional Councils (facilitate annual meeting and staff report, staff COMDTINST changes and new/revised charters, maintain council roster);
2. Developing and maintaining a database of retiree services provided and measures of their value to the Coast Guard;
3. Coordinating with HQ's offices, primarily in CG-I, to ensure connectivity and mutual support between their program needs and the capabilities of the Regional Councils;
4. Responding to inquiries from retirees on SBP, benefits, healthcare, pay and associated retirement issues by providing appropriate answers or referring them to the responsible action party, such as PSC or CG Health Benefits Advisors;
5. Responding to inquiries from both retirees and local Coast Guard units concerning establishing and operating regional councils;
6. Building a retirement services program throughout the Coast Guard; this includes supporting the "Coast Guard For'er" program throughout the Service, such as assisting with:
 - a. Developing and establishing methods for retirees and annuitants to function as mentors, sponsors, and to participate in the Service's recruiting and retention initiatives;
 - b. Raising the visibility of the Coast Guard through coordinated efforts between District Commanders and local retirees;
 - c. Establishing Retiree Services Offices, staffed by RCGRC volunteers, at Coast Guard units where needs and interests warrant this service;
 - d. Developing comprehensive, easy to access, and understandable survivor benefits counseling tools and packages for retirees and annuitants;
 - e. Promoting enhanced understanding of ongoing military health care issues throughout the entire retiree and annuitant community; and
 - f. Forging a strong communications link between the sponsoring command and the retiree and annuitant community where RCGRCs are chartered.
7. Establishing liaison with the Headquarters of other Service-affiliated organizations (TROA, FRA, ROA, NAUS, CWOA, CPOA, CGEA, etc.) to further CCGNRC objectives; and
Performing any and all duties to improve the interface between retirees and local Coast Guard units.____

Attachment 3

COMDTINST 1800.5D COAST GUARD NATIONAL RETIREE COUNCIL PROGRAM

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COMMANDANT INSTRUCTION 1800.5D

Subj: COMMANDANT OF THE COAST GUARD NATIONAL RETIREE COUNCIL PROGRAM

1. PURPOSE. This Instruction provides guidance for the Commandant of the Coast Guard National Retiree Council (CCGNRC) program, outlines council purposes and objectives, describes procedures for council formation, identifies funding and support responsibilities, and explains the relationship between the Coast Guard and the national and regional retiree councils.
2. ACTION. The Coast Guard will engage the Coast Guard military retiree community as a whole as well as support each member individually. The CCGNRC program is the Commandant's primary method to interact with the Coast Guard military retiree community. The official communication link between the Coast Guard and its retired members is the *Evening Colors*, a newsletter for Coast Guard and NOAA retirees and annuitants. Under auspices of the CCGNRC, district commanders, commanders of maintenance and logistics commands, commanding officers of integrated support commands, and unit commanding officers may charter and support Regional Coast Guard Retiree Councils (RCGRCs) consistent with available resources and local needs. Internet release is authorized.
3. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. Commandant Instruction 1800.5C is canceled.
4. DISCUSSION. The Coast Guard military retiree community (inclusive of military retirees and annuitants) is an integral part of the Coast Guard family. Coast Guard military retirees and annuitants are invaluable members who are affected by Congressional legislation, have unique needs and who can effectively represent the Coast Guard to local and national decision makers.
5. COUNCIL PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES. The National Council of Coast Guard Retirees was chartered in July 1982, and renamed the Commandant of the Coast Guard National Retiree Council (CCGNRC) in 2002. Its primary purpose is to keep open a positive line of communications between the Coast Guard and the Coast Guard military retiree community in an effort to make sure the resources and capabilities of each are used to help resolve the needs of the other. The CCGNRC and the RCGRCs are forums through which this communication takes place. A sampling of specific benefits that can accrue from active outreach between Coast Guard units and retirees, under auspices of the CCGNRC program, include:
 - a. Improving the interface between retirees and local Coast Guard units.
 - b. Developing and establishing methods for retirees and annuitants to function as mentors and to participate in the Service's recruiting and retention initiatives.
 - c. Raising the visibility of the Coast Guard through coordinated efforts between District Commanders and local retirees.
 - d. Establishing Retiree Services Offices, staffed by RCGRC volunteers, at Coast Guard units where needs and interests warrant this service.
 - e. Developing comprehensive, easy to access, and understandable survivor benefits counseling tools and packages for retirees and annuitants.
 - f. Promoting enhanced understanding of ongoing military health care issues throughout the entire retiree and annuitant community.
 - g. Forging a strong communications link between the sponsoring command and the retiree and annuitant community where RCGRCs are chartered.
 - h. Establishing liaison with other Service-affiliated organizations (TROA, FRA, ROA, NAUS, CWOA, CPOA, CGEA, etc.) to further the above listed objectives.
6. ORGANIZATION AND DUTIES
 - a. Commandant of the Coast Guard National Retiree Council - The CCGNRC consists of two national Co-Chairs (one retired flag officer, one retired master chief petty officer) and the designated representative of each RCGRC. The Assistant Commandant for Human Resources (G-W) will serve as the Commandant's Executive Agent to the CCGNRC.

- (1) The Commandant appoints each Co-Chair for a term, specified and detailed in the appointment letter, of up to three years.
 - (2) The Co-Chairs represent the Coast Guard at annual meetings of the SECNAV, Army, and Air Force Retiree Councils to provide input on matters of interest to Coast Guard retirees and annuitants.
 - (3) The CCGNRC will meet at least annually and include a briefing to the Commandant. Additionally, CCGNRC will prepare and submit meeting minutes and recommendations to the Executive Agent, who will in turn, provide a written response to the CCGNRC to facilitate alignment of the Council's activities with the Commandant's Direction. The *Evening Colors* will publish these minutes and recommendations, as well as the response, in their entirety.
 - (4) Between meetings, the Executive Agent and Co-Chairs will maintain contact on an ongoing basis to facilitate understanding and resolution of issues of concern to the retiree community.
- b. Regional Coast Guard Retiree Council - A RCGRC can be formed when a group of retirees and annuitants (10 minimum recommended) agree to be members. The district, maintenance and logistics command, integrated support command, or Coast Guard unit sponsors a RCGRC where the retirees and annuitants are located. A RCGRC's membership shall represent, if possible, all categories of retirees including officers, enlisted, reservists in receipt of retired pay, gray-area reservists, and widows/widowers.
- (1) Either retirees and annuitants or a Coast Guard command may initiate formation of a RCGRC. The local Coast Guard command becomes the sponsor.
 - (2) The sponsoring command will request the official charter from Commandant (G-W) by letter via the chain of command, when both the command and the RCGRC are ready. The Commandant will issue a charter certificate, suitable for framing, to present to the RCGRC at their official chartering ceremony.
 - (3) The RCGRC Chair(s) shall be nominated from among the members and approved and appointed by the sponsor.
 - (4) The RCGRC Chair(s) may appoint Committee Heads who have been nominated by the RCGRC membership.
 - (5) Regional councils will meet a minimum of twice a year to:
 - Exchange ideas on matters concerning retiree entitlements,
 - Consolidate support on issues that arise during the meetings,
 - c) Coordinate the activities of council members to wield greater influence on matters of mutual concern and,
 - d) Make recommendations to the sponsoring command and CCGNRC.
 - (6) Council meeting minutes will be prepared and submitted to the sponsoring command. The sponsoring command will review the minutes, provide written comments for applicable items and return minutes and comments to the RCGRC Chair(s). The RCGRC's Chair(s) will forward the minutes/comments to the CCGNRC Co-Chair(s).
 - (7) The RCGRC's Chair(s) may represent the Coast Guard retiree and annuitant community at local and regional SECNAV, Army, and Air Force retiree council meetings.
- c. District Commanders, Commanders of Maintenance and Logistics Commands, Commanding Officers of Integrated Support Commands, and Unit Commanding Officers shall:
- (1) Actively encourage retirees and annuitants to establish a RCGRC and then sponsor and support the RCGRC, consistent with available resources and the needs of the local council, when chartered. Support may include, but is not limited to, provision of office and meeting space and use of office equipment and supplies necessary to prepare council correspondence (i.e. letters and newsletters) and conduct council business.
 - (2) In order to improve outreach to local retirees and annuitants, units may request address listings from Coast Guard Human Resources Service and Information Center, Retiree and Annuitant Services Division (HRSIC (RAS)) as necessary.

As a cautionary note this information may only be used for bona fide Council Program purposes and must be appropriately safeguarded.

d. Human Resources Service and Information Center (HRSIC (RAS)) will:

- (1) Cover the CCGNRC program and its progress in the *Evening Colors*.

- (2) Provide retiree address listings (selected by ZIP Code groupings) to units, RCGRCs or the CCGNRC upon written request.
- e. Commandant (G-W) will:
- (1) Serve as the Executive Agent. In this role, the Assistant Commandant for Human Resources will be the principal point of contact to support the CCGNRC and ensure accurate, timely exchange of information between the Co-Chairs and the Commandant. The Executive Agent will participate in the Annual Meeting, as well as maintain regular communications throughout the year to facilitate understanding of relevant matters and action as appropriate.
 - (2) Fund an annual meeting of the CCGNRC, normally held in the spring in Washington, DC, and other travel and administrative expenses incurred by the Co-Chairs of the CCGNRC
 - (3) Coordinate space and equipment as necessary to support the annual meeting of the CCGNRC.



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Commandant

ATTACHMENT 4

WASHINGTON, DC AREA RETIREE COUNCIL CHARTER

This Charter officially establishes the Washington, DC Area Retiree Council, Washington, DC. The main function of the council is to represent the retired community as advisors to the Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Headquarters, and the Commanding Officer, Headquarters Support Command on matters relating to current and future issues affecting the retired military community. The council shall assist commanding officers in development of a strong communication link between the retired community and area units.

RESPONSIBILITIES. Provide the National Coast Guard Retiree Council Chairperson and local commanding officers with insight into the problems and needs of all retirees, their dependents, and widows/widowers of retirees.

Participate and communicate with the active and reserve Coast Guard communities.

Receive information from the National Coast Guard Retiree Council regarding legislation and Coast

Guard policies that affect retirees, and influence the same by providing input to the National Coast Guard Retiree Council.

Assist in and develop public support for Coast Guard programs (recruiting, sponsor programs, etc.)

Assist retirees and widows/widowers with resolution of problems associated with the active-retired relationship.

Assist retirees and widows/widowers with decedent affairs issues.

Hold group sessions to discuss and make recommendations and proposals on retiree programs, trends, etc.

Establish liaison with other Service-affiliated organizations (TROA, FRA, ROA, NAUS, CWOA, CPOA, and others, as appropriate).

Forward emergent issues which are beyond local interest and control to the National Coast Guard Retiree Council via the Commanding Officer, Headquarters Support Command, Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Headquarters, and Commandant

(G-WPM)

MEMBERSHIP: The local council will consist of 10 or more members, representing, if possible, all categories of retirees: officer, enlisted, disabled, minority, retired reservists, and annuitants (widow/widowers). Council members will be appointed by the chairperson in response to nominations

from the council. Commanding Officer, Headquarters Support Command should be represented at meetings.

CHAIRPERSONSHIP: The chairperson may be a retired officer or enlisted member, appointed by the Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Headquarters from nominations submitted by the council.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT: The Commanding Officer, Headquarters Support Command (or other host command, as appropriate) shall provide a meeting area, office equipment, and supplies for preparation of minutes and other correspondence.
Periodically encourage retirees to submit ideas, suggestions, and recommendations on subjects of interest to the local council.
Provide a representative at all meetings.
Resolve issues of local interest at unit/council level.
Forward issues directed to the National Coast Guard Retiree Council.

MEETINGS: The local council will meet once each quarter, or more frequently, if necessary.

REPORTS: Minutes will be prepared and submitted to Commanding Officer, Headquarters Support Command, who, in turn, will forward the minutes to the National Coast Guard Retiree Council with copies to the Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Headquarters and Commandant (G-WPM).
Issues submitted for consideration by the National Coast Guard Retiree Council and Commandant (G-WPM) will be addressed in a reply to the chairperson and published in the Retiree Newsletter.

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STANDARDS

1. I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE SELECTION OF MR. JEFFREY G. LANTZ AS THE COAST GUARDS DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS. MR. LANTZ WILL ASSUME THIS SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE POSITION ON 25 JUNE 2006.
2. MR. LANTZ HAS BEEN WITH THE COAST GUARD FOR 32 YEARS WITH OVER

28 YEARS DEDICATED TO THE MISSION OF MARINE SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. HE CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE CHIEF, LIFESAVING AND FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS DIVISION IN THE OFFICE OF SHIP DESIGN AND ENGINEERING STANDARDS, ASSISTANT COMMANDANT FOR PREVENTION. PRIOR TO THIS ASSIGNMENT, MR. LANTZ SERVED IN THE COAST GUARD AND RETIRED AT THE RANK OF CAPTAIN IN 2001. HIS PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENTS INCLUDED CHIEF OF THE OFFICE OF DESIGN AND ENGINEERING STANDARDS; COMMANDING OFFICER, MARINE SAFETY CENTER; AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER, MARINE SAFETY OFFICE HAMPTON ROADS. MR. LANTZ HAS A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE FROM THE U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY, AND A MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AND A MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN NAVAL ARCHITECTURE AND MARINE ENGINEERING FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

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