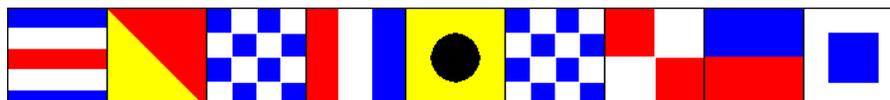




Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council Newsletter
SERVICE CONTINUES



Council co-chairs: CAPT Bud Schneeweis and SCPO Mike White

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HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!!!!

Your Council continues to be active, meeting Friday – December 3, at USCG HQ.

Key issues were

- Council Outreach to the Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Community
- Caregivers Guide Update Dec 2010 Holiday Party Planning
- Status of New Council E mail List
- Help Desk Utilization
- Website Update
- Promotion of Retiree Participation in USCG Related Events
- Co-Chair Succession Planning
- Discussion of COMDTINST, Section 5, 5.1, Liaison & Sponsoring Command

*** Local Capital Area Coast Guard Retirees are welcome to serve on committees.

CAPT Bud Schneeweis's 3 year term ends 1 January and CAPT David Bernstein was selected as Co-Chair. The Council expressed its appreciation for Buds leadership and is pleased he will be staying on as a Council member.

A copy of the Council Newsletters, Agendas and Meeting Minutes are posted on the Council web site, <http://www.uscg.mil/ccs/carc>, and can be downloaded, or may be requested from Council Secretary, Lula Carpenter, ph (703 913 7390) or e-mail: leecarp@verizon.net.

The Council's publishes a quarterly newsletter to provide the **Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Community, military and civilian**, with information of interest to USCG Retirees in the Washington DC, Maryland and Northern Virginia Council area and update DC area retirees on Council activities. In addition, items that are time-critical will be sent using the Council E-Mail list.

All Capitol Area Retirees are invited to contribute to the **Newsletter**, attend a Council meeting, and are welcome to communicate with Council members prior to the Council meetings, or to provide informational items of interest to retirees. Please send an e mail, call, or write to the Council Co-Chairs, CAPT Bud Schneeweis and YNCS Mike White, the Council Secretary, Lula Carpenter or to the **Newsletter** editor at e-mail: dcareacgretireecouncil@comcast.net. Please "Pass on" this Newsletter to other USCG military and civilian retirees that may be interested. Additional e-mail / snail mail addresses and phone numbers for the Council mailing list are very welcome.

All are urged to look at the Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council WEB site, <http://www.uscg.mil/ccs/carc>. The Council believes that access to this WEB site will enable Retirees to become better informed on the current Coast Guard organization and operations. Suggestions for items to be posted are welcome!!!! Send them to the Retiree Council webmaster, CAPT Bob Warakomsky, at bopakom@verizon.net.

Your Council looks forward to serving all Coast Guard Retirees, military and civilian, and continues to extend an invitation to attend Council meetings, to participate in Council projects and to keep us informed of your issues and concerns.

Council Meeting Schedule for 2011

Friday - Mar 25, 2011

Friday - Jun 24, 2011

Friday - Sep 30, 2011

Friday - Dec 02, 2011

Meetings are normally held at USCG Headquarters in Conference Room B718 beginning at 0900.

Navy Memorial invites USCG friends to Watch the Army – Navy Game

[Watch the Army-Navy Game in high-def at the Navy Memorial](#) starting at 1:30 p.m. this Saturday, December 11 and help us beat the Army in football *and* in our Toys for Tots campaign. Bring in a new, unwrapped toy to the Memorial between now and Saturday.



It's a contest between Navy fans and Army fans to see who can collect the most toys. Help us Beat Army and provide some toys to needy children this year! For more information, go to their [web site](#) or call (202) 737-2300.

4th Annual Capitol Area Retiree Council Holiday Party a Success

The 4th Annual Capitol Area Retiree Council Holiday Party on 5 December was well attended, including ADM Papp and MCPOCG Leavitt. Great to see old friends and to make new ones. Happy Holiday Season to all!!!

Establishment of the Director of Operational Logistics (DOL)

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SUBJ: SITREP ONE: STEADY THE SERVICE - MISSION SUPPORT

A. COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC 050001Z JUN 10/ALCOAST 291/10 B. COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC 171345Z NOV 10, OPERATING FACILITY CHANGE ORDER (OFCO) 006-11

1. IN REF (A) ADM PAPP DETAILED THE PROPOSED FIELD LOGISTICS AND SUPPORT STRUCTURE - MISSION SUPPORT VERSION 2.0 (MS 2.0) - AS A KEY ELEMENT OF HIS PRINCIPLE OF STEADYING THE SERVICE. TODAY I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONAL LOGISTICS (DOL), A CRITICAL FIRST STEP IN THE ROLL OUT OF MS 2.0.

2. REF (B) DIRECTED ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DOL ON OR ABOUT 16 NOVEMBER 2010 TO DELIVER MISSION SUPPORT LOGISTICS DURING STEADY STATE AND CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS, AND FOR PLANNED EVENTS OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE. THE DOL WILL MAINTAIN A NATIONAL LEVEL LOGISTICS COMMON OPERATING PICTURE (COP). WHILE ITS CAPABILITIES INITIALLY WILL BE LIMITED, THE DOL WILL MATURE THROUGH THE FOLLOWING MILESTONES:

A. MINIMAL OPERATING CAPABILITY (MOC) - ON 16 NOVEMBER 2010 THE DOL ACHIEVED MOC. CURRENTLY THE DOL STAFF CONSISTS OF TWO (OUT OF PLANNED THIRTY TWO) PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED PERSONNEL, AND FIVE TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED PERSONNEL. THEIR PRIMARY FUNCTION IS DEFINING AUTHORITIES FOR THE DOL AND BASES, DEVELOPING A CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS (CONOPS), OUTLINING INTERACTION BETWEEN ALL DCMS COMPONENTS AND IMPLEMENTING PLANS TO ESTABLISH 13 PHASE 1 BASES.

B. INITIAL OPERATING CAPABILITY (IOC) - IOC IS PLANNED FOR NLT 01 JUNE 2011. TO OBTAIN IOC, THE MAJORITY OF KEY POSITIONS IN THE DOL WILL BE FILLED. BASE SEATTLE WILL HAVE BEEN STOOD UP AND OPERATING UNDER THE CONOPS, AND AN ORGANIZATIONAL MANUAL (ORGMAN) WILL BE PROMULGATED FOR BOTH THE STANDARD BASE CONSTRUCT AND THE DOL.

DCMS-53 FUNCTIONS WILL BE SHIFTED TO CREATE THE OFFICE OF CONTINGENCY AND DEPLOYABLE LOGISTICS (DOL-4). DURING THIS PERIOD DOL PERSONNEL WILL BE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE ROLLING STAND-UP OF THE REMAINING 12 PLANNED PHASE 1 BASES.

C. FULL OPERATING CAPABILITY (FOC) - FOC IS SCHEDULED TO OCCUR PRIOR TO THE END OF FY12. UPON REACHING THIS MILESTONE THE DOL WILL BE FULLY STAFFED, ALL PHASE 1 BASES WILL BE ESTABLISHED AND OPERATING, AND ALL PHASE 2 AND 3 BASES WILL BE IDENTIFIED AND SCHEDULED FOR ESTABLISHMENT. AREA-4 STAFFS, DETACHED DUTY FROM THE DOL, WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE DAILY MISSION SUPPORT SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTISE TO THE AREA COMMANDERS AND SUPPORT CURRENT, PLANNED AND CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS. DIST-4 STAFFS, DETACHED DUTY FROM EACH BASE, WILL PROVIDE SIMILAR SERVICES TO DISTRICT COMMANDERS.

3. PROGRESS WILL BE REPORTED IN FUTURE SITREPS. INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE MISSION SUPPORT COLLABORATION SPACE ON CG PORTAL AT

<HTTPS://CGPORTAL.USCG.MIL/CTL/1QNMXM3> AND ON THE DCMS BLOG SITE (<HTTP://DCMSLOG.BLOGSPOT.COM/>).

4. DIRECT ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE DOL AND PLANNED BASES TO CAPT STEVE SABELLICO AT 757-628-4268, OR STEPHEN.M.SABELLICO(AT)USCG.MIL .

5. VADM J. P. CURRIER, CHIEF OF STAFF (FUTURE DCMS) SENDS.

6. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.

Eagle to Celebrate Anniversary with Europe Tour

The Coast Guard has announced next year's summer training schedule for the Coast Guard barque Eagle, which will visit Northern Europe, Iceland, Canada and the northeastern United States.

Celebrating the 75th anniversary of its 1936 construction in Hamburg, Germany, the Eagle will sail from New London on May 7, 2011, and visit the following ports: Waterford, Ireland, May 27 to 30; Hamburg, Germany, June 3 to 6; London, June 10 to 13; Reykjavik, Iceland, June 24 to 27; Halifax, Nova Scotia, July 15 to 18; Boston, July 22 to 25; New Bedford, Mass., July 29 to Aug. 1; and New York, Aug. 5 to 8.

"This is a great opportunity to tie the Eagle's rich history directly into the annual cadet summer training at sea," said Capt. Eric C. Jones, commanding officer. "By the time the ship arrives in Hamburg, the cadets will have shared in an experience that the Coast Guard Academy has shared with prospective officers for 65 years- learning to live and work on the ocean aboard a tall ship."

Wilczynski retires from Coast Guard after 27 years

CAPT Vincent Wilczynski retired from the Coast Guard Nov. 1 after 27 years of service, including 18 years spent at the Coast Guard Academy. He led the engineering department at the academy from 2007 until this fall.

Most recently Wilczynski served as the head of the academy's engineering department.

He is now the deputy dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Science at Yale University in New Haven, responsible for managing the school's teaching and research resources and facilities as well as working with the dean of the school to plan and implement all academic initiatives.

A 1983 graduate of the academy, Wilczynski served as a shipboard engineer and as a staff engineer and staff naval architect at the Coast Guard Marine Safety Center.

While at the academy as a faculty member, he was named the 2001 Baccalaureate College Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation and a fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in recognition of his achievements and contributions to the engineering profession.

He received the ASME Church Medal for outstanding contributions in mechanical engineering education in 2005 and an award as the 2010 FIRST Robotics Competition Volunteer of the Year.

Wilczynski was selected as a fellow of the American Council on Education, where he was mentored by President Robert L. Carothers while assigned to the University of Rhode Island during the 2006 to 2007 academic year. He said that experience has helped make his transition from a service academy to a civilian college "somewhat seamless."

Wilczynski lives in Old Lyme with his wife Jean. They have three sons, Peter, Timothy and Patrick.

U.S. Coast Guard to Hold Groundbreaking Ceremony for New Facility at Cleveland Moorings

The U.S. Coast Guard hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of a new facility at the Cleveland moorings to replace the current buildings 23 November.

Rear Adm. Michael Parks, commander of the Ninth Coast Guard District; Ohio Senator George Voinovich; and Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson participated.

The Fiscal Year 2010 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill provided \$16.8 million in funding "to complete the project proposal to renovate, improve, or construct a new Station and Marine Safety Unit Cleveland Harbor, Ohio, and to begin work on this project." \$16.8 million funds the first phase of the project; constructing a two-story operations building on vacant land just west of the existing main building.

It includes 24,500 square feet of operational, administrative and crew berthing spaces. The building design incorporates LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) environmental standards and was designed in concert with the surrounding Cleveland waterfront development.

RADM Parks observed "This new facility represents a tremendous step forward that will allow Coast Guard men and women to better respond to maritime threats and emergencies in and around the Cleveland area".

SS Edmund Fitzgerald – November 10, 1975



On November 10, 1975, the laker [Edmund Fitzgerald](#) sank in Lake Superior with a loss of all 29 hands. It was one of the largest ships on the Great Lakes, carrying over 26,000 tons of taconite ore between Duluth/Superior and the steel mills to the south. The "Fitz" had departed on November 9 in tandem with another laker, but sailed directly into an early winter storm. It sank suddenly, without making a distress call, at about 7:30 p.m., in heavy snow with winds gusting to hurricane force

and seas exceeding 30 feet in height. Gordon Lightfoot memorialized the casualty in his hit song "[The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald](#)".

National Retiree Help Desk (NRHD) Continues to Provide Support to CG Retirees

The National Retiree Help Desk in HQTRS, staffed by CG retirees, continues to provide support to CG retirees and has become a truly National Retiree Help Desk. In addition to watch officers from the DC area there are volunteers from the West Coast, Gulf Coast, Florida, and New England. The National Retiree Help Desk watchstanders field questions received by phone and email to facilitate problem resolution. The Help Desk is not a replacement for Topeka and often the caller is provided the correct contact in Topeka.

The watchstander duties, can be done remotely. In fact, all watchstanders do so remotely from their home or office. People with inquiries can ask their questions either by phone or email. There is a National Retiree Help Desk email system in place (nrhd@gmail.com). Each watchstander has access to this mail box and checks it several times per day. The phone (202-475-5381) directs the caller to leave a voice mail. Watchstanders call into the voice hotline mailbox and access voice inquiries several times per day during their duty. Of course, additional volunteer watchstanders are always welcome

Tricare Retired Reserve (TRR)

HQ announced a new Triocare medical coverage benefit for Ret-2 or gray area retirees. Beginning September 1, 2010, Ret-2 retired reservists who are not yet age 60 may purchase Tricare health coverage for themselves and their eligible family members with the launch of Tricare retired

Reserve (TRR). To qualify for TRR, retired reservists must be under the age of 60 and not eligible for, or enrolled in, the federal employees health benefits (FEHB) program. They must also be members of the retired reserve of a reserve component and qualified for non-regular retirement. For instructions on how to qualify for and purchase TRR go to www.tricare.mil/trr.

The comprehensive health care coverage provided by the premium-based TRR is similar to Tricare standard. After purchasing TRR, members will receive the Tricare retired reserve handbook, which includes details about covered services, how to get care and who to contact for assistance. For more information, visit www.tricare.mil/trr.

This Day in U.S. Coast Guard History - November 2

1820-The Revenue cutter Louisiana captured five pirate vessels during a cruise from Florida to Cuba.

This Day in U.S. Coast Guard History - November 11

1881-The crew of Life-boat Station No. 14, Eleventh District (Racine, WI) rendered service during the severest storm of the season. The life-saving crew noticed several vessels running north for safety under bare poles and two of them made safely into the harbor.

This Day in U.S. Coast Guard History - November 15

1848-Captain Alexander V. Fraser, appointed the first chief of Revenue Marine Bureau in 1843, was

detached to proceed around Cape Horn to San Francisco with new brig Lawrence.

This Day in U.S. Coast Guard History - November 16

1950-A dedication of the monument erected in Arlington National Cemetery on the gravesite of those who lost their lives on the night of 29 January 1945, when USS Serpens was destroyed off Lunga Beach, Guadalcanal...

1830 - Naval Observatory

The first U.S. national observatory, established at Washington, DC, under commander of Lieutenant Louis Malesherbes.

1901 - First Report of Ship Model Basin Issued

The first report of the **Ship Model Basin Issued** at Washington Navy Yard issued by Naval Constructor David W. Taylor. He designed the basin, the first facility of this type in U.S. to test hull shapes.

CAPT Score Takes Command of NOAA's Atlantic Fleet

NOAA CAPT David Score assumed command of the agency's Marine Operations Center-Atlantic in Norfolk, Va., which manages the day-to-day operations of the nine research and survey ships in NOAA's Atlantic fleet.

New E mail listing of DC Area Retirees

The number of addresses in the Council's e-mail Distribution Listing for the DC Area Retirees, military and civilian in the Capitol area is now over 400. New and revised contact info for DC Area Retirees should be sent to dcareacgretireecouncil@comcast.net . Please provide:

Name/Rank

Addresses

Ph no

Current e mail

Spouse

Great Lakes Storm of 1913

In early November, 1913, a blizzard struck the US Midwest and the Canadian province of Ontario. The Great Lakes storm of 1913 reached its highest intensity on November 9. A total of 19 ships were sunk and another 19 were stranded on Lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron, and Erie. Cargo losses were in excess of 68,300 tons and were valued at over a million dollars. More than 280 mariners lost their lives in the most destructive natural disaster to ever strike the Great Lakes.

VADM Tom Barrett NEW Head of Alyeska Pipeline

A former top federal pipeline regulator, Vice Commandant and former head of the Coast Guard in Alaska has been selected Tom Barrett as the new president of Alyeska Pipeline Service Co.

ADM Barrett is scheduled to begin working at the company, which operates the 800-mile trans-Alaska pipeline, on Jan. 1.

He is taking the helm at a time when the pipeline faces a major turning point: As oil production from the North Slope oil fields is dwindling, the pipeline company has been cutting costs, relocating employees and studying how many years longer it can continue to operate the pipeline without a major new infusion of oil.

He will be the first Alyeska president not on loan from one of the oil companies. He replaces Kevin Hostler, a longtime BP executive who ran Alyeska from 2005 to September 2010.

Chuck Coulson, the BP Alaska official who chairs the trans-Alaska pipeline's owners committee, said in the statement, "Tom brings many years of transportation experience to Alyeska and has a strong commitment to Alyeska's mission of providing a safe, environmentally responsible, cost-effective and reliable means to move Alaska's (oil) to market. He is committed to Alaska and to our industry and has the proven leadership ability needed to move the company forward."

International Ice Patrol May Leave Area for Maryland Site

Iceberg searches could become job for satellites

The U.S. Coast Guard International Ice Patrol may move to Maryland after almost three decades in southeastern Connecticut if satellites prove adept at detecting icebergs.

The Coast Guard wants to use satellites to search for icebergs in the North Atlantic Ocean to lessen the number of expensive reconnaissance flights needed during the ice season.

In Suitland, Md., analysts at the National Ice Center use satellite imagery to provide worldwide operational sea ice analyses and forecasts. They are housed in an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, another agency with extensive knowledge of satellites.

The Navy invited the IIP to share the National Ice Center's space in Maryland. The Navy operates the center in conjunction with NOAA and the Coast Guard.

The 2011 season will also be a light season, with fewer than 500 icebergs reaching south of 48 degrees north and possibly a few fragments this summer or fall from a massive ice island that broke free from a glacier in Greenland, predicted Luc Desjardins, a senior forecaster with the Canadian Ice Service.

Note- At the recent IMO MSC, a presentation was given on Global AIS. It was noted that ice bergs could be tracked with Global AIS if instrumented.

\$100,000 Donation to Benefit Alaska National Guard and USCG Families

EADS North America has teamed with the North to the Future Foundation, formerly the Ted Stevens Foundation, to create a \$100,000 scholarship that will benefit the families of Alaska National Guardsmen and U.S. Coast Guard service members stationed in Alaska.

The needs-based scholarship will honor the memory of former Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens and recognize his efforts in supporting U.S. service men and women, and their families. The scholarship, funded by EADS North America, will be administered by the North to the Future Foundation through the University of Alaska state system.

UK Destroyer in Cuba for Narcotics Talks with USCG Onboard

Type 42 Destroyer HMS Manchester has become the first Royal Navy ship to make an official visit to Cuba since the country's 1959 revolution.

A US Coast Guard contingent aboard HMS Manchester to prosecute smugglers caught in the Caribbean is understood to have been allowed to take shore leave on Cuba.

The ship landed at the Sierra Maestra pier in Havana on 15 November for the beginning of a five-day visit which is expected to include talks on how Cuba and the UK can work together on counter-narcotics and disaster relief operations in the Caribbean.

A Cuban Navy honour guard, carrying both national flags, greeted the ship, and a band played both countries' national anthems.

Cuban navy chief Rear Admiral Carlos Alfonso Duque Ramos and British ambassador to Cuba Dianna Melrose were welcomed aboard HMS Manchester by CDR Rex Cox. The group then visited Cuba's Armed Forces Ministry.

HMS Manchester has been engaged in counter-narcotics operations in the Caribbean for the last six months, and has seized considerable quantities from traffickers it has intercepted.

TV Series Planned Drama on Coast Guard McCulloch

Ron Moore made a very human drama out of the science fiction cliches behind Battlestar Galactica, and now writer and producer he has ditched robots, spaceships and cosmic destinies altogether for his next project about the Coast Guard.

Moore has sold The McCulloch to NBC with a script deal plus penalty that guarantees a pilot and almost certainly an initial pick-up.

The series, produced by Sony Television, will center on the crew of a Coast Guard cutter called, you guessed it, the McCulloch.

No cast or directors have been attached to the project yet, but expect a fall 2011 debut if/when the show gets picked up.