

Coast Guard Eligible for Armed Forces Retirement Home

MCPOCG Michael P. Leavitt has provided the following information. As most of you may already be aware, on the 15th of October, the President signed The Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010, which, among other things, amended the Armed Forces Retirement Home Act of 1991 to allow the Coast Guard to participate in the Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH) System.

Coast Guard Veterans with 20 or more years' active service, who are at least 60 years old, with at least 50% of that time as enlisted or warrant officer, are now eligible to become AFRH residents.

AFRH provides a safe haven for veterans in their declining years and ensures their residents an affordable retirement. This change will provide a great benefit for us, and for our shipmates who came before us. It is also a benefit that the other branches of service have had for years so this amendment gives Coast Guard Veterans parity. That said, like DoD services, all active duty enlisted and chief warrant officers will help fund the AFRH with a nominal fifty cents a month mandatory allotment.

Please pass the word and for additional information about AFRH please visit their website at <http://www.afrh.gov/>.

Further information will be released via ALCOAST in the near future but in the interim, if you have questions, please contact MCPO Shane Hooker at Richard.s.hooker@uscg.mil.