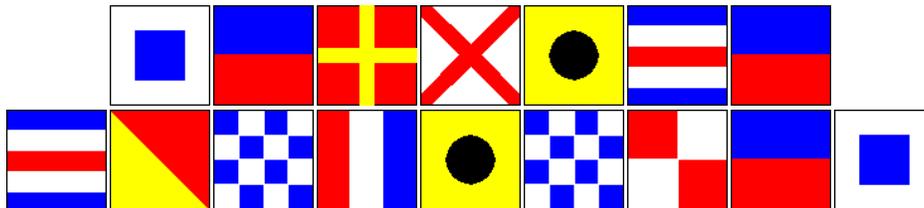




## Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council Newsletter

*SERVICE CONTINUES*



Council co-chairs: CAPT David Bernstein and SCPO Mike White

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### **CDR Ben Stoppe USCG RET Awarded CG Meritorious Public Service Award**

Capital Area Council Member CDR Ben Stoppe was awarded the CG Meritorious Public Service Award while attending in the Coast Guard Aviation Association's annual convention, or "Roost" in Mobile, AL. VADM John Currier, USCG (and an aviator & the Ancient Albatross) made the presentation. The citation recognized his service as Coast Guard Aviation Association treasurer for almost six years, and also noted his work on the Capital Area CG Retiree Council, as well. Congratulations Ben!!.

### **Coast Guard Official Chosen to Police Offshore Drilling**

Soon to be a **Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree**, RADM James A. Watson IV, USCG who played a key role in the BP oil spill response, is moving to the Interior Department to run the newly launched Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE).

The move will plunge Watson into the bruising politics of offshore drilling at a time when Republicans and industry groups are attacking the pace of drilling permits and other Interior decisions.

His arrival paves the way for the departure of Michael Bromwich, the former Justice Department official who oversaw the restructuring of Interior's long-troubled offshore drilling oversight in the wake of the 2010 spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Watson - the Coast Guard's director of prevention policy for marine safety, security and stewardship - served as the federal on-scene coordinator for the BP spill last year.

"Admiral Watson has the experience, leadership, and vision that BSEE needs to be successful in establishing and enforcing safety and environmental protections for offshore oil and gas operations," said Interior Secretary Ken Salazar in a statement. He will oversee the agency that handles permitting, enforcement of environmental and safety rules and other tasks.

"The safe and responsible production of oil and gas from our nation's oceans is vital to our energy security,"

Watson said. "I look forward to leading the dedicated BSEE professionals to ensure each and every offshore operation is safe, secure, and environmentally sound."

Salazar said in late September that the person to step into the role would need to be able to handle the heated politics that come with the turf, and Bromwich said some candidates had rejected the job due to the intense politics surrounding it.

"Admiral Watson will bring to the job a distinguished record, a commitment to tough and fair-minded enforcement, and the determination to advance our reform agenda for the benefit of the American people and industry," Salazar said.

BSEE is one of two agencies that launched Oct. 1 (the other is the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management) that have replaced the former Minerals Management Service, the long-troubled agency that faced withering scrutiny of its oversight in the wake of the BP spill. Interior last year began restructuring MMS and rebranded it the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, and also moved offshore revenue collections into another part of the department.

The moves were part of an effort to end what Salazar called "inherently conflicting missions" at the old MMS.

### **CG Officials Join Vets Day Ceremony**

Deputy Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security Jane Holl Lute, Coast Guard Commandant ADM Papp and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Michael Leavitt participated in a Coast Guard Veterans Day ceremony at the Coast Guard Memorial in Arlington National Cemetery,

All three spoke about the importance of the day and thanked veterans for their service.

Lute, in a statement issued after the ceremony, recognized the service of Coast Guard men and women serving around the world to protect the American homeland:

"The Department of Homeland Security is fortunate to have the brave men and women of the United States Coast Guard protecting our coastline and maritime interests around the world. They carry on the great tradition of those who have served in defense of our freedom. As a former member of the U.S. Army, it is an honor to remember the Coast Guardsmen who lost their lives in World War I, and to recognize the service and sacrifice of all of our veterans."

In his remarks, Papp reflected on the essence of being a veteran:

"Our Nation has always had absolute confidence in that our citizens will step forward during our greatest hour of need, to selflessly defend our freedoms, and when necessary, to lay their lives on the altar of patriotism. This willingness embodies the essence of service and what it truly means to be called a veteran."

Papp also discussed the construction of the Coast Guard Memorial and his initiative to reverse the toll eight decades of weather have taken on the memorial:

"So, today, I am announcing the 'Lest we forget' campaign -it's the same name as the original campaign launched in 1925. Further detail will follow - but it's now our turn to respond to the call to honor our profession."

**Remember to Watch Coast Guard Alaska Tonight on the Weather Channel**

From: Brice-O'Hara, Sally VADM

Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2011 8:54 AM

Subject: Coast Guard Alaska Tonight on the Weather Channel

Shipmates,

Last Wednesday, maCG-Protocol@uscg.mil

ny of you enjoyed the world premiere of the new reality series "Coast Guard Alaska" on The Weather Channel. The seven-episode series is based in Kodiak, Alaska and highlights operations at the air station.

Last week's airing generated so much positive feedback that I wanted to get the word out to everyone about the remaining episodes. They will cover multiple locations, missions, and operational communities beyond Kodiak Island. Each episode presents a terrific opportunity for our fellow Coast Guardsmen to share our Service's unmatched commitment to prevention and response operations before a noteworthy audience of several million U.S. viewers.

This show is the first reality series in almost two decades to focus entirely on U.S. Coast Guard members, missions, and assets. The show was developed over a two-year period by Al Roker Entertainment, our Motion Picture and Television Office in Los Angeles, and our heroic women and men serving in the operationally challenging Seventeenth Coast Guard District. For more information, please visit the show's website at: <<http://www.weather.com/tv/tvshows/coast-guard-alaska>>

The second episode will air tonight, November 16th, at 2100 local time on The Weather Channel.

In addition to raising your awareness about the new "Coast Guard Alaska" series, I also call your attention to the many related social media efforts underway on Facebook, Twitter, and our Service's Blog -- CG COMPASS. These efforts are intended to complement the new series and help your friends and family better understand and appreciate the work of our Service.

Semper Paratus,

VADM Sally Brice-O'Hara

Vice Commandant

**Status of USCG HQ Project to Improve the CG Retiree Services Program**

RADM Silva USCG (ret) and MCPCG Vince Patton USCG (ret), Co-Chairs of the CCGNRC, met with RADM Hewitt regarding the status of the Project to Improve the CG Retiree Services Program. RADM Hewitt expressed his personal interest and commitment to improving CG Retiree Services.

The 45 day (August - October) Phase 1 started the Project. There will be a change of Project Officer (a CG Reserve Officer) for Phase 2. The Phase 2 Project Officer is scheduled to be selected in about a week

The importance of Phase 2 having defined deliverables by the next annual CCGNRC meeting in April was discussed.

The tasks noted below are to be completed before the next CCGNRC annual meeting:

- Promulgate CG Retiree Services Program Policy,
- Submit 2011 National Retiree Council Meeting Report to CCG and get feedback,
- Publish the meeting report in the CG/NOAA Retiree's Newsletter,
- Develop measures to determine if we are meeting the needs of our retiree and annuitant community,
- Enhance retiree readiness through USCG e-mail,
- Develop straw Retiree Needs Survey,
- Develop Retiree Caregivers Guide,
- Enhance PPC retiree web site with a directory of services.

#### **SITREP FIVE: STEADY THE SERVICE - MISSION SUPPORT**

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1. THIS MESSAGE MARKS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE IN THE MODERNIZATION OF THE MISSION SUPPORT ORGANIZATION AND PROVIDES A SUMMARY OF THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE EVOLUTION OF A KEY COMPONENT OF THE FIELD MISSION SUPPORT STRUCTURE - THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONAL LOGISTICS (DOL).

2. IN OUR MISSION SUPPORT MODERNIZATION STRATEGY, I IDENTIFIED THREE ELEMENTS CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR MISSION SUPPORT ORGANIZATION: ORGANIZATION, BUSINESS RULES, AND A HUMAN CAPITAL PLAN. WE HAVE ADDRESSED ORGANIZATION WITH BOTH MISSION SUPPORT 1.0 AND 2.0 CHANGES, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SERVICE AND LOGISTICS CENTERS, THE STAND-UP OF THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONAL LOGISTICS (DOL), ESTABLISHMENT OF FORCECOM AS PART OF THE DCMS ORGANIZATION, AND APPROVAL OF THE STANDARD BASE CONSTRUCT AND INITIATION OF BASE STAND-UPS. WE ARE NOW DELIVERING THE SECOND ELEMENT - THE CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS (CONOP) AND --

BUSINESS RULES TO SUPPORT THE FIELD SUPPORT ORGANIZATION. THIS DOCUMENT DESCRIBES ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND LIMITS OF AUTHORITY AMONG ALL LEVELS WITHIN DCMS WITH AN EMPHASIS ON THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN BASES AND THE SIX LOGISTICS AND SERVICE CENTERS. THE CONOP PROVIDES BUSINESS RULES THAT DEFINE HOW THE VARIOUS COMPONENTS OF THE MISSION SUPPORT ORGANIZATION WORK TOGETHER TO DELIVER OPERATIONAL READINESS. IT IS AVAILABLE ON THE DCMS UNIT PAGE ON CG PORTAL AT <HTTPS://CGPORTAL.USCG.MIL/CTL/IKP9QW> . WE CONTINUE TO DEVELOP THE THIRD ELEMENT. WE WILL BE PROMULGATING A HUMAN CAPITAL STRATEGIC PLAN AND CAREER GUIDEBOOKS IN THE COMING MONTHS.

3. I AM ALSO PLEASED TO HIGHLIGHT THE RECENT SUCCESSES AND INITIATIVES OF THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONAL LOGISTICS (DOL). REFS A THROUGH C DOCUMENT THE INITIAL DOL STANDUP TOGETHER WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BASES SEATTLE AND MIAMI BEACH, POINTS OF CONTACT, AND THE WAY AHEAD FOR THE DOL. THE DOL HAS RECENTLY ESTABLISHED INTERIM OPERATING CAPABILITY IN NORFOLK, PORTSMOUTH, ALAMEDA, AND WASHINGTON DC. THE DOL IS NOW INTEGRATED WITH OUR OPERATIONAL PARTNERS.

4. DOL-3, THE OFFICE OF BASE OPERATIONS, PROVIDES COMMAND, CONTROL AND OPERATIONAL COORDINATION OF BASES. DOL-3 ENSURES THE BASES EXECUTE THEIR ASSIGNED MISSION SETS AS DIRECTED BY EACH LOGISTICS AND SERVICE CENTER. I HAVE RECEIVED APPROVAL FROM THE VICE COMMANDANT FOR THE STANDUP AND COMMISSIONING OF THE REMAINING PHASE ONE BASES UTILIZING A STANDARD BASE CONSTRUCT AND FUNCTIONAL STATEMENTS.

A. THE DOL-3 WAY AHEAD INCLUDES ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REMAINING 11 PHASE-ONE BASES. ELIZABETH CITY, PORTSMOUTH, NEW ORLEANS (WITH ST. LOUIS AS A BASE DETACHMENT), CLEVELAND, AND HONOLULU ARE ALL IN THE FINAL STAGES OF REVIEW AT CGHQ. DOL-3 IS ACTIVELY ENGAGING OUR UNION PARTNERS THROUGH PREDECISIONAL BRIEFINGS. THE DOL-3 STAFF CONTINUES TO WORK ON FINALIZING BASES BOSTON, ALAMEDA, LA/LB (SAN PEDRO), NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION, KODIAK, AND KETCHIKAN WITH PLANS TO HAVE ALL BASES STOOD UP BY THIRD QUARTER OF FY12.

B. ON 01JUL11, DOL-31 WAS ESTABLISHED AS THE RESERVE FORCES READINESS DIVISION SOLELY DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING APPROXIMATELY 1,000 SELECTED REERVISTS (SELRES) ASSIGNED WITHIN THE MISSION SUPPORT ORGANIZATION. DOL-31 WILL SERVE AS THE RESERVE TOUCH-POINT WITHIN DCMS, ADDRESSING RESERVE-SPECIFIC READINESS CONCERNS AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES. DURING THE INITIAL OPERATING CAPABILITY PHASE, DOL-31 WILL FOCUS ON STREAMLINING SELRES TRAINING AND COMPETENCY ISSUES, OPTIMAL EMPLOYMENT OF ALL SELRES BILLETS IN THEIR PORTFOLIO, AND ASSUMING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF READINESS MONITORING. WHILE THE DOL BUILDS TO FOC, DOL-31 AND DISTRICT RFRS STAFFS WILL COLLABORATIVELY SUPPORT RESERVISTS ASSIGNED TO DCMS AND HEADQUARTERS DISTRICT (DXR)

STAFFS WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE INACTIVE DUTY FOR TRAINING (IDT) BERTHING, DIRECT ACCESS ORDERS GENERATION, AND AFC-90 FUNDS MANAGEMENT FOR ALL RESERVISTS ASSIGNED WITHIN THEIR AOR. A MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS ANALYSIS NOW UNDERWAY WILL DETERMINE THE STAFF AND RESOURCES NEEDED TO SUSTAIN THESE IMPORTANT READINESS SUPPORT FUNCTIONS.

C. DOL-3 COMPLIANCE STAFF HAS WORKED WITH COMDT (CG-44) TO ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOGISTICS COMPLIANCE INSPECTION (LCI) PROGRAM SCHEDULING AND NOTIFICATIONS, CONDUCTING THE ACTUAL INSPECTIONS, AND PRODUCING THE RESULTING REPORTS. DOL-3 DEVELOPED THE FY12 INSPECTION SCHEDULE FOR THE LCI PROGRAM AND IT CAN BE FOUND ON THE DOL -3 COMPLIANCE PAGE IN CG PORTAL AT <HTTPS://CGPORTAL.USCG.MIL/CTL/1J900VI>. IN ADDITION, DOL-3 IS WORKING WITH FORCECOM AND THE LOGISTICS AND SERVICE CENTERS TO REVIEW OTHER INSPECTION PROGRAMS TO DETERMINE THE POTENTIAL TO MERGE, CONSOLIDATE OR COORDINATE INSPECTIONS INTO A HOLISTIC MISSION SUPPORT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM. THE GOAL IS MINIMALLY INTRUSIVE PROCESS VERIFICATION.

5. DOL-4, THE OFFICE OF CONTINGENCY AND DEPLOYABLE LOGISTICS, EXECUTES THE 24X7 DCMS WATCH AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LOGISTICS PLANNING AND SUPPORT OF CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS. FUNCTIONS FORMERLY PERFORMED BY DCMS-53 HAVE FULLY TRANSFERRED TO THE DOL-4 OFFICE. THE DCMS WATCH HAS ESTABLISHED A NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS IN GLOBAL AS D05-SMB-DCMS-WATCH(AT)USCG.MIL AND USES THE DOL MSG PLAD OF COGARD DOL NORFOLK VA. THE DCMS WATCH PHONE NUMBER REMAINS THE SAME, (757) 398-6765. DOL-4 HAS DEMONSTRATED INITIAL SUCCESS IN COORDINATING MISSION SUPPORT EFFORTS DURING HURRICANE IRENE, WHICH IMPACTED THREE DISTRICTS AND ALL THE STATES ALONG THE EAST COAST, AS WELL AS THE FOLLOW-ON EFFORTS IN RESPONSE TO THE DESTRUCTION LEFT IN ITS PATH DOL-4 CONTINUES TO WORK ON ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEPLOYABLE BASE (LOGISTICS SUPPORT ELEMENT) CONCEPT WITH THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF FURTHER ENHANCING LOGISTICS SUPPORT IN FUTURE RESPONSE EFFORTS.

6. WITH THE MAJORITY OF THE STAFF ON BOARD, DOL HAS MOVED TO THE 11<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR OF THE MAIN STREET TOWER BUILDING IN DOWNTOWN NORFOLK AND HAS ESTABLISHED NEW PHONE NUMBERS. A LIST OF THE KEY PERSONNEL IS PROVIDED BELOW AND A FULL LISTING OF THE DOL CONTACTS CAN BE FOUND AT THE DOL CG PORTAL SITE <HTTPS://CGPORTAL.USCG.MIL/CTL/C20BDA> UNDER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

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7. THE DOL CONTINUES TO MOVE TOWARD FULL OPERATING CAPABILITY WHILE UNITING OUR LOGISTICS ELEMENTS UNDER THE BASE CONSTRUCT AND OPTIMIZING MISSION SUPPORT TO OUR OPERATIONAL PARTNERS. DURING STEADY STATE OR CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS, THE DOL WILL ENHANCE COORDINATION AND COMMUNICATION WITH KEY OPERATIONAL COMMANDERS RESULTING IN OPTIMAL MISSION EXECUTION ACROSS OUR SERVICE MISSION SETS AND THEATERS OF OPERATION.

8. VADM J. P. CURRIER, DEPUTY COMMANDANT FOR MISSION SUPPORT, SENDS.

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### **USCGC *Taney* Fantail Deck Repair Project**

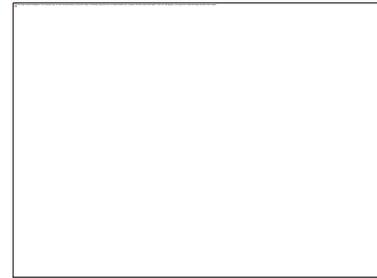
Work continues on the *Taney* Fantail Deck Preservation Project. General Ship Repair Company has been working to remove rust scale with an ultra high pressure machine in preparation for painting. They will then install new steel where needed. The project is still on schedule to be completed by the December 7th, Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony.

Historic Ships thanks everyone who has donated in support of this project. Donations may still be made [here](#). Assistance is greatly appreciated and all contributions are fully tax-deductible.

## **Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony**

Wednesday, December 7th, Noon On board USCGC  
*Taney*, Pier 5

Join friends on board USCGC *Taney* for the memorial ceremony to the 70th anniversary of the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The keynote address will be given by Admiral Robert Papp, Jr., Commandant of the United States Coast Guard.



The ceremony also will commemorate the 25th anniversary of *Taney's* decommissioning. Special guest Lord Greenway will present *Taney* with the World Ship Trust's Maritime Heritage Award.

This event is free and open to the public.

## **Abbott and Costello on Computers**

You have to be old enough to remember Abbott and Costello, and too old to REALLY understand computers, to fully appreciate this. For those who sometimes get flustered by computers, please read on.

If Bud Abbott and Lou Costello were alive today, their infamous sketch, 'Who's on First?' might have turned out something like this:

*COSTELLO CALLS TO BUY A COMPUTER FROM ABBOTT*

*ABBOTT: Super Duper computer store. Can I help you?*

*COSTELLO: Thanks I'm setting up an office in my den and I'm thinking about buying a computer.*

*ABBOTT: Mac?*

*COSTELLO: No, the name's Lou.*

*ABBOTT: Your computer?*

*COSTELLO: I don't own a computer. I want to buy one.*

*ABBOTT: Mac?*

*COSTELLO: I told you, my name's Lou.*

*ABBOTT: What about Windows?*

*COSTELLO: Why? Will it get stuffy in here?*

*ABBOTT: Do you want a computer with Windows?*

*COSTELLO: I don't know. What will I see when I look at the windows?*

*ABBOTT: Wallpaper.*

*COSTELLO: Never mind the windows. I need a computer and software.*

*ABBOTT: Software for Windows?*

*COSTELLO: No. On the computer! I need something I can use to write proposals, track expenses and run my business. What do you have?*

*ABBOTT: Office.*

*COSTELLO: Yeah, for my office. Can you recommend anything?*

*ABBOTT: I just did.*

*COSTELLO: You just did what?*

*ABBOTT: Recommend something.*

*COSTELLO: You recommended something?*

*ABBOTT: Yes.*

*COSTELLO: For my office?*

*ABBOTT: Yes.*

*COSTELLO: OK, what did you recommend for my office?*

*ABBOTT: Office.*

*COSTELLO: Yes, for my office!*

*ABBOTT: I recommend Office with Windows.*

*COSTELLO: I already have an office with windows! OK, let's just say I'm sitting at my computer and I want to type a proposal. What do I need?*

*ABBOTT: Word.*

*COSTELLO: What word?*

*ABBOTT: Word in Office.*

*COSTELLO: The only word in office is office.*

*ABBOTT: The Word in Office for Windows.*

*COSTELLO: Which word in office for windows?*

*ABBOTT: The Word you get when you click the blue 'W'.*

*COSTELLO: I'm going to click your blue 'w' if you don't start with some straight answers. What about financial bookkeeping? You have anything I can track my money with?*

*ABBOTT: Money.*

*COSTELLO: That's right. What do you have?*

*ABBOTT: Money.*

*COSTELLO: I need money to track my money?*

*ABBOTT: It comes bundled with your computer.*

*COSTELLO: What's bundled with my computer?*

*ABBOTT: Money.*

*COSTELLO: Money comes with my computer?*

*ABBOTT: Yes. No extra charge.*

*COSTELLO: I get a bundle of money with my computer? How much?*

*ABBOTT: One copy.*

*COSTELLO: Isn't it illegal to copy money?*

*ABBOTT: Microsoft gave us a license to copy Money.*

*COSTELLO: They can give you a license to copy money?*

*ABBOTT: Why not? THEY OWN IT!*

*(A few days later)*

*ABBOTT: Super Duper computer store. Can I help you?*

*COSTELLO: How do I turn my computer off?*

*ABBOTT: Click on 'START'..... ..*