

## RADM Albert A. Heckman, USCG (retired)

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RADM Heckman died Monday morning, 16 January 2012, at Arleigh Burke Pavilion, Mclean VA, of natural causes. He was 93.

- Anticipate cremation.
- Surviving spouse, Jane G. Heckman, and daughter, Norah M. Heckman.

**Funeral & Burial** No public funeral or burial planned.  
Anticipate private burial ceremony in family plot on Long Island, NY.  
Date will be provided when information is available.

**Half-masting of national ensign** Will be ordered for day of burial when date is known.

**In lieu of flowers** Donations to Coast Guard Mutual Assistance.

### General Message: ALCGPSC 008/12 of 18 Jan 2012

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ALCGPSC 008/11

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, MCCLEAN, 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/HECKMANABIO.PDF](http://www.uscg.mil/history/people/flags/heckmanabio.pdf) .

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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, PERSONNEL SERVICE CENTER, SENDS.

8. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.

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### **Newspaper:**

No published obituary at this time.