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## COAST GUARD NATIONAL RETIREE COUNCIL "Coast Guard For'er"

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To: Commandant (G-C)  
Via: Assistant Commandant for Human Resources (CG-1)

Subj: 2010 NATIONAL RETIREE COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

1. The Commandant of the Coast Guard National Retiree Council (CCGNRC) held its ninth annual meeting in accordance with COMDTINST 1800.5E from 26-29 April 2010 at Coast Guard Headquarters (Jemal Building). In addition to the Co-Chairs, nine (9) of the eleven (11) chartered regional Coast Guard Retiree Councils, CWO Fred Siegel of the Council-at-Large (Fred's Place), and the Civilian representative attended. Attendees are listed in the agenda, enclosure (1). Lois Ensrud is no longer available to travel and she has become an emeriti member. Our new Annuitant Representative will be Mrs. Lula Carpenter, wife of the late CAPT Lee Carpenter, USCG (Ret.).
2. This year, neither of the Co-Chairs was able to attend the other Services' retiree councils. There is an initiative to get all the Co-Chairs together to compare and contrast issues.
3. The Council had an ambitious agenda of briefings and discussions from staffs and organizations both within and external to the Coast Guard. This report serves two purposes—focusing on those issues of potential importance to retiree community and suggested issues for consideration by the Commandant and the Assistant Commandant for Human Resources.
4. The Council greatly appreciated the opportunity to hear from the Vice Commandant, Chief of Staff, Assistant Commandant for Human Resources, Commander, Personnel Service Center, and Director, Personnel Management. Understanding how full their agendas are, especially during the period of top leadership change, making time to address the Council was especially noteworthy and indicates the importance top leadership places on the retiree community.
5. The Council notes the continued exceptional support provided by the Military Coalition ([www.themilitarycoalition.org](http://www.themilitarycoalition.org)), and especially the Military Officer Association of America (MOAA) and the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) for this year's meeting. Besides the highly informative briefings, MOAA sponsored an annual lunch for the Council in the Commandant's Flag Mess on Wednesday and FRA hosted a reception for the Council at their Headquarters on Tuesday.

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**CO's Corner –**

Hello from PPC Topeka! I might have jinxed us with my comments about snow in the last newsletter, because this has been a tough winter for a large portion of the county, including us here in Kansas. The good news is that spring is definitely coming. Even though there is still some snow on the ground, the Groundhog predicted an early spring, and buds are appearing already on the trees. Some more good news for me personally is an assignment extension here at PPC, and I am very thankful for the opportunity to serve here for an additional year.

I also mentioned our relationship with the CG National Retiree Council in the last newsletter. In this issue, we have published the results of their last meeting, and we also have included some points of contact for interested retirees to reach out and get on the distribution list for the Retiree Council in your region. This will allow you to receive information about activities, meetings, social events, and issues of general concern to the retiree community.

This is a great opportunity, and I strongly encourage every single person out there to proactively affiliate yourself with your regional council to stay in touch with others and keep abreast of relevant information. Just e-mail, phone or send a letter to your regional council point of contact and they will add your name to their distribution list. I am thrilled to see new councils starting up in the Greater Mobile, AL area, and also re-constituting in the St. Petersburg, FL area. It is important that retirees make the effort to reach out to them because Privacy Act Restrictions prevent us from providing them your address directly to keep you informed.

Rear Admiral (ret) Ron Silva and MCPOCG (ret) Vince Patton are the co-chairs of the National Retiree Council and are passionate about representing Coast Guard retirees. They have been seeking information and working to update the policy on Retiree Councils with Coast Guard Headquarters and us here at PPC. We appreciate their efforts and enthusiasm on behalf of Retiree and Annuitant customers everywhere. Remember, these representatives and all those that help run the Regional Councils are all volunteers, donating their time and energy to benefit you and other interested retirees. Choose to be "Part of the Action!" (remember that slogan?)

That is all for now. Remember, we now have "self service" capability for you, linked from our PPC web site <http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/ras/> along with a host of other great features. Be sure to check it out today, and you can also give us your customer feedback. Thank You!

PPC values are: Customers First; Committed to Employees; Stewardship and Integrity.

Semper Paratus!

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The Council would like to thank VADM Currier and MCPOCG (then select) Michael Leavitt for joining us at the MOAA lunch. The Council greatly appreciates the continued support of Delta Dental in providing a comprehensive briefing as well as hosting our "welcome aboard" reception on Monday evening.

**6. Diversity Strategic Plan.** The Council received information from leadership concerning efforts to improve diverse representation throughout the Service, especially at the Coast Guard Academy. Through greater outreach and follow up this year, the Academy was able to substantially increase the number of high-qualified minority candidates during the application process and hence improve the appointment rate. Average SATs for the Class of 2014 are the highest ever. Substantial progress is being made, but more needs to be done. The Council discussed this issue and how retirees might help contribute to recruiting success. Members felt that the regional retiree councils and the retiree community could be called on to assist in outreach to candidates or aid in reaching target institutions in their local areas. Flag leadership should communicate their commitment to diversity to the retiree community and ask us how we can help.

**7. Benefits.** The Council notes the continuing progress by the Military Coalition, working with the Administration and Congress, in obtaining important benefits for active duty and Reserve members, the retiree community, and their families. The Council continues to support those legislative initiatives that honor the men and women who serve everyday in harms way.

- ◆ During the run up to the Healthcare legislation, there were numerous inaccurate messages about reductions in TRICARE benefits. MCPO-CG Vince Patton did his best in forwarding the true story, but the rumors were prolific. Although subsequent legislation put this issue to rest, we remain concerned with the message being sent by proposed increases in TRICARE enrollment fees and pharmacy co-pays. The Deficit Reduction Committee, commissioned by the White House, will likely consider such recommendations. The Council recognizes that changes may be necessary, given the substantial rise in healthcare costs and that enrollment fees haven't changed since TRICARE inception years ago. We continue to recommend that any changes be carefully vetted with thoughtful consideration of the long-term effects on the force.
- ◆ The Council also is concerned over the 21% payment cut in Medicare/TRICARE payments that continue to loom. While Congress continues to pass stop-gap legislation that puts off the problem to a later date (currently 1 December 2010), allowing such reductions to go into effect would be devastating to the TRICARE program. Many providers of Medicare/TRICARE would simply stop seeing patients as their costs would no longer be covered.

**8. RET-2 Transitioning Process.** PSCS John Milkiewicz, USCGR (Ret) addressed the Council regarding the issue of the 'RET-2' transitioning process. This involves those Reservists who enter the 'gray area' retirement status, where they have met their service obligation for retirement, but have not reached the age of 60 to become eligible for retired pay. From his firsthand experience, transition for reservists was not comparable to that for active duty members. Diverse issues surfaced due to a lack of understanding and knowledge by those responsible for managing the transition (PowerPoint briefing available). It is highly recommended that the entire process be reviewed. Standard operating procedures and training should be developed for the appropriate personnel that are charged with guiding Reservists through this process. A Reserve Transition Assistance Seminar (TAPS) should be considered. A well informed cadre will save the retirees' time, effort, and possible loss of retirement pay.

**9. TRICARE.** The TRICARE website, [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil), is an exceptional healthcare information/access tool. Additionally, all Coast Guard members, especially retirees, should make note of the Coast Guard's toll-free health benefits advisor number, **1-800-9HBAHBA**. All too often members are attempting to tackle complex issues on their own when expert help is readily available. As the Service goes through its realignment of support services delivery, the Council appreciates that adequate provision is being made to ensure that the Coast Guard health benefits advisory service remains available.

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**10. TRICARE Retiree Dental Program.** See [www.trdp.org](http://www.trdp.org). Some important items to note:

- ◆ Delta Dental does not have a connection with DEERS; changes to DEERS status, such as dependents, must be transmitted to Delta Dental too.
- ◆ This program is immediately available to “gray area” (RET-2) Reservists.
- ◆ There is no waiting period if the member signs up within 120 days after retirement.
- ◆ Delta Dental has included enhanced benefits under the new contract (began 1 October 2008).
- ◆ Program goals: Publicize the program and increase enrollee satisfaction by continual improvement of benefits.

**11. CGHQ's National Retiree Help Desk (NRHD).** This continues to be an exceptional example of Coasties helping their own.

- ◆ LCDR Dave DuPont, USCG (Ret) provided this year's update. The help desk continues to provide retirees and their dependents and survivors an important service as a “gatekeeper” to Coast Guard or veteran-related information. Also noted is that the email address has changed to: [NRHDesk@gmail.com](mailto:NRHDesk@gmail.com). Members of the Capital Area Council have taken on this mission and perform most of the “watchstander” duties. The NRHD has been set up to do this remotely and we have members outside of the Capital Area that do so very effectively (in five states). In fact, all watchstanders do so remotely from their home or office. Watchstanders call into the voice hotline and access voice inquiries as well as remotely accessing the gmail account during their duty. Seven to eight inquiries per week include diverse topics of retired pay, establishment of new regional councils, RAS issues, perspective retirees, etc.
- ◆ Members of the Council were again tasked with soliciting volunteers to stand the watch from wherever they may live. Operative information is included as enclosure (2). The Council sincerely appreciates the continued assistance provided by the Headquarters Support Command to maintain this capability—their support has played a major role in the success of the program.

**12. DEERS/RAPIDS Update.** CWO Joey Brown, Compensation Branch. Current initiatives included the civilian retiree ID card (see last year's report for complete information); Volunteers Network Access Card (3-year DoD pilot; CG working to include Auxiliarists); SSN reduction plan (eliminate unnecessary and unsecure use of SSNs (DEERS enrollment will replace SSNs with 10-digit Electronic Data Interchange – Person Identifier (EDI-PI) number); and the Defense Biometric Identification System (DBIDS is a physical access control system that is used by the DOD to manage personnel, property and installation access; retirees may be required to register in DBIDS if they access one of the DOD installations that use it).

**13. Coast Guard Modernization Update Brief.** CDR Andrea M. Palermo, Change Management Staff. This modernization effort, which is more comprehensive and larger in scale than past efforts, will result in a systematic alignment of organization, function and processes that will enable the Coast Guard to better focus use of scarce resources, improve organizational functions, and continue to sustain mission execution as the CG responds to new maritime threats, commercial maritime growth, and increased recreational maritime activity. Outcome goals of CG Modernization:

- ◆ Make our support systems more responsive to our operators;
- ◆ Make our force structure more responsive to mission execution; and
- ◆ Make our CG more responsive to our nation.

**14. USCG Fiscal Year 2011 Budget and Project Highlights.** LCDR Greg Matyas, Office of Budget and Programs. Continued recapitalization of aging assets and infrastructure is the Coast Guard's top priority in a tightening budget environment as part of the Administration's efforts to constrain Government spending. The FY 2011 budget focuses on recapitalization as vital to maintaining future surface, air, and shore asset capability. The budget redirects savings from efficiencies, consolidation initiatives, decommissionings, and capability reallocations to support highest priority acquisitions. Overall net change of operating expenses is an increase of \$87M and a decrease of 773 full time positions.

**15. Personnel Service Center (PSC).** RADML Dan Neptun, Commander. Initiatives include centralizing Reserve assignments, workforce shaping (to FY 2011 budget numbers), recruiting reservists, Concurrent Retirement & Disability Pay (still working issues with the VA), Post-9/11 Montgomery GI Bill transferability, and CG Exchange System growth.

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**16. Pay and Personnel Center (PPC).** Ms. Debbie Farley, Chief, Retiree and Annuitant Services (RAS) Branch.

- ◆ The Council remains concerned as to the level of resources available to support retirees. As part of the Most Effective Organization (MEO) competition, RAS staff shrank more than one-third.
- ◆ The retiree records and pay system was the first to move to "Global Pay" effective 1 May 2008, as part of the service-wide move to a web-enabled pay and personnel records system—the Coast Guard state-of-the-art personnel system called "Direct Access."
- ◆ The Council notes that Retirees are now able to make a number of on-line changes to their profiles. The first two phases of Self-Service have been implemented and currently working on phase three. RAS has been receiving approximately 1000 phone calls/emails a month for resetting passwords, accounts being locked, etc.
- ◆ State tax issues. When moving from one state to another and updating home mailing addresses, retirees must request a change for state tax as an address change does not automatically change or stop the state information that the tax is being paid to.

**17. "Gray Area" Retired Reservists.** Raised issue last year based on input from our NRHD handling several inquiries from RET-2 Reserve retirees on why they have not been receiving their required paperwork to place them in RET-1 status. In general, retirement eligible reservists must wait until age 60 to begin receiving retired pay. For those in the RET-2 category, PPC runs a report six (6) months out for those turning 60 and sends out a package on the process to begin receiving retired pay. A problem arises when these folks have moved and have not provided PPC with their new address. Currently, retirement eligible reservists under the age of 60 must remember to keep their mailing addresses up to date with PPC in order to ensure they begin receiving retired pay on time (or at all). This will continue to be an on-going challenge. The NRHD will continue to have RET-2 retirees with these issues contact PPC. PSC response indicated that there may be success in sending out annual informational reminders to RET-2 members. RAS provided suggestions such as allowing Reservists' Self-Service on Direct Access to update addresses and phone numbers and running articles in the Reserve Magazine annually or biannually about keeping RAS updated on address changes. The Council concurs in these suggestions.

**18. DHS Headquarters Consolidation.** LT Matt Manofsky (SILC DET WASH PMB). Especially informative brief of the design and construction of the new USCG Headquarters at St. Elizabeths. The Council greatly appreciated the opportunity to get an inside look at this huge construction project.

**19. Social Media.** MCPO-CG Vince Patton. Overview of social media tools and how they can help the Council and the retiree community at large. These include quick and easy access of information dissemination, a simpler way to stay in touch as the users control what they want to see and how much, and low to no maintenance (minimizes administrative matters).

**20. Increasing the Number and Size of Regional Councils.**

- ◆ As noted last two meetings, there are numerous areas of the U.S. with a sizeable retiree population and proximate Coast Guard units with no regional councils. A "one-pager" guide on how to establish and charter a council was developed three years ago and is posted on Fred's Place website ([www.fredsplace.org](http://www.fredsplace.org)) area of the Commandant's National Retiree Council. Fred's Place will be advertising for startup of new regional councils in Tampa, Gulf Area, St. Louis and New England.
- ◆ The Capital Area Retiree Council has developed a welcome letter, enclosure (3), that is included in the military member retirement process for the National Capital region. This is an excellent initiative to make prospective retirees aware of the local regional council.
- ◆ As recommended last year, this letter is now also part of the retirement processing for all HQ's civilian retirees. We continue to recommend that other regional councils develop a similar letter for their local personnel offices.
- ◆ We note that regional councils should strive to provide opportunities where their members can "make a difference." Volunteering to assist the Work-Life program, staffing a retiree's office at the local Coast Guard unit, and NRHD watchstanding are areas where we can make a contribution and will attract member involvement. Council activities should be driven by the desires, talents, skills and abilities of its members.

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**21. Initiatives.** Our Council is focused on communication, connection and assistance to our retiree community and how retirees can bring value to the active/Reserve/civilian force. Two years ago we began reporting new initiatives that reflect this commitment.

- ◆ Decedent affairs officers for the 13th Coast Guard District (Pacific Northwest Council). RADM Bert Kinghorn reported on their initiative to provide assistance to decedent affairs. He was pleased to report that this initiative is not necessary. The Coast Guard has made substantial improvements to the Decedent Affairs field response organization to a point where this assistance is not necessary. LT Terry Walsh was instrumental in drawing from best practices of the other services. The NW Council still stands ready to assist if necessary.
- ◆ Caregivers' Guide (Capital Area Council). Looking at reviving the development of a guide that would be a single source of critical entitlement information for caregivers (children, social workers, etc.) of aging Coast Guard retirees, dependents, and annuitants. It would link to those services provided by veterans and associated organizations.
- ◆ Including other retired service members in regional council activities (Northern California Council). This suggestion was wholeheartedly endorsed, especially in areas like Alameda where there is no other service presence. Noted that Retiree Days are excellent opportunities to reach out across Services. For example, the Greater Miami Council held a very successful retiree day with about 100 attendees. Noted that TRICARE and Delta Dental representatives are always willing to support retiree days.

**22. Summary.**

- ◆ The CCGNRC program continues to mature with a cadre of highly dedicated retirees. As Council Co-Chairs for the last number of years, we've seen the Council progress and grow in ways that are building nicely on the objectives set forth in the guiding Commandant Instruction. Members come ready to participate in ways to improve connections to the retiree community and "make a difference" for all of our Service's men and women, active duty and retired, Reserve, civilian and Auxiliary.
- ◆ We again note significant value is being provided to those Coast Guard units and surrounding retiree communities where there is "enlightened leadership" at the commands. Retirees who are willing to volunteer their time, skills, knowledge and expertise to the Coast Guard community leverage the commands' workforce. Those supportive commanders and commanding officers truly understand that for a minor investment in space, resources, and time, and a good dose of respect, pays substantial dividends. The Council salutes their insight and will continue to encourage others to step forward.

**23.** The Council would like to thank Mr. Curt Odom, Mr. John Byczek, and especially Mr. Clifford Samuel and CWO Joey Brown for their diligent work in setting up the meeting and support throughout the proceedings. BZ!

Fred L. Ames

Vincent W. Patton

## **COAST GUARD MUTUAL ASSISTANCE ... LOOKING AFTER OUR OWN**

CGMA is the Coast Guard's own financial relief organization, established and maintained by Coast Guard men and women to help one another in times of need.

Last year CGMA provided \$4.67 million in direct financial assistance to those in need. More than \$283,700 in emergency assistance went out to Retired military members.

The CGMA Fundraising Campaign occurs only once a year, in April. During the Campaign, a letter goes out to each Coast Guard retiree. Those who can are asked to consider giving financially to make sure funds are available to meet the needs that arise. Please consider giving to CGMA this year by allotment, check or credit card.

To learn more, visit [www.cgmahq.org](http://www.cgmahq.org) or call (800) 881-2462.

## Memorandum from COMDT (CG-12) dated 28 October 2010 regarding the Program Manager responses to the 2010 Commandant of the Coast Guard National Retiree Council Annual Meeting Report

**1. CG Diversity Strategic Plan (Par. 6) - program manager (CG-12B) response:** Noted. While substantial progress has been made in increasing the number of minorities within both the enlisted ranks and at the Coast Guard Academy, we still struggle with how to reach qualified members who may not be aware of the career opportunities within the Coast Guard. Our major outreach efforts focus on minority affinity groups and associations, but many more functions and events could be staffed by retirees. We encourage retirees to become involved with the COMPASS program (<http://www.uscg.mil/diversity/compass.asp>) and to tell us about events that may assist in our outreach efforts. The Coast Guard Academy has the Academy Admissions Partner Program which specifically targets college bound students. We encourage retirees to work closely with local recruiting offices to find out how they can help with recruiting efforts. Retirees are also encouraged to work with youth such as scouts, church groups, or sports teams, and to use those opportunities to talk about the Coast Guard. Retirees may contact the Diversity Office COMPASS Program Manager to discuss any innovative ideas or events which may assist us with this mission.

**2. Benefits (Par. 7) - program manager (CG-112) response:** TRICARE costs to retirees. This is an accurate reflection of current health care reform climate. For last few years the Department of Defense has recommended an increase in TRICARE enrollment fees. At this time Congress has remained opposed to such proposals.

21% Medicare cuts. The House passed and the President signed into law (24 Jun) a provision to reverse a 21% payment cut that the flawed statutory payment formula had imposed on Medicare as of June 1. Medicare held up processing claims for more than two weeks beyond that date in hopes of quick Hill action, but finally had to implement the reduced payment for claims since June 1 as Congress continued to drag its feet. Now that the fix is done, Medicare will have to reprocess the affected claims and pay doctors the difference. TRICARE never got to the point of implementing the 21% cut, as TRICARE payment changes normally trail Medicare's by 30 to 60 days. Unfortunately this just delays the problem for six months. Congress will have to act again in the coming months to keep the 21% cut from being reinstated as of December 1.

**3. RET-2 Retired Reservist Transition (Pars. 8 & 17) - program manager (CG-131) response:** Coast Guard Reserve retirement can be confusing for many Reservists. It is not like their civilian retirement programs and it is not the same as Coast Guard active duty retirement. The RET-2 to RET-1 change in status, in particular, should be covered in training directed specifically to the Reserve population. We have been focusing on new training for Reservists as they enter the service; it only makes sense to have training to help ease the transition out at the end of a member's career. We will begin designing an on-line training course, accessible from either the USCG Reserve Internet site or the PPC site from a member's home computer. Readily available on-line, we can ensure it remains current—capturing changes in retirement benefits and entitlements—and available to members at all times.

Maintaining Contact with RET-2 ("Gray-Area") Retirees. Loss of contact with members between their transfer to RET-2 status and eligibility for Retired Pay & medical benefits at age 60 (RET-1) has been a challenge, with some members having close to 20 years in RET-2 status. Members move or become incapacitated and the change of address does not reach PPC. We are looking at 3 different approaches:

- ◆ The first is to ensure the RET-2 members' data in Direct Access is on the address list generated by PPC for the Reservist Magazine. The Reservist Magazine can provide a block of information specifically for Retired Reservists; change of address forms & instructions, as well as articles on changing benefits (such as the new TRICARE Reserve Retired plan) but it only benefits the Retirees if they receive the magazine.
- ◆ PPC will look at the option of allowing RET-2 members to be retained on DA self-service specifically to update contact information.

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- ◆ Recognizing some members fall out of contact or become incapacitated and that it falls upon family members to ensure the reservist and/or survivors receive the benefits to which they are entitled. We will work with PPC to develop a "Red Retirement" folder that will go to the member with their RET-2 documentation. The folder will be clearly labeled and include a checklist for the documents required and the process to be followed to initiate retirement pay for themselves or their survivors when they reach RET-1 eligibility. Checklists will be updated if necessary in the Reservist Magazine.

Processing Reserve Retirement. PPC has a RET-2 process in place. They will confirm it remains clearly documented and available to personnel support staffs throughout the Coast Guard. Of course, this all comes at a cost. Because the RET-2 issues are specific to the Reserve population, we will work with our Resource staff to address funding. Some of this can be implemented fairly soon, pending funding and product development.

**4. TRICARE and TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (Pars. 9&10) - program manager (CG-112) response:**

Par. 9. The Council Report's comments are an accurate reflection of the current TRICARE benefit situation. Health benefits advisory services will remain under the new HSWL Service Center realignment.

Par. 10. We offer some clarification:

CURRENT BULLET—Delta Dental does not have a connection with DEERS; changes to DEERS status, such as dependents, must be transmitted to Delta Dental too.

RESPONSE—Delta Dental of California currently administers the TRICARE Dental Program for Retirees. Since Delta Dental does not have access to DEERS information, retirees should contact Delta Dental at **1-888-838-8737** or at [www.trdp.org](http://www.trdp.org) for enrollment assistance. Changes to DEERS status, such as dependents enrollment, must be transmitted to Delta Dental too. This report will be posted on the Commandant of the Coast Guard National Retiree Council website to ensure accessibility by all retirees and other interested parties.

CURRENT BULLET—This program is immediately available to "Gray Area" (RET-2) Reservists.

RESPONSE—Correct.

CURRENT BULLET—There is no waiting period if the member signs up within 120 days after retirement.

RESPONSE—There is no waiting period in order to take advantage of the full scope of dental benefits if the new retiree elects to enroll within 120 days after retirement.

**Editor's notes**

The Department of Treasury's Financial Management Service (FMS) Kansas City, Provides Payment, Collections and Financial Reporting services to the U. S. Coast Guard. FMS has recently undertaken a number of modernization efforts. One of these efforts is called Payment Application Modernization (PAM) which will help FMS process agency payment requests in a more efficient and cost effective manner.

What does this mean for Coast Guard retirees? FMS Kansas City will not release payments to the Federal Reserve Bank until the evening prior to pay day. This means that most banks will not have your payment posted until the morning of the actual pay day and some of the smaller banks and credit unions may not have monies posted until later in the day.

The Old Coast Guard Station Museum is seeking volunteer docents to give museum tours depicting the history of the early Coast Guard. The museum is housed in a 1903 Life-Saving Station on the Virginia Beach oceanfront. Training is provided.

If interested, please contact Darcy Nelson, Director of Volunteers at 757-422-1587 or [education@oldcoastguardstation.com](mailto:education@oldcoastguardstation.com)

A website with an informative and resourceful page on the GI Bill and benefits is: <http://www.onlineschools.org/gi-bill-and-education-benefits/>

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## NOAA News

### Lost Whaling Shipwreck with Link to Melville's Moby-Dick Discovered in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands

February 11, 2011

(Honolulu, HI) Maritime heritage archaeologists working with NOAA's [Office of National Marine Sanctuaries](#) have found the nationally-significant wreckage of a famous 1800's Nantucket whale ship, *Two Brothers*, on a reef off French Frigate Shoals, nearly six hundred miles northwest of Honolulu, in the remote [Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument](#). This rare archaeological discovery is the first discovery of a wrecked whaling ship from Nantucket, Mass., the birth-place of America's whaling industry. All of America's whaling ships are now gone, broken up or sunk, except one, the National Historic Landmark [Charles W. Morgan](#) at Mystic Seaport Museum in Connecticut.

*Two Brothers* was captained by George Pollard Jr., whose previous Nantucket whaling vessel, *Essex*, was rammed and sunk by a whale in the South Pacific, inspiring Herman Melville's famous book, *Moby-Dick*.

Pollard gained national notoriety after the *Essex* sinking, when he and a handful of his crew resorted to cannibalism in order to survive their prolonged ordeal drifting on the open ocean. The story of Pollard, *Essex* and *Two Brothers* was reintroduced to American audiences by author Nathaniel Philbrick's New York Times bestseller, *In the Heart of the Sea*. Capt. Pollard went to sea again as the Master of *Two Brothers* and was likely the last person to think "lightning would strike twice," but it did on the night of Feb. 11, 1823, when *Two Brothers* hit a shallow reef off French Frigate Shoals. Pollard did not want to abandon ship but his crew pleaded with him and they clung to small boats for survival during a long and harrowing night. The next morning they were rescued by the crew of another Nantucket whaler.

For the past 188 years, the wreckage of *Two Brothers* has been lost on the ocean floor. The vessel was part of a fleet of several hundred whaling ships that were part of America's economic and political expansion into the Pacific, transforming the region, including Hawaii, both economically and culturally, and resulting in the near extinction of many whale species. The whaling fleets were also largely responsible for early exploration of the Indian Ocean and the polar regions. A 2008 NOAA-led expedition to the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands to study marine life, remove floating marine debris and look for cultural resources resulted in the initial clues about the resting place of the *Two Brothers*. Maritime archaeologists first spotted a large anchor, followed by three trypots (cast iron pots for melting whale blubber to produce oil), another large anchor, hundreds of bricks and the remains of the ship's rigging. Those artifacts conclusively indicated the wreckage was from a whaler dating to the early 19th century. Subsequent expeditions in 2009 and 2010 resulted in researchers discovering more artifacts including blubber hooks, five whaling harpoon tips, three whaling lances, four cast-iron cooking pots and ceramics and glass indicating a U.S. origin. This helped confirm the dating of the wreckage. Additional scholarly research provided first-hand accounts from *Two Brothers* crew members, including an approximate location of where the ship grounded, which matched the location of the wreckage.

"Shipwreck sites like this are important in helping tell the stories of the early days of sailing, including whaling and maritime activities both in the Pacific and around the world," said Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument maritime archaeologist Kelly Gleason, Ph.D., who led the on-site expeditions using [NOAA Ship Hi'ialakai](#). "Discoveries like the *Two Brothers* serve an important role in connecting geographically separated regions and communities (New England and the Pacific), the past to the present, and provide context and better understanding human decisions that have altered the planet," said James Delgado, director, NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries' Maritime Heritage Program.

Papahānaumokuākea is cooperatively managed to ensure ecological integrity and achieve strong, long-term protection and perpetuation of Northwestern Hawaiian Island ecosystems, Native Hawaiian culture, and heritage resources for current and future generations. Three co-trustees — the Department of Commerce, Department of the Interior and State of Hawai'i, joined by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs — protect this special place. Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument was designated as the first mixed (natural and cultural) UNESCO World Heritage Site in the United States in July 2010. Downloadable images of shipwreck artifacts, a site map and artist renderings of whaleship *Essex* are available at <http://www.papahanaumokuakea.gov/maritime/twobrothersmedia.html>.



A diver examines an anchor at the *Two Brothers* shipwreck site. (NOAA)

(Source: NOAA News Release dtd Feb 11, 2011)

## REUNIONS AND NOTICES

**HAWAII COAST GUARD RETIREE COUNCIL** will meet at 1900 to 2100 at Club 14, Sand Island the second Wednesday of every August, November, February, and May. Contact CAPT Schultz at [schultz369@gmail.com](mailto:schultz369@gmail.com) or BMCS Dutton at [DuttonM003@Hawaii.RR.Com](mailto:DuttonM003@Hawaii.RR.Com) if you have any questions.

**TRACEN CAPE MAY**, Retiree Council Office is now located in my home. It's open to CG retirees, active duty personnel, and other Armed Forces, Reserve & Guards, Veterans of all services. I'm now a certified VFW, VA Service Officer. My address is 108 Cardinal Ave, Villas, NJ 08251. Call for appointment. You are all welcome. Cell: (609) 972-6453, home: (609) 889-6647 or e-mail me at: [kc2jpo@comcast.net](mailto:kc2jpo@comcast.net). [lb.F.W.Andersen@uscg.mil](mailto:lb.F.W.Andersen@uscg.mil) [kc2jpo@comcast.net](mailto:kc2jpo@comcast.net) <http://www.cpoacapemay.org/rcgrc.htm>. Office: (609) 898-6387 Cell: (609) 972-6453

Hear Ye—Hear Ye. The **EM-TEL, TT and IT Reunion** will be held on May 20-22, 2011 on Chincoteague Island, VA at the Piney Grove Camp Ground. RV sites available and plenty of motels. For more information, please contact Bo Stapleton at (757) 340-3732 or Curtis Leary at (919) 469-3010, e-mail [president@afe9a.us](mailto:president@afe9a.us)

Soliciting interest for a **Potential CG ST Reunion** for those who served in the Coast Guard Sonar Tech Rating. Any interest in getting a reunion together and swapping "Old ping stories"? Contact me at the following:

Attn: James Pulse  
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Please provide any information on: where to hold, the best time, list three hotels to handle the event, what involvement you can provide, and your contact information. Not able to attend or no interest, but want to share a "old ping story", send me your articles. I am also researching a book about the rate and can use all the help available.

**USCGC Hamilton, Vietnam 1969-1970 crewmembers:** I have a DVD of our trip, laid out on a timeline, FREE to all crewmembers. Contact OSC Brent Cole, USCG, Ret, at [brentcole2000@yahoo.com](mailto:brentcole2000@yahoo.com), or call (443) 783-1805, or join our group on Facebook, 'US Coast Guard Cutter Hamilton Crew 1969-1970 Vietnam.' We hope this will lead to a reunion in the summer of 2011.

The **Cactus Coast Guard** meets three times a year in the Phoenix, AZ area for a brunch and to share. All former, active duty, reserve and retired Coast Guard are welcome. We have an active e-mail list so please respond by same to [artgbeard@aol.com](mailto:artgbeard@aol.com). No e-mail, contact SKCM Art Sloane, USCG, Ret., (480) 802-6810.

Those interested in joining the membership to the **COAST GUARD RETIREE COUNCIL** of Jacksonville, FL or if you have questions, contact YNCM Bobby Wester, USCG, retired at [Bwester2549@aol.com](mailto:Bwester2549@aol.com) (subject line: CG Retiree Council), (904) 645-5552 (leave message), or by regular mail to 3327 Brachenbury Lane, Jacksonville, FL 32225-3709 (please provide a telephone number where you can be reached).

The **Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association** invite all CG, CGR, former and present to their 26th Anniversary Reunion, 4-8 May 2011, Crowne Plaza Dulles Hotel, Herndon, VA. An optional one day tour of WWII, Vietnam, Korean, Navy Memorials plus Arlington National Cemetery. Contact CWO (Ret) Baker Herbert, 330-887-5539 or [USCGW64@neo.rr.com](mailto:USCGW64@neo.rr.com)

**PRINSENDAM RESCUE REUNION.** The second annual reunion for all who served aboard the **USCGC's BOUTWELL (WHEC-719), WOODRUSH (WLB-407), MELLON (WHEC-717)**, served at USCG Air Station Sitka, USCG Air Station Kodiak, D17, MSO Valdez, Communications Area Master Station Pacific (CAMSPAC), Communications Station Kodiak, Elmendorf AFB, Canadian Coast Guard, U.S. Tanker *Williamsburgh*, *c/v SOHIO Intrepid*, and *c/v Portland* who assisted in the rescue of 519 passengers and crew aboard the burning Luxury Liner *Prinsendam* on 4-5 October 1980 in the Gulf of Alaska will take place in Seattle, WA on 1 October 2011 to commemorate the 31st Anniversary of "The Greatest Sea Rescue in Coast Guard History". A special invitation is also extended to the rescued Passengers and Crew of the *Prinsendam*. Contact YNCS Stan Jaceks, USCG (Ret.) by e-mail at [stanley2421@localnet.com](mailto:stanley2421@localnet.com) or phone (509) 764-0180 (h) (509) 760-4866 (c) to make your reservation or obtain additional information.

**USCGC ANDROSCOGGIN (WHEC-68)** 5th reunion will be held June 12-16, 2011 at the Dolphin Beach Resort, St Petersburg Beach, FL. For further information on the "Galloping Ghost" reunion contact CS2/LT David White, USCGR, Ret., at (727) 729-7839 or e-mail him at [andyreunion2011@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:andyreunion2011@tampabay.rr.com)

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**USCG LORSTA(A) French Frigate Shoals.** Any former crew members interested in a reunion in 2011, contact BMC Marvin H. Johnson, USCG, Ret., at 500 N. High St, Stover, MO, 65078 or [anguar73@yahoo.com](mailto:anguar73@yahoo.com)

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ADAMS, TERRY	ENG4	20110121
ADAMS, TIMOTHY	AST1	20101201
ALEIXO, ANTONIO	YN1	20110111
ALTIERI, MATTHEW	ITC	20101201
AQUININGOC, MANUEL	PERS2	20110109
ARMBRUSTER, RICHARD	YNC	20110218
ARNOLD, MICHAEL	AVI4	20110101
ASBURY, KEITH	MK2	20101219
AYER, ROBERT	CAPT	20110201
BAKER, MARK	ET3	20101210
BALIGAD, ROMAN	AST1	20101201
BANNISTER, KENNETH	EMC	20101201
BARKLEY, LEE	BM1	20101201
BARNES, GINGER	AMT1	20101201
BARTON, TIMOTHY	YNC	20101201
BEACH, EUGENE	PSC	20110114
BECKHAM, ROBERT	FS1	20101201
BERG, SYVERT	SK1	20110218
BISHOP, MICHAEL	BMC	20101201
BLOOD, GEORGE	SKC	20101201
BOARDMAN, PETER	BOSN4	20101201
BOCOTT, JEFFREY	PSC	20101230
BOSARGE, JENNIFER	OSC	20110101
BOTTINI, CHRISTOPHER	AETC	20101201
BRADLEY, PATRICK	BM1	20110126
BRADLEY, BRUCE	BMCM	20101201
BRENNER, JOHN	CDR	20110201
BRINKLEY, ROBERT	OSCS	20110201
BROWN, DAVID	EM3	20101201
BUCKNER, VALGENE	EMC	20110201
BULLWINKLE, DIANA	HSC	20101201
BUNTING, RICKY	AMT1	20101201
CALLISON, JOHN	GMC	20110201
CAMPBELL, KENNETH	MKC	20110201
CANALES, ABEL	ME1	20110101
CARDENAS, ALEJANDRO	YNC	20101201
CARLYON, ROY	MKC	20101201
CARR, RANDALL	BMC	20110101
CARRERA, MANUEL	MSSE4	20101201
CASEY, THOMAS	BMC	20101201
CASTRO, SOLIMAR	HS2	20110109
CATES, AUSTIN	DC2	20101201
CHIRIELEISON, BRUCE	ETC	20101201
CIRILLO, ANTHONY	BMC	20110201
COAKLEY, BRUCE	MKC	20101201
COFFMAN, WAYNE	MK2	20101218
COLLINS, ROBERT	LCDR	20101221
COPENHAVER, CHARLES	ISC	20101201
CUMMINGS, DONALD	MKCS	20101201
DAVENPORT, PETER	BOSN4	20101201
DEVOS, MICHAEL	EMCM	20101201
DILLMAN, TROY	BOSN4	20110101
DIXON, RICHARD	MSSD2	20101201
DOBBINS, JOSEPH	MKCM	20101201
DODD, ROBERT	MSSE3	20101201
DUFFIN, PAUL	YNCS	20110101
DUSI, ALAN	PSS4	20110111
EGBERT, JOHN	CAPT	20110205
ENAMORATO, ANTHONY	LCDR	20101201

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ESKEW, THOMAS	ETCS	20110201
EVANS, RANDY	ETCS	20101201
EVANS, DOUGLAS	OSC	20101201
FELTY, BRADFORD	SKC	20101201
FERRARA, LAURA	YNC	20101201
FERRIS, THOMAS	EMC	20101201
FINCHAM, MICHAEL	MSSE4	20101201
FIORENZA, CHRISTOPHER	PERS3	20101201
FLOYD, JACKIE	SK2	20101204
FLYNN, JAMES	ETCS	20110201
FORCUCCI, ANDREW	FS2	20101210
FOX, ROBERT	PS1	20110213
FRANKLIN, J	BOSN3	20101201
FRANKLIN, JOSEPH	LCDR	20110201
GASCOIGNE, OWEN	EMCS	20110101
GAUDET, ROBERT	CDR	20101201
GIANGREGORIO, DEAN	ETCM	20110201
GLYNN, THOMAS	CDR	20101201
GOBBLE, ARTHUR	BM2	20110213
GOGUE, DAVID	ENG3	20101201
GONZALES, JOE	SK2	20110119
GOUDY, DAVID	FSC	20101201
GOW, CHARLES	LCDR	20101201
GRAHAM, GAIL	YN1	20110201
GRAY, GEORGE	OSC	20110116
GRIFFITH, MARK	AMT1	20101201
GUTHRIE, JOHN	AETCM	20101201
HADEN, ANTHONY	MKCS	20101201
HANNON, MARK	AVI4	20101201
HANSEN, JEFFERY	AVI4	20110101
HANSEN, FREDRICK	BM2	20110106
HANSON, KAREN	OSCS	20101201
HART, JAMES	AMT1	20110101
HART, HANNAH	YN1	20101204
HARTLOVE, JOHN	LCDR	20101201
HERNANDEZ, JORGE	MK2	20101207
HILL, RONALD	HSCM	20110101
HOBACK, GILES	LT	20110115
HOLLOWOOD, DAVID	MSTC	20110101
HOLZBAUER, SCOTT	OSC	20110201
HOOPER, PETER	DCC	20101201
HURN, GEOFFREY	BM1	20101201
JEFFERSON, SHIRLEY	SK1	20110130
JESTER, RONALD	AETC	20101201
JOHNSON, MICHAEL	YNCS	20101201
JOHNSON, VINCENT	SK1	20101201
JOHNSON, CASSANDRA	CDR	20110101
JONES, WILLIAM	MKC	20110101
JORDAN, JAMES	BMC	20101201
KARL, JOHN	PS1	20101201
KEEHN, ROBERT	FSC	20101201
KEMPTON, MARK	BMCS	20101201
KERR, LANCE	LT	20101201
KESSELL, GARY	BMC	20110101
KNUTSON, TIMOTHY	BMCM	20101201
LAIRD, JAMES	BM2	20101201
LAKE, MICHAEL	MKC	20110218
LAMPERT, JAMES	EMC	20110201
LANDS, JAMEY	MK1	20101201
LANE, EDWARD	CDR	20110101

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LATUCH, DENNIS	INV3	20110101
LAUTENSCHLAGER, JAMES	ETCM	20110101
LEHMAN, STEVEN	MK1	20110211
LENNON, THOMAS	CAPT	20101201
LOFFREDO, NELSON	ET1	20110126
LOMAN, ROBERT	MST1	20110131
LOMBA, MANUEL	LCDR	20110201
LOUD, PAUL	BM1	20110101
LOVINGOOD, MARK	MKC	20110201
LUCKEY, SKYLA	SN	20110126
MADSON, ROGER	ETC	20101201
MARDIKOS, NICHOLAS	MK1	20110105
MARTINEZ, FELIPE	MKCM	20110108
MASON, DARRYL	YNC	20101201
MATHIS, WILEY	BMC	20101201
MCANDREW, ROBERT	BM1	20101201
MCBRIDE, KEVIN	ET1	20101201
MCCALL, PHILLIP	EMCS	20101201
MCCALL, EDWARD	PYA4	20110218
MCLOUGHLIN, ROBERT	ISCS	20110201
MCMINN, BARRY	MKCM	20110201
MCNIEL, DONALD	LCDR	20101205
MEARS, WILLIAM	BMC	20110201
MENDOZA, MARCOS	MK3	20110126
MENZE, JAY	MAT4	20101201
MERCEDTORRES, LUIS	MK1	20101201
MILAN, CORY	HSCM	20101201
MILES, CHARLES	SKC	20101201
MILLER, JOHN	SKCS	20110130
MILLER, JAMES	EMC	20110201
MILLER, LAVESTER	AST2	20110217
MILLER, RUSSELL	BMC	20101201
MILLER, MARK	LCDR	20101201
MIRABILE, STEVEN	BM3	20101223
MOLDER, RANDY	SKC	20101201
MOLLER, GREGORY	GM1	20110201
MORGAN, DAVID	CDR	20110201
MORISON, TOBEY	LCDR	20101225
MORTON, MARK	DC1	20101201
MOSS, WILLIAM	MKCS	20101201
MUELLER, MARTIN	LCDR	20101201
MURPHY, NEIL	MKC	20101201
MYER, FREDERICK	CAPT	20101201
NAPOLEONE, FRED	OSC	20101201
NAUTA, DAVID	MEC	20110201
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NELSON, MARTIN	ASTC	20101201
NELSON, PAUL	AMTC	20101201
NISSAN, COREY	BM2	20101201
NORRIS, LAWRENCE	LCDR	20110201
OBRY, LAWRENCE	BMC	20101201
OCONNOR, JAMES	CAPT	20101201
ODEN, HERBERT	MKC	20101201
OLSON, DOUGLAS	MSSE4	20101201
OLSON, FREDERICK	MKC	20101201
OUELLETTE, DAVID	ETC	20110201
OWENS, GAIL	YNM	20110102
PALARDY, ROBERT	MAT2	20101201
PALMER, ANDREW	BMC	20101201
PANNETT, WESLEY	MSSD3	20101201
PARSONS, JEFFERY	AMTC	20101201
PASSALACQUA, JOSEPH	ETCM	20101201
PATRICK, RONNIE	LCDR	20101201
PENN, ALLEN	CDR	20110111
PERARO, CHARLES	AETCM	20101201
PETERSEN, CRAIG	LT	20110101
PRITCHARD, THOMAS	PSS4	20110105
PUDISH, THOMAS	AMTC	20101201
PUHLMAN, RANDALL	EMCS	20101201

PULFORD, CHARLES	PSS3	20110106
PUZZO, JAMES	BM1	20110101
RAWSON, MARTIN	BM2	20101201
REED, GREGORY	GMC	20110101
REVEY, JOHN	ETCM	20101201
RICHARDS, MICHAEL	MK1	20101229
RICHARDS, KIM	BMC	20101204
RINE, CLAUDE	MKCS	20110201
RITER, DAVID	MK3	20110211
RITTER, DEWEY	SKC	20101230
RIVERA, TIRSO	SKC	20101201
RIVERA, LOI	EMC	20101201
RIVERAMALDONADO, ABNER	SKC	20101201
ROBINSON, KAREN	SK1	20110201
ROHDE, DON	MK1	20101218
ROSE, PATRICK	ET1	20110201
ROWE, PAUL	ETC	20110201
ROWH, LINN	MSTC	20101202
RUCKERT, MATTHEW	CAPT	20110201
RYAN, JOHN	LCDR	20110126
SALE, DALE	ENG4	20101201
SANCHEZ, HECXSIEL	SN	20101221
SANDERS, EDDIE	SK2	20110130
SANJURJO, JOSE	BM1	20101201
SCHEEL, RUSSELL	AST1	20101201
SCHEPP, JOSHUA	SA	20101223
SCHNURR, WILLIAM	CDR	20110205
SENNHOLTZ, MARY	PERS4	20110201
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SMYLIE, THOMAS	MSSD3	20110101
SNIDER, DONALD	MSTCM	20101201
STOCKWELL, JAMES	F&S3	20110121
STUDSTILL, JOHN	MK1	20101201
SULLIVAN, JOHN	FSCS	20101201
SUMPTER, LANNY	LT	20101226
THOMAS, MARK	AMTCM	20101201
TIMMONS, TROY	IT1	20110101
TOOMER, CARLOS	PERS4	20110201
TOVES, HELEN	CDR	20110201
TRAMMELL, MARK	CAPT	20110213
TRIGLIA, MARC	AMTC	20101201
TSIAGBE, RICHARD	FS1	20101201
TUNSTALL, JAMES	CAPT	20110101
VANDOREN, MICHAEL	LCDR	20110122
VANWHY, PHILLIP	HS1	20110201
VETTER, PATRICK	AMT1	20101201
VILLEGAS, GENARO	OSC	20101201
VOGELEY, ALAN	MKC	20101201
WACKFORD, TIMOTHY	GMC	20110101
WADKINS, RICHARD	MK1	20110115
WALKER, DAVID	PS1	20101218
WARFIELD, DAVID	AVI4	20101201
WATKINS, THOMAS	FSC	20110101
WATTS, GERARD	AVI4	20110201
WAWRZENIAK, RICHARD	F&S4	20110112
WEATHERS, KATHERINE	CDR	20101201
WEGER, JOHN	DCC	20101201
WELLS, MARVIN	AETCM	20101201
WILLIAMS, AARON	GM2	20101201
WILLIS, KENNETH	ETC	20101201
WILT, JOHN	MEC	20110220
WINSTON, WILLIAM	PSC	20101206
WOLDT, MICHAEL	PS1	20110104
WOOD, CHARLES	MKCM	20101223
YOUNG, GEORGE	PSS4	20110121

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YOWELL, GORDON	DCCM	20101201
ZIMMERMAN, STACEY	FSCM	20110201
ZWICKER, JOHN	AETC	20101201



BECKWITH, STEPHEN	CDR	20110101
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ALEXANDER	CARL	BMCS	20101213	GRAPELAND	TX
ARTHUR	GRAHAM	MKC	20110202	BEAUFORT	NC
ATTERBURY	JOE	CWO2	20110113	MOUNT PLEASANT	TX
AYERS	JOSEPH	BMC	20110104	DENTON	TX
BAETEN	ROBERT	PAC	20110107	ST PETERSBURG	FL
BASH	DONALD	BM1	20110221	NORTH READING	MA
BEHNKE	HARVEY	QM1	20110103	HUNTSVILLE	TX
BISZANTZ	ROBERT	F&S4	20110116	LAWRENCE	KS
BLAIS	RICHARD	IVCS	20110130	ST SIMONS ISLAND	GA
BOURBEAU	PETER	MKCM	20110213	BLOXOM	VA
BOWER	MICHAEL	CWO4	20110108	PORT ANGELES	WA
BROUSSARD	JOHNNIE	CWO3	20110106	FOLEY	AL
BROWER	RICHARD	CAPT	20110130	SANDPOINT	ID
BUGENIG	LEWIS	LCDR	20110114	EAST OLYMPIA	WA
BURRUS	WILLIAM	ADCM	20110120	OVIEDO	FL
BURTRUM	EDGAR	MKCM	20101208	SUN CITY	AZ
BUTLER	JAMES	CAPT	20110213	PORT ANGELES	WA
CAHILL	RUSSELL	CDR	20101216	MERRIMAC	NH
CALIMER	ROBERT	CWO3	20110213	VIRGINIA BEACH	VA
CARABALLO	RAMON	BM1	20110121	OAKLAND	CA
CATES	NORMAN	CWO2	20101223	APTOS	CA
CATO	ROBERT	ENC	20101129	HOLBROOK	MA
CHIGAZOLA	FRED	ALCS	20101228	CITRUS HEIGHTS	CA
CLARK	GEORGE	BM1	20110116	MONCKS CORNER	SC
COCHRANE	GEORGE	SK2	20110110	DEL MAR	CA
CONNER	HARRY	EMCM	20110103	GUSTON	KY
COOK	DAVID	FS1	20110202	WEST SENECA	NY
CUNNIFF	JOHN	RMCM	20101219	NEPTUNE BEACH	FL
CUSHMAN	CHARLES	LCDR	20101221	SENECA	SC
DALEY	NEIL	MMC	20101223	MYSTIC	CT
DAVID	RENATO	SKC	20101231	CLAIRTON	PA
DAVIES	DAVID	CDR	20101231	ELLENTON	FL
DAVIS	HUBERT	EMCM	20101203	BEAUFORT	NC
DAVIS	MICHAEL	PERS3	20110211	STAFFORD	VA
DEEMS	TED	YN2	20101210	RENO	NV
DEVINNY	RALPH	TTC	20101223	NEWBERRY	FL
DILLER	ROBERT	LCDR	20101207	LAS VEGAS	NV
DMONT	HENRY	CS2	20101224	TRENTON	FL
EAMES	GLENN	EMC	20101226	IVINS	UT
EDWARDS	NORMAN	CAPT	20110119	AMAGANSETT	NY
FERES	JOHN	GMC	20101215	VIRGINIA BEACH	VA
FRANCIS	GEARY	SN	20110113	BALTIMORE	MD
FRANKE	KENNETH	CAPT	20101217	DEL MAR	CA
FRASER	EDWARD	CWO2	20110216	PESCADERO	CA
GALLETT	ERIC	OSCM	20101214	BROKEN BOW	NE
GARRISON	CHARLES	BMCM	20110107	MILWAUKIE	OR
GLEATON	ROBERT	BMC	20110131	WEST BLOCTON	AL

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GOODE	HENRY	BMC	20101202	HUFFMAN	TX
GOUGH	RICHARD	MKC	20101210	PHILADELPHIA	PA
GRAY	EUGENE	LCDR	20110201	SOUTH DAYTONA	FL
HAHN	RONALD	PSCS	20110122	WOODSTOCK	GA
HALL	LINWOOD	MK1	20110128	MOREHEAD CITY	NC
HANDLEY	MELVIN	LCDR	20101208	CLINTON	MS
HARRINGTON	THOMAS	SN	20101205	CRANSTON	RI
HARRIS	BARBARA	YN1	20101202	COLUMBUS	GA
HELGERSON	EUGENE	QMC	20110104	SPRINGFIELD	OR
HENSLEY	WILLIAM	LCDR	20110215	BRIGHAM CITY	UT
HERZBERG	RAYMOND	TTC	20101217	NIANTIC	CT
HEWITSON	CHARLES	FSC	20110203	FALLON	NV
HILL	CHARLES	CAPT	20101211	PADUCAH	KY
HINDLE	REGINALD	CWO4	20101212	CHINCOTEAGUE	VA
HOBBS	JAMES	DC3	20110210	CRYSTAL SPRINGS	MS
HORSTMAN	CORNELIUS	CS1	20101211	DELAND	FL
HUDSON	GEORGE	SKC	20110104	FRANKFORD	DE
HUGHES	DELTON	GMCM	20110118	MUSTANG	OK
JAMES	CARL	AMC	20110105	DUBBERLY	LA
JONES	ARTHUR	CWO4	20101204	LAUDERDALE LAKE	FL
JONES	CHARLIE	EN1	20101221	SANDERSON	FL
JORDAN	LEO	CAPT	20110208	CONCORD	MA
KELLEY	THOMAS	QMCM	20101221	TAMPA	FL
KELLOGG	KIRK	CAPT	20110216	ACTON	MA
KELLY	JAMES	LCDR	20101206	HENDERSON	NV
KEPHART	JAMES	YNCS	20101214	CREEDE	CO
KITTLEMAN	JAMES	DCC	20101213	NORWALK	CA
KOLBE	EDWARD	BOSN3	20101229	CHERRY HILL	NJ
KROLIKOWSKI	VICTOR	SN	20101201	PORT CHARLOTTE	FL
LANCASTER	GREGORY	ET1	20110125	TRENTON	ME
LARSON	DUANE	LT	20110213	WENATCHEE	WA
LENTZ	DEL	SO2	20101130	CLAYTON	WA
LORD	RICHARD	YNC	20101224	NORWICH	CT
LUCAS	MICHAEL	MK1	20110119	SAUKVILLE	WI
LUKINS	LEAH	YN2	20101205	MALABAR	FL
LUKKARINEN	EINO	ENC	20110105	MARQUETTE	MI
MACKENROTH	GROVER	MKCS	20101231	PORT ARTHUR	TX
MARR	ROBERT	BMC	20110124	WATTINGERS FALLS	NY
MAUTZ	CHARLES	CDR	20101231	PITTSBURGH	PA
MAZUR	LEONARD	RDC	20101215	JACKSONVILLE	FL
MCCRORY	EUGENE	CAPT	20110124	HIDDEN VALLEY LK	CA
MELIGAN	FRANK	CWO2	20110204	SPRING HILL	FL
MICHAEL	HENRY	HSC	20110214	ANCORTES	WA
MILLER	WILLIAM	QMCM	20110123	POPLARVILLE	MS
MILLER	FREDERICK	MK1	20110205	HARRISON	TN
MOLNAR	ARTHUR	EMCS	20101217	RIO GRANDE	NJ
MORRISON	THOMAS	GMC	20101208	SLIDELL	LA
MULLEN	HOWARD	ENC	20110127	WINTER SPRINGS	FL
NAVA	EDUARDO	FSC	20101208	FREMONT	CA
NICHOLLS	DEWEY	CWO4	20101228	CHESAPEAKE	VA
OBRIEN	RICHARD	ENC	20101207	MORGANTOWN	KY
ODONNELL	EUGENE	CAPT	20110115	CHESTERFIELD	MO
ODONNELL	JACK	CDR	20101222	PORTSMOUTH	VA

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OWENS	EDWARD	BMCM	20101112	SARASOTA	FL
OSTERBERG	ROBERT	CWO2	20100125	CHUCKEY	TN
PAQUIN	ROGER	CWO3	20101227	MERRITT ISLAND	FL
PAU	VAIMALU	MK2	20110105	WAIPAHU	HI
PEARCE	WINFIELD	ETCS	20110212	ALAMOGORDO	NM
PHILLIPS	CECIL	CWO4	20110125	LITTLETON	CO
PHILLIPS	CLYDE	CWO4	20110127	SALEM	OR
PIPKIN	CLARENCE	FS1	20101212	MIAMI GARDENS	FL
PLASIER	JOHN	MKC	20110111	FAYETTEVILLE	NC
RAPALUS	THEODORE	CDR	20110121	RIDGEFIELD	WA
RAPP	HAROLD	LT	20101224	LUTHERVILLE	MD
REYNOLDS	DELLMAR	BMC	20110119	CHEBOYGAN	MI
RHODES	RICHARD	BM2	20110101	HALTOM CITY	TX
RIDDLE	VERNON	EMCS	20101129	ALBERTVILLE	AL
RODMAN	DAVID	EM1	20101201	LOUISVILLE	KY
ROENISH	ALBERT	FSCS	20110123	LOCKPORT	NY
ROGERS	CLARENCE	BMC	20101209	ST PETERSBURG	FL
RONGNER	GEORGE	CWO4	20110215	SANDWICH	MA
ROSEN	CLIFFORD	BMCM	20101204	LIVINGSTON	TX
RYBACKI	RICHARD	RADM	20110207	NEWBURY PORT	MA
SALCEDO	JUANITO	FS1	20101224	PALM COAST	FL
SANDER	DENNIS	AD2	20101202	BOWMANS TOWN	PA
SAULOG	MARIO	EMC	20101206	ROYAL PALM BEACH	FL
SAWICKI	JOHN	MKCM	20110108	GILE	WI
SCARBOROUGH	BLUCHER	BMC	20110211	VIRGINIA BEACH	VA
SCHOWENGERDT	LEO	CAPT	20110120	SEATTLE	WA
SHEPHERD	CHARLES	MKCM	20110215	TUNKHANNOCK	PA
SHIRES	ARTHUR	CAPT	20110127	CROFTON	MD
SHOAF	THOMAS	BM1	20101203	SPRINGFIELD	MO
SIBERT	DENNIS	SNBM	20101222	BAKERSFIELD	CA
SILLERY	CHARLES	BMC	20101223	KALAMAZOO	MI
SILVEY	JOHN	BM3	20101221	N CHARLESTON	SC
SIMMONS	HARRY	BMC	20110112	TABOR CITY	NC
SIMPSON	BOBBY	MK1	20110114	ANNA	TX
SMITH	DALE	ENCM	20110113	ARNOLD	CA
SOBECK	WILLIAM	CDR	20101205	BLUFFTON	SC
SPENCER	PETER	CDR	20101218	PUTNEY	GA
STCLAIR	CARMEN	CWO3	20110215	ROCKY FACE	GA
STEELE	MILTON	CWO1	20101202	FALMOUTH	MA
STEWART	JAMES	SK1	20110110	GALLATIN	TN
SUMMERS	HOWARD	LCDR	20110108	VIRGINIA BEACH	VA
SWANSON	FREDERICK	MUC	20110212	CORAL GABLES	FL
SYMONS	WALTER	CAPT	20110212	SANTA CLARA	CA
TAYLOR	WILLIAM	CWO3	20110212	PANAMA CITY BCH	FL
TETREAULT	GEORGE	BMC	20101220	PORTSMOUTH	NH
TOVANI	ROY	BMCS	20110210	ORVILLE	CA
TUCKER	EDGAR	QMCM	20110121	PEARLAND	TX
VOLKLE	THOMAS	CAPT	20110109	SNOHOMISH	WA
WAGNER	GLENN	ENCM	20110205	MESA	AZ
WALKER	EDWARD	CDR	20101231	COCOA	FL
WEISS	STEPHEN	SKC	20101201	NOKESVILLE	VA
WHITE	WILLIAM	AMC	20110116	WAYCROSS	GA
WHITESIDES	CHARLES	MMC	20110115	WESTMINSTER	CA

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WILLIAMS	VICTOR	BML1	20110112	WASHINGTON	NC
WILSON	JOHN	ATC	20110208	OCEANSIDE	CA
WOOD	K	BM3	20110114	HOTCHKISS	CO
WOODRUM	ERNEST	AD1	20110216	SEVERN	MD
WORLEY	JOHN	BMCM	20101227	BRADENTON	FL
WRIGHT	CHARLES	SD1	20110108	PORTSMOUTH	VA
WYMAN	ADDISON	QMCS	20110103	CHESAPEAKE	VA
YATES	EL	CDR	20110116	PALM BAY	FL
ZEH	CLIFFORD	EMCM	20110204	WEST MONROE	LA

Member deaths will be updated monthly on the RAS website: <http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/retnews/taps.asp>.

## Dependent TAPS

Name of Dependent	Relationship	Date of Death	Location
Mary M Turley	Wife of CWO4 Elmer S Turley, USCG, Ret	18 Nov 10	Washington, DC
Ann Elaine Vice	Wife of EMCM Toby Vice, USCG, Ret	29 Nov 10	Chehalis, WA
Maxine Slate	Wife of CAPT Lester Slate, USCG, Ret	08 Dec 10	Exeter, ME
Marilynn Diana Smith	Wife of LT Donald L Smith, USCG, Ret	02 Dec 10	Orem, UT
Nenita M Parker	Wife of CWO4 Harry C Parker, USCG, Ret	01 Dec 10	Westlake, OH
Shirley Brewer Sketers	Wife of CS1 Albert Sketers, USCG, Ret	10 Dec 10	N Myrtle Beach, SC
Zerita J Owen	Wife of CWO4 Jay Owen, USCG, Ret	19 Dec 10	Gresham, OR
Maevonne P Steadman	Wife of CWO3 Roger Steadman, USCG, Ret	23 Dec 10	Las Vegas, NV
Sylvia J Hrabak	Wife of BM1 Donald L Hrabak, USCG, Ret	13 Dec 10	Spring Bay, IL
L Eileen White	Wife of ADCM Thomas White, USCG, Ret	23 Nov 10	Littleton, CO
Beverly J Vickers	Wife of CDR Fred R Vickers, USCG, Ret	03 Nov 10	Los Alamitos, CA
Roxanna Leigh Haag	Wife of BMCM Whitney Rogers Haag, USCG, Ret	07 Dec 10	Anacortes, WA
Lily E Ruhland	Wife of CWO3 John H Ruhland, USCG, Ret	23 Nov 10	Wailuku, HI
Janet B Schulenberg	Wife of CAPT John T Schulenberg, USCG, Ret	18 Dec 10	Kerrville, TX
Lena E Pasciuti	Wife of CAPT Richard A Pasciuti, USCG, Ret	15 Dec 10	Bronx, NY
Annabelle Portrey	Wife of CWO3 Earl Portrey, USCG, Ret	02 Sep 10	McHenry, MS
Florence M Midgette	Wife of CWO4 Milton M Midgette, USCG, Ret	30 May 10	Norfolk, VA
Sophia Miotke	Wife of LCDR Jim Miotke, USCG, Ret	30 Oct 10	Winter Park, FL
Susan M Brunton	Wife of CWO4 Richard P Brunton, USCG, Ret	15 Jan 11	Kennewick, WA
Shauna L Martin	Wife of CWO4 Paul R Martin, Jr., USCG, Ret	28 Oct 10	Santa Rosa, CA
Sandra J McKee	Wife of MK1 Jack L McKee, USCG, Ret	01 Feb 11	Lake Butler, FL
Mary Beth Ziegler	Wife of CDR William (Zig) Ziegler, USCG, Ret	02 Jan 11	Clermont, IA
Joyce Faye Holub	Wife of CAPT Cullis L Holub, USCG, Ret	03 Jan 11	Mobile, AL
Rose E White	Wife of AD1 Louis G White, USCG, Ret	27 Jan 11	Palm Bay, FL
Lois F Stika	Wife of MKCM Everett Stika, USCG, Ret	31 May 09	Milwaukee, WI
Virgie Stoneback	Wife of TTCM James Stoneback, USCG, Ret	17 Jan 11	Sandpoint, ID
Carol Sneyers	Wife of QMCM Michael Sneyers, USCG, Ret	10 Jan 11	Manahawkin, NJ
Grace L Rodriguez	Wife of CWO2 Hector F Rodriguez, USCG, Ret	19 Jan 11	San Antonio, TX
Frances D Bryant	Wife of AT1 Larry Bryant, USCG, Ret	18 Jan 11	Palmer, AK
Judith Ann Barnett	Wife of CDR Thomas P Barnett, USCG, Ret	05 Feb 11	Maryland Hghts, MO
Marlene E Hochhalter	Wife of MK1 Leroy Hochhalter, USCG, Ret	27 Jan 11	Hermiston, OR
Wilma K Simpson	Wife of LCDR Richard E Simpson, USCG, Ret	10 Nov 10	Clarksville, AR

If you have lost a loved one and would like their name printed in Dependent TAPs, please contact [PPC-DG-RAS@uscg.mil](mailto:PPC-DG-RAS@uscg.mil) with their name, date of death, your name and retired rank, and city/state of residence. RAS will make appropriate updates and then forward to The Coast Guard/NOAA Retirees' Newsletter Editor. Or you can send your request in writing and mail to: Commanding Officer (RAS), Pay & Personnel Center, 444 SE Quincy Street, Topeka, KS 66683-3591. You may also fax your request to (785) 339-3770.

## NATIONAL RETIRED MILITARY GOLF CLASSIC (2011)

The 28<sup>TH</sup> annual retired military golf classic will be held in Myrtle Beach, SC from 31 May thru 4 June, 2011. The classic will be played on five golf courses at the Myrtle Beach National Golf Complex. Only 872 men and 128 women will be accepted for this event, which is the largest retired military golf tournament in the world. Approximately \$150,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded. \$10,000 cash will be awarded as a special hole-in-one prize for both men and women. Additionally, and with the great support of our sponsors, the classic has given over \$40,000 to the Fisher House Foundation to support our troops and their families. Applications will be mailed in early December 2010 to those on the mailing list. Applications will also be available at most military golf courses around the country. Priority is given to those who have played in the previous classic. After 1 February 2011, acceptance will be on a first come, first served basis. A waiting list will be established once the classic is full. For applications, call 1-866-469-7853; write Oceana Resorts, National Retired Military Golf Classic, P. O. Box 3608, Myrtle Beach, SC 29578 or e-mail: [NRMGC@OCEANARESORTS.COM](mailto:NRMGC@OCEANARESORTS.COM).

Point of contact Terry W. Brown, Tournament Director, 803-315-2924

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The **USCGC Unimak** will be holding a reunion in the Williamsburg/Yorktown area in Sept 2011. All our reunion info can be found at [www.unimak379.org](http://www.unimak379.org).

Basic Training Companies R-13 and R-14 55 Year Reunion will be held at Cape May, NJ on May 19-21, 2011 at the La Mer Hotel, Cape May NJ. For further information contact CDR Ron Biller at (718) 984 7825 or e-mail him at [RonDeanB@aol.com](mailto:RonDeanB@aol.com), or Bill Bauersfeld at (410) 377 4126

The **USCGC EAGLE** will be hosting a crew reunion the weekend of 26-28 Aug 2011. Information can be accessed via <http://www.eagle-reunion.com>

**USCG National Assn of Former Stewards and Stewarmates, Inc** 22nd reunion will be at Circus Circus Hotel, 2880 Las Vegas Blvd S., Las Vegas, NV, August 11-14, 2011. Contact CPO William Bell, USCG, Ret at (301) 596-2908.

A group of ex 40 boat sailors will be having their third **Forties Forever Reunion/Get Together** the middle of June 2011. It is currently in the planning stages to be held at the Mariner's Harbor Yacht Club on Staten Island, NY. Two ex-Coasties have the CG-40450 and CG-40581 restored and they are used during the reunion. For more info please join the Coast Guard Channel Community <http://www.community.coastguardchannel.com/> or the 40 Boat Sailors Group at: <http://www.community.coastguardchannel.com/group/40boatsailors> for updates as the time nears or contact MSTC David D. Lockhart, USCG, Ret., at [dlockhart@snet.net](mailto:dlockhart@snet.net) or Frank Moran at [gardenman378@yahoo.com](mailto:gardenman378@yahoo.com). You may also write to David D. Lockhart at: 58 Aitchison Drive, New London, CT 06320-3031.

**USCG 180-ft. Buoy Tender Veteran Reunion** will be held August 1, 2011 at the American Legion Post #28 at 700 S Harbor Ave., Grand Haven, MI and is open to all Coast Guard personnel and their families who served on any 180-ft. buoy tender. Reservations are necessary due to the space constraints. Cost of the dinner will be \$12.00 per person and checks should be made out to Lysle Hansberger/organizer. Reunion polo shirts will be available for \$20.00 with sizes larger than XL an additional \$2.00 and must be preordered with checks made out to the Grand Haven CPOA Chapter. To confirm reservations for the dinner and your shirt order your checks must be mailed to BMC Lysle Hansberger Ret., 3979 N Lincoln Rd., Ludington, MI. 49431 and must be received no later than July 1, 2011. If you have any further questions about the event you may contact me at [wowlud@yahoo.com](mailto:wowlud@yahoo.com)

**Florida East Central Coast Retiree Council** meets quarterly at the Ponce Deleon Inlet Coast Guard Station. Contact John Heaphy at 386-852-7773 (Leave a message) or [JohnHeaphyAlso@aol.com](mailto:JohnHeaphyAlso@aol.com) or Bob Merrilees 321-452-5426 or [RMerrilees@cfl.rr.com](mailto:RMerrilees@cfl.rr.com) for information about the next meeting. All Coast Guard retirees and annuitants are welcome as well as retirees from other services.

Former U.S. Coast Guard personnel from Station St. Simons Island, Station Brunswick, the U.S.C.G. Cutter Smilax, and the U.S.C.G. Cutter Brier are invited to attend the 3rd Coast Guard Homecoming to be held on St. Simons Island, GA. The dates are November 10 – November 12, 2011. For more information, please contact Michele Collins, homecoming coordinator at 706-506-5205, 912-634-8359 or e-mail to [stationssireunion@yahoo.com](mailto:stationssireunion@yahoo.com)

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**Editor's notes** (continued from page 8)**KEEPING RETIREE & ANNUITANT SERVICES INFORMED**

All retirees are reminded to inform PPC (RAS) as soon as possible following changes of marital status (divorce, death, annulment, marriage, just to mention some), death of a designated SBP beneficiary, or any other changes which could impact retired pay. Additionally, when you make a change with DEERS it **does not** constitute a change to your Retired Pay account since DEERS is a totally different system from RAS.

**STATE TAX REMINDER:** As a reminder when moving from one state to another and updating your home mailing address, don't forget to change your state tax withholdings. The retiree must request a change for state tax as an address change does not automatically change or stop the state information that the tax is being paid to.

**Send your reunion or other notices to:**

The Coast Guard/NOAA Retirees' Newsletter  
Commanding Officer (P&D)  
U.S. Coast Guard Pay & Personnel Center  
444 SE Quincy Street  
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

E-mail: [PPC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil](mailto:PPC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil)  
Phone: (toll free, U.S. only) 1-800-772-8724 or  
(785) 339-2236

**Coast Guard/NOAA Retiree Personnel Locator:** If you are searching for a Coast Guard/NOAA retired individual, we can help. Place your personal correspondence to that individual in a sealed envelope, making sure to include how they can get in touch with you. On the outside of that envelope, address it to them with their full name and rank/rate (for military). Please write your return address and attach a stamp on the envelope. Then, place that envelope in a larger envelope and address it to:

**Commanding Officer (RAS)  
USCG Pay & Personnel Center  
444 SE Quincy Street  
Topeka, KS 66683-3591**

RAS will complete the person's address and place it in the mail.

**Need a corrected DD-214?**

If your DD-214 is incorrect and you want a corrected form (DD-215), you need to send your request in writing to:

Commander (ADM-3)  
Personnel Service Center  
US Coast Guard Stop 7200  
4200 Wilson Blvd, Ste 1100  
Arlington, VA 20598-7200

Please include your name, rank/rate, SSN/Employee ID, and date of retirement.

**More DD-214 information**

Great news for veterans—the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214 online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>. This will cut the waiting time veterans have had in the past waiting for copies of their DD-214s. **Note:** This website does not allow you to see or print a copy of your DD-214 but does allow you to print the request form needed to mail or fax to NPRC for obtaining a copy of your DD-214.

**VA compensation payments and federal income taxes**

If you retired from the USCG or NOAA based on years of service and are later given a retroactive service connected disability rating by the VA, your retirement pay for the retroactive period is excluded from income up to the amount of VA disability benefits that you would have been entitled to receive. The form 1099R reports the entire distribution because the income, when paid, was taxable under the law.

**A corrected form 1099R which could support the decrease in taxable income will not be issued by PPC.**

This policy is contained in the DOD Financial Management Regulations, VOL 7B and also is stated in the IRS instructions for form 1099R, which directs that the entire income distribution will be reported if a part is taxable and a part is not taxable.

Retirees who are affected by this policy should consult a tax preparer for assistance. The retiree should provide copies of the Form 1099R and the VA Award Letter to claim a refund of taxes paid on the excludable amount.

You may also claim a refund of any taxes paid on an excludable amount in previous years by filing an amended return on Form 1040X, subject to Statute of Limitations.

## Pay & Personnel Center, Retiree & Annuitant Services (RAS) - Directory Assistance

### Questions, Address or Direct-Deposit Changes

#### If you need information or have questions about:

- ◆ Your retired or Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuity payments
- ◆ Your Retired/Annuitant Statement
- ◆ IRS Form 1099R (reporting taxable income)

#### or you need to change:

- ◆ Your and your dependents home mailing address (for Retired/Annuitant Statement, newsletter, 1099R, correspondence)
- ◆ Your financial institution or account number for your direct deposit
- ◆ Report a change to your Designation of Beneficiary for Payment of Unpaid Retired Pay (Note: Use Form \*CG PPC-3600 Designation of Beneficiary for Payment of Unpaid Retired Pay)

You may make the requests listed above by **telephone**, by **fax** or in **writing**. Our telephone and fax numbers are:

Toll free: 1 800 772-8724  
Commercial: (785) 339-3415  
Fax: (785) 339-3770

### Allotments, SBP Coverage and Beneficiary Changes

#### If you need to:

- ◆ Start, stop or change an allotment (you may use Form \*CG PPC-7221 Retired Allotment Authorization Form, fax in the form or a written request, call us or send us an e-mail request). If you e-mail us with the request, your pay tech will call you to verify your information.
- ◆ Report a change to your Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) coverage (must be in writing)

You may **fax** your request to (785) 339-3770 or mail to:

Commanding Officer (RAS)  
USCG Pay & Personnel Center  
444 SE Quincy St  
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

(\* Note: forms available from our website  
<http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/forms>

**E-mail: [PPC-DG-RAS@uscg.mil](mailto:PPC-DG-RAS@uscg.mil)**

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

### Income Tax Withholding Changes

#### If you need to:

- ◆ Start or change the amount of State Tax Withholding (Retirees can call, e-mail, fax or use \*IRS Form W-4, or state form. **If using IRS form, indicate that the form is for State Income Tax Withholding, not federal, which state it's for and the dollar amount to be withheld, (minimum amount is \$10.00, no cents).** We cannot withhold state tax for annuitants)
- ◆ Change your Federal Income Tax Withholding (Retirees use Form W-4, Annuitants use Form W-4P)
- ◆ Change exemptions or additional withholding

Federal tax changes **must** be in writing. The original Form IRS W-4 or W-4P must be mailed to PPC (RAS) for action and filing, per IRS requirements. PPC (RAS) cannot accept a faxed W-4 or W-4P. Please mail to:

Commanding Officer (RAS)  
USCG Pay & Personnel Center  
444 SE Quincy St  
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

(\*Note: forms available from our website  
<http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/forms>  
or directly from the IRS

### Report of Death

To report the death of a Coast Guard, NOAA retiree/annuitant or a Lighthouse keeper call:

Toll free: 1 800 772-8724  
Commercial: (785) 339-3415  
Fax: (785) 339-3770

#### Or write:

Commanding Officer (RAS)  
USCG Pay & Personnel Center  
444 SE Quincy St  
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

E-mail articles, dependent taps entries, reunion notices, etc., to **[PPC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil](mailto:PPC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil)** or call us at the numbers listed below (phone menu option #4). The deadline for the next issue is May 9, 2011.

**1 800 PPC-USCG/1 800 772-8724**

**If outside the U.S. (785) 339-3415**

## Other Important Phone Numbers and Websites

Medical/Dental Benefits	Phone	Websites/Notes
Eligibility (DEERS)/ID Cards	<b>1 800 538-9552 (TTY/TDD) 1 866 363-2883</b>	<a href="http://www.tricare.mil/deers">http://www.tricare.mil/deers</a>  In CA: 1 800 334-4162; In AK & HI 1 800 527-5602
Mail-Order Pharmacy	1 866 363-8667	<a href="http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/Prescriptions/FillingPrescriptions/TMOP">http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/Prescriptions/FillingPrescriptions/TMOP</a>
Retiree Dental Plan	1 888 838-8737	<a href="http://www.trdp.org">http://www.trdp.org</a>
TRICARE <b>Overseas</b>	1 888 777-8343	<a href="http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/Regions/RegionsNonUS">http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/Regions/RegionsNonUS</a>
TRICARE <b>United States</b>	phone numbers on their website	<a href="http://tricare.mil">http://tricare.mil</a>
TRICARE For Life	1 866 773-0404	<a href="http://www.tricare.mil/tfl/default.cfm">http://www.tricare.mil/tfl/default.cfm</a>
Senior Pharmacy Program	1 877 363-6337	<a href="http://tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/Eligibility/WhoIsEligible/MedicareBeneficiaries">http://tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/Eligibility/WhoIsEligible/MedicareBeneficiaries</a>
Federal Long-Term Health Insurance	1 800 582-3337	<a href="http://www.opm.gov/insure/ltc/">http://www.opm.gov/insure/ltc/</a>
CG Health Benefits Advisor	1 800 942-2422	
Veterans Benefits	Phone	Websites/Notes
Department of Veterans Affairs	1 800 827-1000	<a href="http://www.va.gov">http://www.va.gov</a>
Insurance Information	1 800 669-8477	<a href="http://www.insurance.va.gov">http://www.insurance.va.gov</a>
Veterans Group Life Insurance		<a href="http://www.insurance.va.gov/sglisite/vgli/vgli.htm">http://www.insurance.va.gov/sglisite/vgli/vgli.htm</a>
<b>New VGLI Applications and VGLI Reinstatements: OSGLI PO Box 41618 Philadelphia, PA 19176-9913</b>	1 800 419-1473 Overseas phone (973) 548-5699 Overseas fax # (973) 548-5300	<b>Death and accelerated benefits claims only:</b> Fax: 1 877 832-4943 All other fax inquiries: 1 800 236-6142 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:osgli.claims@prudential.com">osgli.claims@prudential.com</a> All other inquiries: <a href="mailto:osgli.osgli@prudential.com">osgli.osgli@prudential.com</a> <b>General Correspondence:</b> Office of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance 80 Livingston Avenue Roseland, NJ 07068-1733
Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents	1 800 827-1000	<a href="http://www.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current_benefits.asp">http://www.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current_benefits.asp</a> VA Pamphlet 80-02-1
Headstones and Markers	1 800 697-6947	<a href="http://www.cem.va.gov/hm.htm">http://www.cem.va.gov/hm.htm</a>

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Other	Phone	Websites/Notes
Final Active Duty Pay	1 866 772-8724 Overseas (785) 339-2200	<a href="http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/ses/">http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/ses/</a> Commanding Officer (SES) USCG Pay & Personnel Center 444 SE Quincy St Topeka, KS 66683-3591
Contact PPC (SES) for information on Severance Pay, Separation Pay, Disability Severance Pay, LES's, IRS Form W-2.		
Travel Claims	1 866 772-8724 Overseas (785) 339-2200	<a href="http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/tvl.asp">http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/tvl.asp</a> Send final travel claim to: Commanding Officer (TVL) USCG Pay & Personnel Center 444 SE Quincy St. Topeka, KS 66683-3591
Service Records	(314) 801-0800	<a href="http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/">http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/</a> Write to: National Personnel Records Center Military Personnel Records 9700 Page Avenue St. Louis, MO 63132-5100
Veterans or next-of-kin of a <b>deceased</b> veteran can log on <a href="http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records">http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records</a> and make requests but all others must write in and include complete name, rank/grade, SSN, dates of service and date of birth of the veteran. <b>DD-214's are also available via the website.</b>		
Social Security	1 800 772-1213	<a href="http://www.ssa.gov">http://www.ssa.gov</a>
WWII U.S. Merchant Marine Awards and Decorations	(202) 366-2646	<a href="http://www.marad.dot.gov/contact_us.html">http://www.marad.dot.gov/contact_us.html</a> Attn: Patricia Thomas, Medal and Decorations Maritime Administration U.S. Department of Transportation 400 7th Street, SW Room 7304 Washington, DC 20590
National Coast Guard Retiree Council Help Desk Telephone/E-mail "HOTLINE"	1 866 664-6245* (toll free) or 1 202 475-5381  *enter 55381 when you hear the voice greeting	E-mail: <a href="mailto:NRHDesk@gmail.com">NRHDesk@gmail.com</a>

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**USCG GROUP FT. MACON** first annual reunion is planned for the personnel and family members who were assigned to Group Ft. Macon, its stations, floating units, and tenant commands between the dates 1985-1990. If there is enough interest, a reunion would be tentatively scheduled for October 7-10, 2012 at Station Ft. Macon, 2301 E. Ft. Macon Rd., Atlantic Beach, NC 28512. Other activities such as golfing, a NC pig-pick'n, and area tours will be planned. Units include: Group Ft. Macon; Stations Ft. Macon, Emerald Isle (Swansboro), Hobucken, Oak Island, and Wrightsville Bch; CGCs *POINT BROWN* (WPB-82362), *POINT MARTIN* (WPB-82379), and *POINT WARDE* (WPB-82368), and CGC *BLACKBERRY* (WLI-65303); Tenant commands of CGC *CHILULA* (WMEC-153), CGC *GENTIAN* (WLB-290); CGC *PRIMROSE* (WLI-316); and Aids To Navigation Team Ft. Macon. If interested and for more information, please contact either CWO4 Dick Dunmire, USCG, Ret [dick.dunmire@us.army.mil](mailto:dick.dunmire@us.army.mil); [dickdunmire@hotmail.com](mailto:dickdunmire@hotmail.com); or CWO4 Jack Fowler, USCG, Retired [jafowler-hoa@gmail.com](mailto:jafowler-hoa@gmail.com). Please do not contact Sector (the old Group) and/or Station Ft. Macon for details.

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