



“SERVICE CONTINUES”

Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council Newsletter

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Your Council continues to be active, meeting 30 October at USCG HQ. Key issues discussed were:

Operation of HQ Retiree “Help Desk”

Review of Council Membership

.Membership renewals

.Recommended recruits

.Schedule for new membership appointments

National Coast Guard Retiree Council Headquarters Retiree Program Coordinator's Office – workshop and Help Desk watch-stander training

Recruiting Assistance - Review of Retiree Council recruiting assistance proposal

Status of Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council WEB site

Council “Mailing List” expansion

Implementation of COMDTINST 1800.5E "Commandant of the Coast Guard National Retiree Council Program"

A copy of the Council meeting Agendas and minutes may be requested from CAPT Chuck Glass, ph (301) 598-6590 or E-Mail: cjglass@verizon.net.

Our objective is to publish a quarterly newsletter and provide you, the **Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree**, 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.

All are invited to contribute to the Newsletter, attend a meeting, and welcome to communicate with us prior to our Council meeting, or to provide informational items of

interest to retirees. Please send an e mail, call, or write to our Council Co-Chairs, CDR

Bruce Russell and YNCS Mike White, Council Secretary, Chuck Glass, or to our Newsletter editor, Norm Lemley (703) 528-1660 e-mail: nlemley2@comcast.net.

Please “Pass on” this Newsletter to others that may be interested. We welcome additional

e mail /or mailing addresses and phone numbers for our Capital Area Coast Guard Retirees Mailing list.

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

Council Meeting Schedule for 2006 -2007

Fri, DEC 1, 2006

Fri. MAR 30, 2007
Fri. JUN 29, 2007
Fri. SEP 28, 2007
Fri. DEC 7, 2007

Meetings are normally held at USCG Headquarters in Conference Room B718

Items/Activities of Interest

Retirees Help Desk Active

The National Coast Guard Retiree Council Headquarters Retiree Program Coordinator's Office Telephone/E-mail "HOTLINE" is up and running smoothly, staffed by members of the Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council, the Cape May Retiree Council, and other DC Area Retiree volunteers. More area volunteers are needed for the watch list.

This Office serves as a Headquarters point of contact for retirees needing assistance to determine whom or where they should direct their inquiries. The Office has quickly become a valuable contact point between the active duty Coast Guard and the Coast Guard military retiree community. This is important in these times of organizational change within the Coast Guard and our changing benefits and programs. There is no intent to curtail direct contact if the HQ "retiree" duty watchstander (who monitors the NRHD@uscg.mil) forwards the inquiry to the "action" duty watchstander (who is also monitoring the Help Desk telephone @ 202-475-5381). The "action" duty watchstander takes appropriate action on both the e-mail and phone inquiries. An access number to retrieve messages called into 202 475 5381 is provided to watchstanders.

"Watchstanders" are not being expected to be an expert on USCG Programs. If a question can not be answered, the main task is to direct the "caller" to the right source. Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) files are available to "watchstanders", and are a good information resource. It also may be necessary to come to HQ to address more difficult issues. Hopefully this will be the exception.

All USCG "retirees" are encouraged to contact the Retiree Program Coordinator's Office by telephone, 202-475-5381 or by e-mail, NRHD@uscg.mil, if they have questions or problems that are not otherwise being addressed or resolved. The Retiree Program Coordinator's Office team will make every effort to provide an answer or aid in finding the right person with the right answer and place that person in contact with the retiree.

CAPT Lee Carpenter, USCG RET

Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council learned with sadness of the death of Council member CAPT Lee Carpenter. Lee was an early advocate and leader in positioning the USCG for closer alignment with the USN on port security and military readiness issues as an element of national security. The Council extends our sympathy to the Carpenter family.

ADM J. William Kime USCG RET

ADM Bill Kime, former Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard. ADM Kime was passionate about maritime safety and environmental protection issues, died 14 Sept. in Baltimore following a valiant struggle with cancer. ADM Kime served as Commandant from 1990 to 1994, where he led the service during the end of the cold war, collapse of communism, and Operations Desert Shield

Memorial Services for ADM Kime were held at 1100 on 29 Sept. at Ft. Myer's Memorial Chapel, followed by interment with Full Military Honors at Arlington National Cemetery. ADM Allen gave the eulogy, noting that the Coast Guard Academy motto is "Scienc Cedit Mare" "the sea yields to knowledge." and that motto could well be applied to ADM Kime.

The Council extends our sympathy to the Kime family.

RADM Henry Bell USCG RET

It was with regret that the Council learned of the death of RADM Henry Bell, USCG RET. Rear Admiral Bell died Monday, 16 Oct 2006 at National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda Md.

ADM Bell was born on 30 April 1928 in Stamford Ct. He became a cadet at the Academy in July 1947 and graduated in 1951 with a commission as an Ensign and retired on 1 July 1987.

ADM Bell was married to the former Brenda Bennett of Bethesda Md. They raised three children.

Arrangements will be made for full-honors burial at Arlington National Cemetery.

The Council extends our sympathy to Brenda Bell and the Bell family.

ADM Allen included in U.S. News & World Report and Harvard's Center for Public Leadership 2006 'America's Best Leaders'

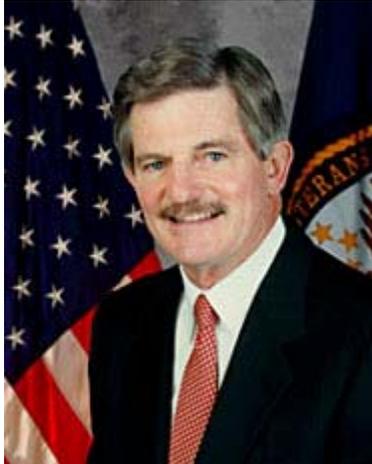
The U.S. News & World Report and Harvard's Center for Public Leadership 2006 "AMERICA'S BEST LEADERS" honorees include the USCG Commandant; ADM Thad Allen:

The honorees' profiles are available at <http://www.usnews.com>. More information on the honorees and interactive features are also available online.

The leaders were chosen by a nonpartisan and independent selection committee made up of high-level leaders from various industries and interests to examine, discuss, and select "America's Best Leaders."

A Message from Secretary of Veterans Affairs R. James Nicholson

America's veterans are the face of America. They come from all walks of life, all ages, all ethnicities. They served our Nation honorably and well and we honor that service, but how do we honor the veteran – the individual who put on the uniform and gave his or her all for our country?



Last spring I had the privilege of attending the ANZAC (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps) Day ceremonies in Sydney, Australia. ANZAC Day is the most important national holiday in Australia, a combination of Memorial Day and Veterans Day. It was established to commemorate the more than 8,000 Australians killed in the battle of Gallipoli in World War I, and now honors all Australian and New Zealand veterans.

One of the things that stood out during the day-long ceremonies was how all of the veterans and surviving family members wore their medals and campaign ribbons. It focused public pride and attention on those veterans as individuals with personal histories of service and sacrifice for the common good.

That is why I am calling on America's veterans to wear their military medals this Veterans Day, November 11, 2006. Wearing their medals will demonstrate the deep pride our veterans have in their military service and bring Veterans Day home to all American citizens. Veterans, wear your pride on your left side this Veterans Day! Let America know who you are and what you did for freedom.

New Coast Guard Plate for VA Residents



Coast Guard plate to be available for any current or retired Coast Guard members that have an automobile registered in the state of Virginia. All who are interested and are willing to apply for a plate, contact SK2 David Clark; phone ((757) 483-8434) or e-mail (david.clark@uscg.mil) and he will add the member to his list. Once he has a commitment for the required 350 plates, he will then go back to the list and request

payment and a completed application. The deadline is December 11, 2006 for payment and applications. Interested persons are encouraged to respond promptly.

USCG CDR on SHUTTLE MISSION

CDR Daniel Burbank participated in the space shuttle orbiter Atlantis mission. This was the second mission for the Coast Guard Astronaut. CDR Burbank served as a mission specialist on STS-106, logging a total of 12 days in space

CDR Burbank is a 1985 graduate of the Academy and was designated a Coast Guard Aviator in 1988. Prior to being selected for the astronaut program in 1996, he served aboard the CGC Gallatin and at Air Station Elizabeth City.

USCG old "Commandant's Bulletin," now "Coast Guard Magazine" available on web.

The old "Commandant's Bulletin", now the "Coast Guard Magazine" is available for view at the below link. The link can be used to see past, present and future issues. <http://www.uscg.mil/magazine/>

CG e-Newsletter

Following is a previously distributed notice with the corrected E-mail address for the CG e-Newsletter point-of-contact for inclusion in the CG e-Newsletter distribution.

The CG e-Newsletter is a weekly compilation of articles regarding our Coast Guard from news sources around the country. For those of you who may not know, addressees of this Newsletter include not only Coast Guard senior leadership and regular and reserve members, but also thousands of retired Coast Guard members and their families, as well as friends and proponents of our great service. The CG e-Newsletter is designed to keep you informed of issues and programs that affect the United States Coast Guard. It includes links to commercial news sources that do not represent official Coast Guard positions or policies. Some of the links may require free registration with the website.

A typical issue of CG e-Newsletter features articles on:

- Homeland Security
- Deepwater
- Deepwater Newsletter
- On the Job
- Environment
- Coast Guard Roundup

If questions contact:

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Coast Guard retirees wishing to be included in future Coast Guard e-newsletter dissemination; please send an E-mail message, showing in the "Subject" line the following;

Subject: Include me in CG e-Newsletter dissemination "and email it to Joseph.R.Bowes2@uscg.mil

The current Coast Guard Reservist Magazine is available online:

<http://www.uscg.mil/reservist/magazine.htm>

Task Force Appointed to Examine Climate and Culture Among Cadets at the Coast Guard Academy

The U.S. Coast Guard appointed a task force to examine the climate and culture among cadets at the Coast Guard Academy. Interactions between male and female students at the four-year military college came under close scrutiny this year as the Coast Guard investigated a black male cadet for sexually assaulting a white female classmate in the campus dormitory in 2005. He was convicted of several charges and is serving a prison sentence.

The task force, comprising senior Coast Guard officers and civilians, is expected to begin its work this month.

Retired Rear Adm. Erroll Brown, the first African-American to be promoted to flag rank in the Coast Guard, leads the group, which includes Terri Dickerson, the service's civil rights director; Rear Adm. Robert Parker, director of operations capability; and retired Adm. James Gracey, a former commandant of the Coast Guard.

"This is an exciting opportunity for us to gain a fresh perspective on our efforts to meet the challenging issues of race and gender head-on," said academy superintendent Rear Adm. James C. Van Sice in a news release.

Coast Guard Reserve Master Chief to report to Commandant

The U. S. Coast Guard Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Reserve Force Jeffrey Smith, (Reserve senior enlisted advisor), will report directly to ADM Thad Allen, Commandant of the Coast Guard. MCPO Smith previously reported to the Coast Guard's Director of Reserve and Training.

Smith, who has held the post since December 2003, is the fourth person to serve in the position since it was created in 1991. He will continue to maintain a close working relationship with the Director of Reserve and Training, as well as with Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, Charles Bowen, the senior enlisted advisor to the Commandant.

NOAA – on-line chart viewer

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) launched its [On-line Chart Viewer](#). The service allows persons with Internet access to display virtually any nautical chart in the national suite. It also allows for panning and zooming. While not sufficient for navigational purposes, it is great for familiarization.

Virginia Extends Benefits to Military Families

The Commonwealth of Virginia recently passed a law that will extend in-state college tuition rates to the children of service members stationed there. Governor Kaine also signed into law bills that (1) allow children of active-duty military members who are ordered to relocate to a new school district to continue attending the school they attended immediately before the relocation, tuition-free; (2) create a Virginia Military

Family Relief Fund that provides financial assistance to families of deployed National Guard and Reserve members; and (3) authorize a "Support Our Troops" license plate, with proceeds to help service members' survivors and families meet medical and household expenses.

USCG HQTRS Changing Phone Numbers

The new HQTRS phonebook is now available for downloading on the USCG web page; <http://www.uscg.mil/USCG.shtm>

View the trailer from the Coast Guard-themed movie, "The Guardian":

<http://movies.yahoo.com/movie/1809264831/trailer>

The Premier was held September 7th in D.C.



List of Useful Web Sites

A list of useful web sites is included as Attachment 1 in this newsletter. A few new addresses have been added. One being, CG Magazine <http://www.uscg.mil/magazine/> formally the Commandant's Bulletin. We welcome additional entries.

ATTACHMENT 1

CG News www.uscg.mil/news
CG Magazine <http://www.uscg.mil/magazine/>
USCG Home page <http://www.uscg.mil/USCG.shtm>
USCG HOME PORT www.homeport.uscg.mil
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 Fifth District <http://www.uscg.mil/d5/index.html>
USCG Sector Baltimore <http://www.uscg.mil/d5/sector/sectbalt/index.htm>
USCG Sector Hampton Roads
<http://www.uscg.mil/d5/sector/hamptonroads/index.htm>
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
US Coast Guard Foundation <http://www.cgfdn.org/main.html>
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 Memorial at Arlington Cemetery
<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.net/uscg-mem.htm>
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
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/>
ROA http://www.roa.org/about_us/about_ov.asp
[The Retired Enlisted Association http://www.trea.org/](http://www.trea.org/)
USCG Warrant Officers Association <http://www.cwoauscq.org/>
USCG Chief Petty Officers Association <http://www.uscgcpoa.org/>
Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association <http://www.trea.org/>
Fleet Reserve Association <http://www.fra.org/aboutfra.html>
Navy League http://www.navyleague.org/index_flash.php
[National Association for Uniformed Services http://www.naus.org/](http://www.naus.org/)
Waypoints Newsletter <http://www.uscgboating.org/waypoints/pdf/waypoints-apr06.pdf>
Retiree Council Northwest Newsletter www.cgretirenw.org
Coast Guard Aviation Association <http://www.aoptero.org/>
Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association
<http://www.coastguardcombatvets.com/>
Coast Guard Sea Veterans of America <http://cgsva.lbbhost.com/index.html>
Foundation for Coast Guard History <http://www.fcgh.org>
The Coast Guard Reservist Magazine <http://www.uscg.mil/reservist/magazine.htm>
U.S. Life-Saving Service Heritage Association www.uslife-savingservice.org
More CG News www.uscg.mil/news
Employers Support the Guard and Reserve www.esgr.com
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
VA Identity Theft Issues <http://www.military.com/identity>
FEMA Independent Study <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp>
USAA Insurance www.usaa.com
Geico Insurance www.geico.com
Ft Meyer Commissary
<http://www.commissaries.com/stores/html/store.cfm?dodaac=HQC�FH>
Ft Mead Commissary
<http://www.commissaries.com/stores/html/store.cfm?dodaac=HQC�EN>
Bolling AF Base Commissary
<http://www.commissaries.com/stores/html/store.cfm?dodaac=HQC�EB>
Annapolis NS
<http://www.commissaries.com/stores/html/store.cfm?dodaac=HQC�EL>
Andrews AF Base Commissary
<http://www.commissaries.com/stores/html/store.cfm?dodaac=HQC�EK>

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ATTACHMENT 2

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