



**“SERVICE CONTINUES”**

**Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council Newsletter**

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**Issue 7**

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**The Council wishes all a very Merry Holiday Season and a Prosperous New Year**

Your Council continues to be active, meeting 1 December 2006 at USCG HQ.

Key issues discussed were:

Administrative Items

Comments by representative of the Headquarters Support Command

Review Council Membership

Schedule for future meetings

CPOA and Retiree Council-mutual goals (membership and other considerations)

Recruiting of Additional Members for the Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council

Recruiting Assistance -

Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council WEB site overview and discussion

Expansion of Council Bang List

National Retiree Council Program Coordinator's Office

Council Christmas Cards – preparation for mailing

A copy of the Council meeting Agendas and minutes will be posted on the Council web site or may be requested from CAPT Chuck Glass, ph (301) 598-6590 or E-Mail: [cjglass@verizon.net](mailto: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) 528-1660; e-mail: [nlemley2@comcast.net](mailto:nlemley2@comcast.net). Please “Pass on” this Newsletter to others that may be interested. We welcome additional e-mail /or snail mail addresses and phone numbers for our mailing list.

We look forward to serving all Coast Guard Retirees and continue to 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 2007**

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**

#### **Station Able 250 Mi North of the Arctic Circle"**

The following poem was written by Floyd Stormer on Ocean Station "Able" in 1958 onboard the CGC Duane. Floyd has since "Crossed The Bar" Those who pulled the "Ocean Station Whatever", will especially can appreciate it.

'Twas the night before Christmas, no one's very jolly.  
We were steaming in circles on ocean station Charlie.  
No stockings were hung, no chimneys were there,  
And I'd just lost the pot to a lousy two-pair.

The Mid-Watch was weary, as was the O.D.  
Most especially the radar men in C.I.C.  
Their scopes are all dark, no aircraft in sight  
For who would be flying this cold Christmas Night?

Then a strange looking target shows up on the screen  
Unlike any target they have ever before seen.  
Long, lean and narrow, and very, very high,  
The unnatural craft is just leaping through the sky.

It suddenly falters then starts a queer flight,  
And the G.Q. alarm shrieks in the night.  
"Take plane ditching stations, an aircraft in trouble  
There in the fan tail, lay foam on the double".

The ditch lights go over the sea lane to mark,  
And help bring the pilot down safe in the dark.  
It loses altitude swiftly as it passes O'er the ship  
Then turns into the glide path like cracking a whip.

The search lights are shining out into the night  
As we wait for the aircraft to break into the light.  
His engines are quiet, no sound do we hear,  
Then into the light speeds six tiny reindeer.

There is the sleigh all piled high with toys  
Ready to be delivered to good girls and boys  
"There's Santa Claus" someone shouted out with glee,  
But poor Santa's hanging on just as tight as can be.

With a screech and a crash, they land on the deck,  
And the sleigh was barely nothing more than a wreck.

And poor Santa is sobbing he's feeling real bad,  
While Donder and Blitzen were looking real sad.

"Oh dear" Said Santa, "What a terrible fright,  
And I'm afraid for the children there's no toys tonight.  
The harness straps broke when I just started my trip,  
I'd have landed in the ocean if I hadn't seen your ship.

Oh what a mess" and he started to cry,  
"I'm feeling so bad, I wish I could die.  
There are thousands of children just waiting for me,  
And here I am sleigh wrecked out here at sea".

The crew did their duty and knew not to shirk,  
The picked up their tools and went quickly to work  
The saws started singing, the lathe started turning,  
And out on the deck the bright torches were burning.

The hammers were pounding, the paint brushes were flying,  
And a cup of hot coffee soon hushed Santa's crying.  
The harness was mended and thanks to the crew,  
The broken down sleigh soon looked brand new.

The reindeer were harnessed and hitched to the sleigh  
And soon dear old Santa was up and away.  
"On Dasher, on Dancer, on Donder and Blitzen  
Heave round there you Prancer and Vixen".

And the last thing we heard as he took off like a plane  
Was, "Merry Christmas to all, and God Bless the DUANE

## COMMANDANTS HOLIDAY MESSAGE

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FM COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC  
TO ALLHANDS  
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SUBJ: COMMANDANTS HOLIDAY MESSAGE

1. THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS UPON US. IT IS THE TIME OF YEAR WE REFLECT ON THE PAST AND LOOK AHEAD TO THE FUTURE. THIS YEAR WAS ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL IN COAST GUARD HISTORY, AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT 2007 WILL BE NO DIFFERENT.
2. EACH OF YOU HAS A REASON TO BE PROUD OF YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS, NOT ONLY TO THE COAST GUARD, BUT ALSO TO YOUR COMMUNITY AND THE NATION. ALL OF YOU, FROM THE NORTH ARABIAN GULF TO THE GREAT LAKES, ARE VITAL TO THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF ALL AMERICANS. YOU SAVE LIVES, DEFEND OUR NATION, PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT AND PRESERVE OUR WAY OF LIFE. YOU ARE AMERICA'S MARITIME GUARDIANS, AND AMERICA DEPENDS ON YOUR COURAGE, YOUR STRENGTH AND YOUR DEDICATION. I AM INCREDIBLY HUMBLLED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD OUR COAST GUARD DURING THESE CHALLENGING TIMES.
3. THE NEW YEAR ALSO MARKS A TIME OF RENEWAL. I RESOLVE TO LEAD THE COAST GUARD THROUGH ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PERIODS OF TRANSFORMATION THAT WE HAVE EVER SEEN. THROUGH A LASER-LIKE FOCUS ON MISSION EXECUTION, WE WILL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A NUMBER OF CRITICAL ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES AND ENHANCEMENTS. THESE WILL OPTIMIZE OUR ABILITY TO SERVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OUR MARITIME SAFETY, SECURITY AND STEWARDSHIP MISSIONS. AS WE IMPROVE THE WAY WE MANAGE AND SUPPORT THOSE MISSIONS, I WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF OUR PROGRESS. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONFIDENCE IN ME AND OUR SENIOR LEADERSHIP TO DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE FOR THE COAST GUARD AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.
4. AS YOU MAKE PLANS TO SPEND WELL-EARNED TIME WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, I ALSO ASK THAT YOU REMEMBER OUR FELLOW SERVICE MEMBERS DEPLOYED OVERSEAS AND THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. THEY ARE SACRIFICING TIME WITH THEIR LOVED ONES TO STAND THE WATCH TO HELP PRESERVE AMERICAS SAFETY AND SECURITY. I AM EXTREMELY PROUD OF EACH OF YOU. BE SAFE IN ALL THAT YOU DO, AT WORK AND AT HOME, AND TAKE CARE OF YOUR SHIPMATES.
5. MY REMARKS AT OUR HOLIDAY BALL IN WASHINGTON DC CAN BE FOUND AT: [HTTP://WWW.USCG.MIL/COMDT/SPEECHES](http://www.uscg.mil/comdt/speeches).
6. PAM AND I WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A HAPPY AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON AND BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR. SEMPER PARATUS!
7. ADMIRAL THAD W. ALLEN SENDS.

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## FROM THE COMMANDANTS VETERANS DAY MESSAGE

**As the Year ends, it still good to Remember**

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ALLHANDS

SUBJ: COMMANDANTS VETERANS DAY MESSAGE

1. ON THE ELEVENTH HOUR OF THE ELEVENTH DAY OF THE ELEVENTH MONTH OF 1918, WORLD WAR I ENDED. THE SIGNING OF THE ARMISTICE WAS CELEBRATED AROUND THE WORLD, AND THE COAST GUARD WAS NO SMALL PART OF THE VICTORY. IN 1915, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF COMMODORE ELLSWORTH P. BERTHOLF, WE BECAME THE MODERN COAST GUARD, WITH THE MERGER OF THE REVENUE CUTTER AND U.S. LIFESAVING SERVICES. IN MARCH OF 1917, WITH HOSTILITIES ESCALATING, COMMODORE BERTHOLF LED THE COAST GUARD AS WE JOINED WITH NAVAL FORCES TO CONVOY SHIPS ACROSS THE ATLANTIC AND PATROL THE COASTS. OUR PEOPLE SERVED HEROICALLY, AND THE COAST GUARD ULTIMATELY SUFFERED THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF LOSSES OF ANY AMERICAN ARMED FORCE IN WORLD WAR I.

2. THIS WEEKEND, AS WE COMMEMORATE THE SERVICE OF ALL AMERICAN VETERANS, I AM PROUD TO ACCOMPANY THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND MRS. CHERTOFF, AS SHE CHRISTENS COAST GUARD CUTTER BERTHOLF. BERTHOLF IS THE FIRST OF THE LEGEND CLASS OF NATIONAL SECURITY CUTTERS AND WILL BE THE FLAGSHIP OF THE COAST GUARD'S DEEPWATER FLEET. SHE IS THE RIGHT TOOL FOR THE TIMES - CAPABLE, INTEROPERABLE, AND DESIGNED TO PROTECT THE AMERICAN PUBLIC FROM ALL THREATS AND ALL HAZARDS. I AM COMMITTED TO PUTTING THE RIGHT TOOLS IN THE HANDS OF OUR PEOPLE, WHO FOR 216 YEARS HAVE SELFLESSLY SERVED THIS NATION.

3. THE CHRISTENING OF BERTHOLF IS A FITTING TRIBUTE TO COAST GUARD MEN AND WOMEN, AS WELL AS ALL OF OUR NATION'S VETERANS, MANY OF WHOM WILL ATTEND THE CEREMONY. WHETHER A COXSWAIN OR COOK, MACHINIST OR MEDIC, AVIATOR OR SAILOR, GENERATIONS OF AMERICANS MADE, AND CONTINUE TO MAKE, PERSONAL SACRIFICES TO KEEP AMERICA SAFE AND STRONG. COAST GUARD PEOPLE STAND DUTY AROUND THE CLOCK IN DEMANDING MISSIONS AT HOME AND ABROAD, GIVING UP TIME WITH FAMILY AND LOVED ONES TO HONORABLY SERVE THE NATION.

4. LET US NOT FORGET OUR FALLEN SHIPMATES OVER THE YEARS AND THEIR HEROIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRESERVE OUR FREEDOM. REMEMBER ALSO THAT THE HARD WORK AND SACRIFICES YOU MAKE NOW WILL BECOME THE COAST GUARDS LEGACY.

6. ADM THAD W. ALLEN, COMMANDANT, SENDS.

### **A Holiday Shopping List Possibility**

The Coast Guard Reading List – 2006 a Holiday Shopping List Possibility

This reading list is designed to offer Coast Guard people recommended books related to leadership. This list is not all-inclusive; the goal is to provide a starting point or expand existing knowledge and skills.

The reading list provides a tool for individual leadership growth, taking into account that responsibility for leadership development rests on each individual, his or her unit, and the organization.

## Commandant's Choice

In 2001, the Commandant approved a recommendation by the Leadership Advisory Council to name one book a year the "Commandant's Choice" for professional reading.

### 2006 Selection

**Alexander Hamilton**, by Ron Chernow (ISBN: 0143034758). The father of the Coast Guard is arguably the "Greatest American that was never elected President." This book was listed on the Forbes "Top 10 List of Best Management Books" and on the Wall Street Journal's "Top 10 List."

### Previous Selections

- **2005 – Built to Last: Successful Habits of Visionary Companies**, by Jim Collins and Jerry Porras (ISBN: 0060516402)
- **2003 – Character in Action: The U.S. Coast Guard on Leadership**, by Donald Phillips and ADM James Loy, USCG (Ret.) (ISBN: 1591146720)
- **2002 – The Founding Fathers on Leadership: Classic Teamwork in Changing Times**, by Donald Phillips (ISBN: 0446674257)

### Coast Guard Reading List

(\* indicates a [Unit Leadership Development Program](#) resource)

#### "Leader of Leaders" Section (Recommendations from Senior Coast Guard Leaders)

- **Alexander Hamilton**, by Ron Chernow (ISBN: 0143034758). The father of the Coast Guard is arguably the "Greatest American that was never elected President." This book was listed on the Forbes "Top 10 List of Best Management Books" and on the Wall Street Journal's "Top 10 List." (*2006 Commandant's Choice*)
- **An Autumn of War: What America Learned from September 11 and the War on Terrorism**, by Victor Davis Hansen (ISBN: 1400031133). This book provides a historical frame-of-reference for the current-day global war on terror. I use this book often for quotes and insights. (*MCPORF Jeffrey Smith's Choice*)
- **Flawless Execution: Use the Techniques and Systems of America's Fighter Pilots to Perform at Your Peak and Win the Battles of the Business World**, by James Murphy (ISBN: 0060760494). According to former U.S. Air Force pilot-turned-management guru James Murphy, businesses need to take a lesson from the American military's fighter pilots. (*National Commodore Gene Seibert's Choice*)
- **Parting the Waters: America in the King Years 1954-63**, by Taylor Branch (ISBN: 0671687425). Profiles the key players and events that helped shape the American social landscape following World War II but before the civil-rights movement of the 1960s reached its climax. (*SES Terri Dickerson's Choice*)
- **The Rescue of the Gale Runner: Death, Heroism, and the U.S. Coast Guard**, by Dennis Noble (ISBN: 0813025559). The first in-depth look at a small-boat maritime rescue by the U.S. Coast Guard; also describes the role of those at small-boat rescue stations and of the policy setters at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C. (*MCPOCG Skip Bowen's Choice*)
- **Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln**, by Doris Kearns Goodwin (ISBN 0684824906). Provides a perspective into Lincoln's leadership and how to make rivals part of your team and leverage their strengths. (*VADM Vivien Crea's Choice*)

#### Coast Guard History and Culture Section

- \* **Character in Action: The U.S. Coast Guard on Leadership**, by Donald Phillips and ADM James Loy, USCG (Ret.) (ISBN: 1591146720). How does the Coast Guard create, instill, and maintain leadership throughout a 40,000 member force spread across the United States? The authors assert that the Coast Guard is a superlative example of an

organization with effective leadership, loaded with leaders at all levels. (2003 *Commandant's Choice*)

- **The Coast Guard at War: Vietnam, 1965-1975**, by Alex Larzelere (U.S. Naval Institute item # 1557505292). This landmark history fills an important hole in the literature of both the Coast Guard and the Vietnam War and establishes a blueprint for future joint military cooperation.
- **Guardians of the Sea: History of the United States Coast Guard, 1915 to the Present**, by Robert Johnson (ISBN: 0870212443). This book is not only a thoroughly researched and documented definitive history of the Coast Guard, it's also an adventure story, inhabited by real people with very human reactions to stress, that is a treat to read.
- **Rising Tide: The Great Mississippi Flood of 1927 and How it Changed America**, by John Barry (ISBN: 0684840022). This book provides a history of the Mississippi River such that it helps put the devastation and havoc wrought by Hurricane Katrina in current-day perspective.
- **The United States Coast Guard, 1790-1915: A Definitive History (With a Postscript: 1915-1949)**, by ADM Stephen Hadley Evans, USCG (ASIN: B0007DFBXG). A fascinating, mostly unknown history of the Coast Guard.

## Leadership Competencies Section

### “First Termers”

- **Billy Budd**, by Herman Melville (ISBN: 0812504267). This literary piece provides a striking example of the role of values, ethical thinking, and decision making in leaders.
- \* **Fish! A Remarkable Way to Boost Morale and Improve Results**, by Stephen Lundin, Harry Paul, and John Christensen (ISBN: 0786866020). This book focuses on identifying who your customers are and then how to bring energy, new ideas, and even some fun into the workplace to ensure you accomplish the goal of meeting your customers' needs.
- \* **Please Don't Just Do What I Tell You! Do What Needs to Be Done: Every Employee's Guide to Making Work More Rewarding**, by Bob Nelson (ISBN: 0786867299). A book that everyone at the unit can read and more importantly relate to! A quick read that takes us through four phases that the author states will help us all be better followers and leaders and more importantly, when the phases are followed, will help us “Do What Needs to Be Done!”
- **The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People**, by Stephen Covey (ISBN: 0743269519). This business bestseller is a manual for performing better in the arenas of personal and professional effectiveness.
- **The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference**, by Malcolm Gladwell (ISBN: 0316346624). The tipping point is that moment when an idea, trend, or social behavior crosses a threshold, tips, and spreads like wildfire. This best-selling book is influencing the way people think about disseminating ideas.

### Mid-Careerists

- **First, Break All the Rules: What the World's Greatest Managers Do Differently**, by Marcus Buckingham and Curt Coffman (ISBN: 0684852861). The authors outline four keys to becoming an excellent manager: finding the right fit for employees, focusing on strengths of employees, defining the right results, and selecting staff for talent—not just knowledge and skills.
- **The Journey of Man: A Genetic Odyssey**, by Spencer Wells (ISBN: 0812971469). This book holds remarkable conclusions of 21st-century human evolution that traces back to our very first ancestor ...you'll not think about diversity in quite the same way again.

- **Longitude: The True Story of a Lone Genius Who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem of His Time**, by Dava Sobel (ISBN: 0140258795). This is the engrossing story of the clockmaker, John “Longitude” Harrison, who solved the problem that Newton and Galileo had failed to conquer, yet claimed only half the promised rich reward.
- \* **Shackleton’s Way: Leadership Lessons from the Great Antarctic Explorer**, by Margot Morrell and Stephanie Capparell (ISBN: 0142002364). Shackleton’s story of adventurous ambition, incredible endurance, and heroic survival against all odds is the stuff of legend. Now his story is also the material of lessons on how to lead with authority, integrity, humor, and compassion.
- **Zapp! The Lightning of Empowerment: How to Improve Productivity, Quality, and Employee Satisfaction**, by William Byham and Jeff Cox (ISBN: 0449002829). In this motivating book, you will find specific strategies designed to help you encourage responsibility, acknowledgment, and creativity so that employees feel they “own” their jobs.

### Senior Leaders

- **The Heart of Change: Real-Life Stories of How People Change Their Organizations**, by John Kotter and Dan Cohen (ISBN: 1578512549). The authors attack the fundamental problem that underlies every major transformation: How do you go beyond simply getting your message across to truly changing people’s behavior?
- **Implementing Diversity**, by Marilyn Loden (ISBN: 078630460X). This guide provides the strategies and tactics used by organizations committed to implementing diversity from the top down. The author discusses how to position diversity initiatives for maximum buy-in and support, proven strategies for managing resistance to this important change, the 18 classic mistakes made when implementing diversity initiatives—and how to avoid them.
- **The Leader’s Guide to Storytelling: Mastering the Art and Discipline of Business Narrative**, by Stephen Denning (ISBN: 078797675X). Shows how storytelling is one of the few available ways to handle the principal – and most difficult – challenges of leadership: sparking action, getting people to work together, and leading people into the future.
- **Leadership**, by Rudolph Giuliani. (ISBN: 1401359280). Giuliani demonstrates through vivid, practical examples how he used an aggressive, hands-on management style to deal with everything from petty crime to terrorism.
- \* **The Power of Alignment: How Great Companies Stay Centered and Accomplish Extraordinary Things**, by George Labovitz and Victor Rosansky (ISBN: 0471177903). Provides senior managers with a tool to ensure their unit is focused on the “main thing” and provides an alignment diagnostic profile tool that captures just how well your unit is aligned to accomplish the “main thing!”

## **Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council Web Page Being Established**

The Capital Area Retiree Council web site is anticipated to be available on/about the first of the New Year. Currently, a test site has been posted for review and comments by members of the Council.

### **Retirees Help Desk Active**

The National Coast Guard Retiree Council Headquarters Retiree Program Coordinator's Office Telephone/E-mail "HOTLINE" continues to run 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](mailto: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. Over 100 queries have been received and processed since the hotline was placed in operation in July 2006.

"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. A "log" of all queries, both email and voice, along with their resolution, is being maintained. Statistics will be generated and published.

All USCG "retirees" are encouraged to contact the Retiree Program Coordinator's Office by telephone, 202-475-5381, 1-866 664 6245 or by e-mail, [NRHD@uscg.mil](mailto: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.

### **Beware Social Security E-mail Scam**

Phishers' are trying to get personal information from e-mail recipients by threatening to suspend their Social Security accounts.

If you get an e-mail announcing the cost-of-living increases scheduled for 2007 Social Security benefits and purporting to be from the Social Security Administration, don't answer it and don't click on any links in the e-mail.

It's a scam.

The Social Security Administration has warned of a new e-mail scam in which recipients are asked to update their personal information or risk having their Social Security "account" suspended. Recipients are then directed to click on a link in the e-mail that takes them to a Web site designed to look like the Social Security Administration's Web site.

Among the pieces of information recipients are asked to give are their name, address, date of birth, Social Security number, credit card information, as well as bank account

numbers. The Office of the Inspector General of Social Security is investigating the case. "I am outraged that someone would target an unsuspecting public in this manner," said Social Security Commissioner Jo Anne Barnhart recently.

If you're currently receiving Social Security benefits, you might also call the Social Security Administration (SSA) at 1-800-772-1213 and ask them to make a note in your records indicating that no one calling should be allowed to make any changes to your file on record without the SSA contacting you first.

### **New Coast Guard intelligence specialist rating 18 months away or less**

The Coast Guard is less than 18 months away from standing up an intelligence specialist rating for enlisted personnel.

ADM Thad Allen approved the new rating Nov. 2, directing a human resources team to map out guidelines and qualifications criteria. The rating is expected to have between 250 and 300 active-duty billets and 100 reserve billets.

Many of the personnel will be drawn from the existing operations specialist rating, as well as practicing linguists across the ratings spectrum. Intelligence specialists will be responsible for collecting, processing, analyzing and disseminating intelligence related to the service's maritime operations.

The Coast Guard is the last armed service to stand up an intelligence rating. It became a member of the national intelligence community in December 2001, joining 13 other agencies, including the Defense Department's intelligence forces, in supporting the national intelligence director.

Coast Guard personnel already are working in intelligence billets. They are responsible for reporting information on migrant flow, port security, fisheries, homeland security and drug trafficking, and for transmitting intelligence gathered at the national level to their own tactical units.

The Coast Guard established "fusion centers" in Dam Neck, Va., and Alameda, Calif., for round-the-clock maritime intelligence management. More than 150 service members are assigned to the two centers.

### **Historic Crew Recognized**



The Coast Guard honored the crew of a historic rescue operation conducted 28 years ago in a ceremony at Air Station Elizabeth City, N.C., Oct. 26.

LTJG William M. Porter, LTJG. Richard H. Holzsu, Aviation Survivalman 1st Class Barry P. Phillipy, Aviation Survivalman 2nd Class Kenneth B. Henry,

Avionics Technician 3rd Class Raymond J. Demkowski, Aviation Electrician 3rd Class Anthony J. Miconi, and Seaman Daniel W. Malott received medals for their actions in an Oct. 26 - 27, 1978 rescue.

The crew of the Coast Guard C-130H airplane, CG-1500, was cited for meritorious achievement in the search and rescue of the crew of a downed Navy P-3C airplane that ditched in the North Pacific Ocean.

The crew took control of the search and directed a Soviet fishing vessel to the area, where they rescued 10 of the crew. Vice Adm. Vivien S. Crea made the presentations.

ATTACHMENT 1 List of Useful Web Sites

CG News [www.uscg.mil/news](http://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](http://www.homeport.uscg.mil)  
USCG Retiree Home page [www.uscg.mil/hq/g-w/g-wp/g-wpm/retiree/retiree.htm](http://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 Office of Leadership and Professional Development  
<http://www.uscg.mil/leadership/home.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](http://www.cga.edu)  
USCG Auxiliary [www.cgaux.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](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](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](http://www.ssa.gov),

Medicare Online [www.medicare.gov](http://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](http://www.roa.org/about_us/about_ov.asp)