



Hawaii Regional CG Retiree Council Newsletter



February 8, 2012

QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING, WEDNESDAY 09 November 2011

Our next quarterly meeting is at 1900 on **Wednesday 08 February** at Club 14. Normally the meetings are held the second Wednesday of the second month of each quarter. We usually complete any business within an hour preceded and followed by a social adjustment period. Let us know if you are not a regular attendee but have an idea or two that might make you more inclined to join in. I (Tommy D.) won't be able to make it for this meeting, underway is the only way. Will see you next time. Rod will be onboard to run the show.

OUR WESITE

It is straight forward and has a link to forward any questions to Rod and Tom. Our newsletter is attached to the site so that it can be opened and viewed. Website: <http://www.uscg.mil/d14/cmd/assoc/rc/> Pass it on to your friends and fellow retirees!

EMAIL

If you know of any retiree with an e-mail and would like to receive this please have them get a hold of Rod or Tom and we will set you up. If you want to get a message out to everybody on our email list, please send it to Tom or Rod who will, if its "politically correct", relay it to all hands as blind copies. You can call Tom @ 672-9065 (home) or 221-3274 (cell). Please leave a message if I don't pick up.

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SUBJ: DEATH OF RETIRED FLAG OFFICER

A. USCG REGULATIONS, COMDTINST M5000.3 (SERIES)

1. THE COMMANDANT ANNOUNCES WITH REGRET THE DEATH OF RADM ALBERT A. HECKMAN, USCG (RETIRED), ON MONDAY MORNING 16 JANUARY 2012, AT ARLEIGH BURKE PAVILION, MCLEAN, VA, OF NATURAL CAUSES. RADM HECKMAN WAS 93.

2. RADM HECKMAN WAS BORN ON 29 AUG 1918 IN READING, PA. ON 19 JUN 1942, HE GRADUATED FROM THE COAST GUARD ACADEMY AND SAW COMBAT ASSIGNMENTS IN AFRICA, EUROPE, NORTH ATLANTIC CONVOY DUTY, AND THE WESTERN PACIFIC ABOARD USS SAMUEL CHASE, USCGC TAMPA, AND USCGC ROCKAWAY. ON 4 MAR 1960, HE COMMANDED USCGC ACUSHNET DURING AN EPIC RESCUE OF USCGC GENERAL GREENE AND A MORAN TUG AFTER THEY BECAME STRANDED IN A BLINDING SNOWSTORM AND GALE OFF CAPE COD, MA. ASHORE HE SPECIALIZED IN AIDS TO NAVIGATION, PARTICULARLY LORAN, AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING. HE ALSO SERVED AS AN ADVISOR TO IRAN FROM 1962 TO 1964, THE CHIEF DIRECTOR OF COAST GUARD AUXILIARY, AND AS CHIEF, PUBLIC INFORMATION DIVISION AT COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS. HE GRADUATED FROM THE NAVAL WAR COLLEGE IN 1966 AND EARNED A MASTERS DEGREE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AT GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN 1967. HE WAS THE FIRST DEPUTY CHIEF OF PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS WHEN THE COAST GUARD TRANSITIONED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN 1967. RADM HECKMAN SERVED FROM 1970 TO 1972 AS INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE COAST GUARD AND THEN AS COMMANDER, NINTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT AT CLEVELAND, OH. HE RETIRED 1 OCT 1974. MORE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE USCG HISTORIAN WEBSITE AT

[HTTP://WWW.USCG.MIL/HISTORY/PEOPLE/FLAGS/HECKMANBIO.PDF](http://www.uscg.mil/history/people/flags/heckmanbio.pdf).

3. RADM HECKMAN IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, JANE G. HECKMAN, AND DAUGHTER, NORAH M. HECKMAN.

4. NO PUBLIC FUNERAL OR BURIAL IS PLANNED AT THIS TIME. A PRIVATE BURIAL CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE FAMILY PLOT ON LONG ISLAND, NY, ON A DATE TO BE DETERMINED.

5. COORDINATION INFORMATION FOR HALF-MASTING THE NATIONAL ENSIGN IAW REF A WILL BE PROVIDED IN A SUBSEQUENT MESSAGE WHEN THE DATE OF BURIAL IS KNOWN.

6. IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, RADM HECKMAN REQUESTED DONATIONS TO COAST GUARD MUTUAL ASSISTANCE. CONTRIBUTIONS MAY BE MAILED TO COAST GUARD MUTUAL ASSISTANCE, USCG MAIL STOP 7180, 4200 WILSON BLVD, SUITE 610, ARLINGTON VA 20598-7180, OR DIRECTLY ONLINE THROUGH [HTTP://WWW.CGMAHQ.ORG](http://www.cgmaHQ.org).

7. RADM D. R. MAY, COMMANDER, PERSONNEL SERVICE CENTER, SENDS.

8. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.

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SUBJ: DEATH OF A CG SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE OFFICER

1. THE COMMANDANT ANNOUNCES WITH REGRET THE DEATH OF MR. NORMAN W. LEMLEY, SES, RETIRED, ON MONDAY 19 DEC 2011, IN SWEDEN. HE DIED IN A DOGSLED ACCIDENT WHILE ON VACATION. HE WAS 73.
2. NORM LEMLEY SERVED THE COAST GUARD IN TWO CAPACITIES OVER 36 YEARS.
 - A. HE COMPLETED OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL (OCS) IN 1962 AND WAS COMMISSIONED AS AN ENSIGN. AS AN OFFICER IN THE COAST GUARD RESERVE HE CONCENTRATED ON PORT SECURITY AND MOBILIZATION PLANNING, WITH ASSIGNMENTS IN THE FIELD, AT COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS AND AT THE PENTAGON. HE RETIRED AS A CAPTAIN ON 2 OCT 1998.
 - B. AS A COAST GUARD CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE SINCE 1965, HE ROSE TO THE SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE, THE CIVILIAN EQUIVALENT OF A FLAG OFFICER. HE WAS A LEADER IN DEVELOPING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SAFETY AND SECURITY STANDARDS FOR THE MARINE INDUSTRY. OVER A PERIOD OF 38 YEARS HE SERVED ON U.S. DELEGATIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO) OF THE UNITED NATIONS. HE SERVED ON VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES, AND WAS SELECTED BY THE 40-NATION CONFERENCE TO CHAIR THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON LIFESAVING APPLIANCES FROM 1980 TO 1986.
 - C. IN RETIREMENT MR. LEMLEY CONTINUED TO SERVE. HE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE CAPITAL AREA COAST GUARD RETIREE COUNCIL FOR THE WASHINGTON DC METRO AREA. HE SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR TALL SHIPS AMERICA. HE WAS TECHNICAL DIRECTOR OF THE U.S. MARINE SAFETY ASSOCIATION AND LISTED AS A MARITIME CONSULTANT ON MARINE SAFETY, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, MARITIME SECURITY, AND NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS. THE NORTHEAST MARITIME INSTITUTE, FAIRHAVEN, MA, DEDICATED ONE OF THEIR TRAINING FACILITIES AS THE LEMLEY HALL ANNEX IN HIS HONOR IN 2007.
 - D. MR. LEMLEY WAS A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER. HE WAS A FELLOW AND LIFE MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY OF NAVAL ARCHITECTS AND MARINE ENGINEERS (SNAME), AND RECEIVED THE VADM LAND MEDAL FROM SNAME IN 1994 FOR OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENT IN THE MARINE FIELD. IN 2011 HE WAS WORKING WITH NORTHEAST MARITIME INSTITUTE AND AMERICAN UNIVERSITY TO OFFER A MASTERS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION WITH A FOCUS ON MARITIME AFFAIRS.
3. THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE MR. LEMLEY PUT SERVICE FIRST, TO THE NATION AND TO HIS COMMUNITY. HE LEAVES A TREMENDOUS LEGACY AND WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE.
4. MR. LEMLEY IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, LAURA, AND TWO DAUGHTERS.
5. DETAILS ABOUT HIS FUNERAL AND BURIAL ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE. THEY WILL BE PUBLISHED WHEN KNOWN.
6. RADM DANIEL R. MAY, PERSONNEL SERVICE CENTER, SENDS.
7. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.

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SUBJ: HONORING FALLEN SHIPMATES - USCGC WHITE ALDER

1. TODAY WE REMEMBER THE LOSS OF 17 SHIPMATES 43 YEARS AGO WHEN THE USCGC WHITE ALDER (WLM 541) COLLIDED WITH ANOTHER VESSEL AND SANK IN THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER NEAR WHITE CASTLE, LA. WE HONOR THEM BY REFLECTING ON THEIR SACRIFICE MADE IN SERVICE TO OUR NATION.
2. ON 7 DEC 1968 AT 1829, CGC WHITE ALDER WAS DOWNBOUND WHEN IT COLLIDED WITH THE UPBOUND M/V HELENA, A 455-FOOT FREIGHTER. THE POINT OF IMPACT WAS ON WHITE ALDERS STARBOARD SIDE, CAUSING THE SHIP TO ROLL OVER AND SINK IN LESS THAN A MINUTE. THREE OF THE CREW ESCAPED FROM THE SINKING VESSEL AND SURVIVED. HOWEVER, THE REMAINING 17 COAST GUARDSMEN DROWNED. ALTHOUGH SEARCHERS RECOVERED THE BODIES OF THREE CREW MEMBERS, THE RIVER RAPIDLY BURIED THE CUTTER IN MUD AND SEDIMENT, ENTOMBING THE REMAINING 14 COAST GUARDSMEN IN THE SUNKEN HULL WHERE IT REMAINS TO THIS DAY.
3. CGC WHITE ALDER AND CREW ARE HONORED WITH MEMORIALS IN BATON ROUGE AND METAIRIE, LA AND A

NAVIGATION MARKER IN THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER. THEIR NAMES ARE INSCRIBED ON THE CUTTERMANS MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON, DC. THEY ARE LOST, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN, HONORED AND REMEMBERED BY FAMILY, FRIENDS AND SHIPMATES.

4. SEMPER PARATUS. STAND A TAUT WATCH. ADM BOB PAPP, COMMANDANT, SENDS.

5. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.

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If you know of any local retirees or retiree spouses who are sick or have passed away, please contact: Tommy Dutton Council Co-Chair's DuttonM003@Hawaii.RR.Com or Rod Schultz, schultz369@gmail.com

QUESTION ON RETIREE DEATH NOTICES on PSC Website

Our website has been updated to provide a monthly listing of retirees who have crossed the bar. The first list was posted this month. You will find this information on the RAS website, left hand side of the page under TAPS.

<http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/ras/>

Dempsey: No retirement overhaul anytime soon

By [Andrew Tilghman](#) - Staff writer

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The Defense Department's highest-ranking officer said changes to the military retirement system are unlikely anytime soon and today's troops can expect to be grandfathered under the current rules.

Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs, said retirement reform has been "pushed to the side of the table," and he expects a blue-ribbon commission to take a long look at the issue before any changes are made.

"We have to look at retirement. But as we do, we've got to understand the effect," Dempsey told troops at a town hall-style meeting in Germany on Monday. "Before we do something, we really want to do the proper analysis to understand what it will mean to retention and recruiting, let alone breaking faith with those of you who have served under a certain expectation," Dempsey said. "I am quite confident ... that those who are currently serving will be grandfathered. So, you know, what we are talking about in terms of getting retirement under control would affect folks that entered the armed forces after we made the adjustment ... so that they would know what plan they were walking into "Dempsey's remarks came in response to a direct question from an airman. Troops have grown increasingly concerned about the retirement system since a Pentagon advisory group in July said the current 20-year pension is unaffordable and should change immediately.

Today's personnel costs are too high, Dempsey said, and senior leaders are considering an array of budget-cutting measures that could affect pay and benefits, and health care fees. "We need an all-volunteer force. But we've got to figure out how to afford it," he said.

<http://www.navytimes.com/news/2011/12/military-martin-dempsey-no-retirement-overhaul-soon-122211w/>

New Law Change Increases Insurance Coverage for Veterans

WASHINGTON – Some Veterans covered under the Veterans Group Life Insurance program (VGLI) now have the opportunity to increase their coverage to the current maximum coverage under the Service members' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) program.

Currently, 70 percent of the Veterans covered under VGLI are under age 60, have less than \$400,000 of coverage, and will greatly benefit from this law change," said Allison A. Hickey, Department of Veterans Affairs under secretary for benefits.

Under the Veterans' Benefits Act of 2010, enacted on Oct. 13, 2010, Veterans can increase their coverage by \$25,000 at each five-year anniversary date of their policy to the current legislated maximum SGLI coverage, presently, \$400,000.

To date, approximately 21 percent of eligible Veterans have taken advantage of this opportunity, resulting in nearly \$113 million of new coverage being issued.

The VGLI program allows newly discharged Veterans to convert their SGLI coverage they had while in the service to a civilian program. Before enactment of this law, Veterans could not have more VGLI than the amount of SGLI they had at the time of separation from service.

For example, those who got out of the service prior to Sept. 1, 2005, when the maximum SGLI coverage was \$250,000, were limited to \$250,000 in VGLI coverage.

Now on their first five-year anniversary, these Veterans can elect to increase their coverage to \$275,000. On their next five-year anniversary, they can increase the coverage to \$300,000, and so forth.

The additional coverage can be issued regardless of the Veteran's health. To be eligible to purchase this additional coverage, the Veteran must:

- Have active VGLI coverage,
- Have less than the current legislated maximum coverage of \$400,000,
- Request the additional coverage during the 120-day period prior to each five-year anniversary date, and
- Be less than 60 years of age on the five-year anniversary date of his or her coverage.

Eligible Veterans are notified of this opportunity a week before the start of the 120-day period prior to their anniversary date, and twice more before the actual anniversary date.

For more information about VA's Insurance Program or other VA benefits, go to www.va.gov or call 1-800-827-1000. Veterans are also encouraged to visit VA's web portal [eBenefits - Insurance](#)

Fantasy Island

by ANNIE KARNI, New York Post

December 25, 2011

Welcome to Governors Island, where dreams go to die.

Former Mayor Giuliani wanted to transform the deserted land into a casino and five-star hotel.

Mayor Bloomberg, recovering from the failed Olympics bid in 2005, proposed a high-flying gondola that would connect the island to Lower Manhattan, just 800 yards away (skeptics dismissed it as a pr stunt).

In 2006, Nickelodeon pitched a theme park for the 172-acre island.

The community board voted last year to transform it into the makeshift site of the Khalid Sheikh Mohammed trial.

A Columbia University research group is floating the idea of filling the East River with landfill to create LoLo, a new neighborhood connecting the island to Lower Manhattan.

Most recently, the city offered up the former military base to universities as a place to build a new, state-of-the-art applied science campus (only one of seven proposals went for it, and last week the city awarded the contract to Cornell University's Roosevelt Island plan).

But Governors Island — so impossibly close to the city that it taunts mayors and developers with possibility — remains mostly empty, a park open to the public just half the year.

"Governors Island is the Bermuda Triangle of failed visions," said NYU urban policy professor Mitchell Moss. While planners and elected officials love to jimmy up renderings of what Governors Island could be, he said, the reality is that nobody wants to touch it.

When the federal government sold 150 acres of the former Army and Coast Guard base to New York in 2003 for \$1 (the remaining 22 acres are national park land), it saddled New York with a covertly expensive gift.

"We didn't get money for the island," said Moss, comparing it to a bride with no dowry. "We needed the island plus money."

The island costs \$12 million a year in maintenance fees, which were split between the city and the state until last year, when city took full control.

Mayor Bloomberg made some progress since the Coast Guard left its base there in 1995, spending \$75 million on a park that's open between May and October and attracted 200,000 visitors last year with bike rentals, a Water Taxi beach, polo matches and a mini golf course. The Harbor School, a public high school, moved onto Governors last year.

The city has allocated another \$270 million over the next three years to upgrade the island's infrastructure in a bid to attract private investment. But the island needs major development to pay for itself.

And the deed handed to the city by the feds limits what can be built there. Residential development is prohibited, and a casino is explicitly forbidden, quashing Giuliani's 1998 plan for a gambling resort that he said would generate \$57.5 million a year in revenue. Federal guidelines also require that 40 acres of any new development must be reserved for public park space.

While the park has been a hit with New Yorkers on summer Sundays, the island is virtually useless on a cold Wednesday in December. The location of Governors Island, its greatest selling point, is also an obstacle.

"It's a beautiful place, but in the middle of the winter it's very windy," Moss said. "It's a very seasonable environment."

But the main barrier to development, according to urban planners, is transportation. The only way on or off for the general public is the free ferry service from Manhattan and Brooklyn that runs during the summer.

"Ferries are wonderful, but they're not enough to make you feel like you're part of New York City," said Vishaan Chakrabarti, a professor of real estate development at Columbia University who proposed connecting the island to

Manhattan via landfill. “You can imagine a research institution there, but you saw the universities look at all the options and not opt for Governors Island and it’s because of access.” The transportation barriers of an island with no bridge or tunnel make it the best fit for an educational institution, convention center or cultural landmark, according to planners.

“Those are the kinds of activities for whom being in the center of the city, but slightly removed, is a big plus,” said Robert Pirani, executive director of the Governors Island Alliance, a civic group that promotes the island’s reinvention. “As a day-to-day commute, it’s not great.” Governors Island also is saddled with major infrastructure problems.

The Coast Guard was not required to build water supply lines up to New York City code. Today, the island lacks a potable water supply, making potential developers run the other way. “The universities [in the running to build an applied science campus in New York City] focused on Roosevelt Island because it’s a shovel-ready site,” Pirani said. “Governors Island hasn’t been ready to accommodate those things, either because the shovel-ready quality isn’t there, or because there are still better and easier opportunities elsewhere.”

NYU has pitched plans to create a satellite campus on Governors Island, complete with faculty housing and dorms. But skeptics wonder if it’s nothing more than another pie-in-the-sky idea — and a red herring to stave off critics who think the university is eating Greenwich Village (faculty housing and dorms, for instance, would be prohibited on the island).

The city is improving the island now, but Mayor Bloomberg may have to hand over the glory to future mayors. “The mayor has made Governors Island one of his legacies,” Pirani said. “It will have modern infrastructure. But it’s going to take another visionary leader to take another leap of faith to make it New York’s next great place.”

http://www.nypost.com/p/news/opinion/opedcolumnists/fantasy_island_aLn77DtSJNOn9Eu4cbUDQP

Haunting Photos Of The Abandoned Governor's Island In NYC

Daniel Goodman | Nov. 9, 2011, 5:52 PM

Governor's Island, just off the southern tip of Manhattan and its [financial](#) district has sat abandoned since 1996 when the former federal run military and then Coast Guard base was closed.

In 2003, it was "sold" to the city of New York for the nominal price of \$1. The island's management body, [the Trust for Governor's Island](#), has been engaging artists and developers to flesh out the remnants of the island's military past and turn it into a [tourist](#) attraction.

Parts of the island have become National Monuments, including Fort Jay and Castle Williams, two of three military fortifications on the island. However, most of the building's on the island remain in a state of disrepair. Now, a variety of art installations, small parks and playgrounds and other amenities can be found.

Photographer and filmmaker [Nathan Kensinger](#) explores abandoned and former industrial spaces throughout New York City. He has spent years photographing [Governor's Island](#) capturing the remaining abandoned buildings on the island.

As he explains it, "Half of the approximately 100 buildings on the island are in some state of decay, including a supermarket, auto body repair shop, movie theater and hospital. Many of the other buildings are controlled ruins, minimally cleaned up to allow limited public access. Walking through this deserted landscape is a surreal experience, especially when considering its close proximity to the bustling financial center of lower Manhattan."

To see the photos go to: <http://www.businessinsider.com/abandoned-governors-island-nyc-2011-10?op=1>

LORAN RADIATION

A final report on LORAN radiation has been released. Please visit www.loran-history.info. The link is on the home page.

