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Oldest Cutter in the Fleet Returns Home



KETCHIKAN, Alaska - The Coast Guard Cutter Acushnet returned to its homeport after spending nearly two months in the Bering Sea, the Gulf of Alaska and turning 65 years old.

The Acushnet crew patrolled the Bering Sea ensuring commercial fishermen engaged in the Snow Crab season were following fisheries regulations and had essential safety equipment on board for the unforgiving Alaskan climate. The crew also conducted boarding's in Southeast Alaska during the opening of Tanner Crab season and stood by as a search and rescue (SAR) platform.

On February 6, the Acushnet celebrated its 65th birthday with gold hull numbers designating it as the oldest commissioned cutter in the Coast Guard.

While standing by as a first responder for SAR operations in the Bering Sea, the crew of the Acushnet responded to an emergency medical evacuation for a crewmember on a fish processor vessel. The crewmember sustained injuries when a battery exploded, getting acid on the face and eyes, requiring immediate medical care. The crew of the Acushnet transported the crewmember to Dutch Harbor where emergency medical technicians were waiting on the pier.

In Dutch Harbor, the crew of the Acushnet was visited by Vice Adm. David Pekoske, Pacific Area Commander, Rear Adm. Gene Brooks, 17th Coast Guard District Commander and Rear Adm. Timothy Sullivan, Maintenance and Logistics Command Commander. The three admirals conducted a unit visit as part of a tour of Alaskan Coast Guard Cutters. The crew of the Acushnet also participated in the changing of the colors at the Coast Guard memorial in the Dutch Harbor.

(Source: Coast Guard News Release dtd Feb 17, 2009)

CO's Corner –

Hello from Topeka, Kansas, where hints of spring are in the air and the tulips are sprouting already! We have lots of news to report to our Retired and Annuitant customers.

First, please note that our name has officially changed, back to Pay & Personnel Center (PPC) Topeka. This was our name between 1982 and 1996, and it suits us well to return to it. As part of the overall Coast Guard transformation and modernization, a new larger Personnel Service Center has been established in Arlington, Virginia. This new command is responsible for all aspects of military personnel and we now report to them. It is important to note that our functions, address, great crew and superior customer service have not changed, only our name.

Physically, our Retiree and Annuitant Services Branch are back to normal operations in their refurbished spaces. Their work area had not been updated in 28 years here, and you can really see a difference.

Our project to complete review of over 3,850 records of those eligible for Concurrent Retirement and Disability Payments (CRDP) is complete! This complex legislative change was retroactive, and required tremendous effort (with no additional resources) to manually review each record and determine the status of each veteran, based on their particular disability rating and payments. Coast Guard veterans in these categories received a total of over \$12M as a result of CRDP legislation. I want to recognize the incredible dedication of our crew at PPC, and sincerely thank them for completing this huge project in a timely manner, while maintaining top customer service for the full range of our customer's needs.

Although initial reviews are complete, this is a new and increased business line for us, and work will continue at a much higher volume than before the CRDP legislation. We are ahead of the other services in completing our reviews, but the Veteran's Administration (VA) is still dealing with some challenges in this area. CG Veterans on their "Benefits Data Network" (BDN) system will receive their payments quickly. Payments for veterans on their "VetsNet" system will take longer as the VA works through a manual processes to initiate those payments. We are working now on notification letters to veterans due payments from the VA.

We have been closely engaged with the VA and other partners on these and many other issues. In fact we hosted a quarterly meeting on March 11th and 12th with the VA, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), the Public Health Service and CG headquarters to share information and work on our similar issues. We are an integral member of this group, and that helped us resolve many of the questions regarding the CRDP legislation.

That is enough news for this edition. Enjoy the spring weather, and remember there is a wealth of information on our PPC website <http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/ras/> Thank You!

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

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TRICARE NEWS

TRICARE Launches Beneficiary Bulletin Podcast

February 10, 2009
09-10

FALLS CHURCH, VA — As part of a continuing effort to keep beneficiaries informed, TRICARE has added a news podcast to its Web site at <http://www.tricare.mil>. The TRICARE Beneficiary Bulletin brings listeners the latest news about their benefits every week in a quick, easy-to-digest format. The debut podcast contains updates on TRICARE Reserve Select and points listeners to other useful online information sources.

The Beneficiary Bulletin features quick tips to promote a healthy lifestyle, news of other military health programs and news on upcoming changes to the TRICARE benefit. Keeping beneficiaries educated on how their benefit works is a priority for the TRICARE Management Activity.

“Different people like to get their news in different ways,” said Dian Lawhon, TRICARE Director of Communications and Customer Service. “This podcast is a welcome addition to the news releases, web site postings, brochures, newsletters and other tools we use to get benefit information to our 9.2 million beneficiaries.”

A new five minute TRICARE Beneficiary Bulletin will appear on the TRICARE web site every Thursday at <http://tricare.mil/pressroom>. To be alerted when there is a new podcast and to sign up for other beneficiary news go to <http://www.tricare.mil> and click on “e-mail updates” in the press room section of the front page.

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(Source: TRICARE News Release)

“Contact Us” Page a Handy Resource on TRICARE.mil

January 30, 2009
09-07

FALLS CHURCH, VA — TRICARE continues to improve ways to provide information to its 9.2 million beneficiaries. To care for this number of beneficiaries, TRICARE uses several different contractors to administer healthcare, pharmacy and dental benefits around the world—and their contact information can all be found on one page at <http://www.tricare.mil/contactus>.

By going to the site, beneficiaries will find toll-free numbers to the TRICARE regional offices in the United States and the overseas TRICARE area offices as well as regional managed care support contractors, dental contractors, the TRICARE mail order and retail pharmacy contractor, international SOS alarm centers and much more.

In addition to telephone numbers, the contact page provides links to locate the nearest military treatment facilities, beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinators and debt collection assistance officers.

The information is easy to print out — to go on a refrigerator or to keep nearby as a quick reference.

No matter where TRICARE beneficiaries are around the world, finding contact information or information on benefits is only a click away at <http://www.tricare.mil/contactus>.

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(Source: TRICARE News Release)

VA News

Shinseki Sworn In, Vows 21st Century Service to Veterans

January 21, 2009

WASHINGTON – Retired Army Gen. Eric K. Shinseki took the oath of office today as the Nation's seventh Secretary of Veterans Affairs, assuming the leadership of the Department of Veterans Affairs following Tuesday's confirmation by the Senate.

"The overriding challenge I am addressing from my first day in office is to make the Department of Veterans Affairs a 21st century organization focused on the Nation's Veterans as its clients," Shinseki said.

Shinseki plans to develop a 2010 budget within his first 90 days that realizes the vision of President Obama to transform VA into an organization that is people-centric, results-driven and forward-looking.

Key issues on his agenda include smooth activation of an enhanced GI Bill education benefit that eligible Veterans can begin using next fall, streamlining the disability claims system, leveraging information technology to accelerate and modernize services, and opening VA's health care system to Veterans previously unable to enroll in it, while facilitating access for returning Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans.

Shinseki, a former Army Chief of Staff, takes the reins of a 284,000-employee organization delivering health care and financial benefits to millions of Veterans and survivors under a \$98 billion budget authorized this year through networks of regional benefits offices and health care facilities from coast to coast.

Born in 1942 on the island of Kauai, Hawaii, Shinseki graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., in 1965. He served two combat tours and was wounded in action in Vietnam. He served with distinction in Europe, the Pacific and stateside, eventually becoming the Army's senior leader from June 1999 to June 2003.

Retired from military service in August 2003, Shinseki's military decorations include three Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts.

Shinseki succeeds Dr. James B. Peake as Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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(Source: VA News Release)

Editor's notes

We have recently changed our name from
Personnel Service Center (PSC) to
Pay & Personnel Center (PPC)

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 CGPC (ADM-3)
United States Coast Guard
4200 Wilson Blvd, Suite 1100
Arlington, VA 22203-1804

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.

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.

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.

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.

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
Phone: (toll free, U.S. only) 1-800-772-8724 or
(785) 339-2236

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.

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 Lesperance at jlesperance@hawaii.rr.com if you have any questions.

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 (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).

Reunion - Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association, April 27-30, 2009, Atlantis Resort, Reno, NV. Contact CWO Baker Herbert @ (330) 887-5539 or e-mail: USCGW64@neo.rr.com

Anyone interested, instructors, base support personnel & students, in a reunion of Coast Guard Training Station, Groton, CT, contact LT Cliff Reeves, USCG, Ret at 1260 Mendenhall Penn. Road, Juneau, AK 99801. Phone: (907) 790-7214, e-mail: reevesalaska@hotmail.com

Reunion - USCGC CHASE (WHEC 718), July 17-19, 2009, Falmouth Inn, 824 Main Street, Falmouth, MA 02540. Phone: (508) 540-2500, toll free (800) 255-4157 or www.falmouthinn.com. Cost \$145.00 per night plus taxes. Contact: Terry but anyone will help you. Call before April 30th, to guarantee a room. Chase Assn contact is Pete Levine, (617) 930-8887 or chasepres@verizon.net

A reunion for Coast Guard Weather ships and other vessels built before 1975 will be held April 26-29, 2009 in Reno, NV. Contact Doak Walker @ (907) 789-2579, fax: (907) 789-2780, e-mail: cgcutter@gci.net or visit the website at www.255wpg.org

Wilmington, NC is designated a "Coast Guard City" and a directory is being formed to get in touch with all Coast Guard personnel that live in and around the surrounding area. If interested in receiving information about activities and possibly reunions in our area, please provide the following information. Name, rank (active or retired), address, phone and e-mail. Send all information to:

CWO2 David W. Foster, USCG, Ret
110 West Pointe Road
Rocky Point, NC 28457
Phone: (910) 602-3888, E-mail:
dwfcwo2@msn.com

Reunion - USCGC Androscoggin (WHEC 68), June 21-25, 2009, Charleston, SC. Please visit our web site at: <http://fishing-boating.com/androscoggin/> or contact Walter Haught @ (386) 233-9151

TRACEN YORKTOWN Retiree Council office hours are 0800-1400, Mon-Wed, except all Federal Holidays, phone number (757) 856-2136. E-Mail: Adrian.H.Rymer@USCG.Mil, LFConley@USCG.Mil or JAMES.D.OCALLAGHAN@USCG.MIL

"STORIS MUSEUM" - We are in the process of obtaining the former CGC STORIS for a museum in Juneau, AK. We are currently looking for any historical information and artifacts for the museum. Contact: Jim Loback @ (714) 968-8964 or www.storismuseum.org.

Reunion - USCGC UNIMAK, September 10-13, 2009, Boston, MA, Best Western Adams Inn hotel, Quincy, MA. The registration forms are on the website <http://www.unimak379.org/registration.html>. Fill out form, send to us. Book hotel reservations directly with hotel @ 1 800 368-4012. Tell them you are with the USCGC *Unimak* reunion to get special rate.

50th Reunion - Coast Guard Air/Cosmic Airlines, May 17-19, 2009, Atlantis Casino Resort & Spa, Reno, NV. Contact ATCS Roger M. Schmidt, USCG, Ret @ (925) 443-1449, e-mail: rogngina@sbcglobal.net or Linda Etheridge @ (707) 869-0157, e-mail: LEther7294@aol.com. All current, former, retired aviation and aviation support personnel are invited along with anyone else who would like to attend.

Reunion - The USCGC DUANE Association, September 15-20, 2009, Radisson New London, CT. Contact Stan Barnes, President USCGC *Duane* Association at (603) 286-7720 or you can e-mail Stan at sbarnes@metrocast.net or visit our web site at <http://home.comcast.net/~whec33/> for further information.

TRACEN CAPE MAY, Retiree Council Office is located in the Work Life Building. Open hours are Tue -Thu from 0900 - 1500, and we'll take appointments for other times. It's open to CG Retirees and Active duty personnel. This includes other Armed Forces who need the service we provide. lb.F.W.Andersen@uscg.mil
kc2jpo@comcast.net <http://www.cpoacapemay.org/rcgrc.htm>. Office: 609-898-6387 Cell: 609-972-6453

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WHEN THE TIME COMES, WILL YOUR SURVIVOR KNOW?

- ◆ **How to file a death report**
- ◆ **How to claim final retired pay due**
- ◆ **How to get the elected survivor annuity started**
- ◆ **How to claim other federal benefits that may be due such as:**

1. Department of Veterans Affairs Entitlements
2. Dependency Indemnity Compensation
3. Social Security
4. ID Cards
5. Burial Flags

After a retiree dies the survivor is faced with applying for many benefits, with little knowledge of the often very confusing processes. All this happens while they are trying to deal with overwhelming grief. To help answer the many questions during that stressful time we have simplified our **Survivor Information Booklet**. By taking the time now to review this booklet, gather the supporting documents that are required and filing them in a location from which they can be readily retrieved, you can help to ease the stress that is experienced during this time. To further assist your survivors, we have initiated an Express Annuity Start system to simplify the processing and expedite payment of benefits. To take advantage of this new system, fill out the Form PSC-1884, (found in booklet or on our website at <http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/forms/ppc1884.pdf>) sign, date and return to us.

NOTE: For those requesting by mail, booklets are printed on-demand at this time. After submitting your request please be patient and they will be mailed as soon as available. Although the booklet and the online version were updated in January 2004, mainly to reflect correct phone numbers and to add Web Links, most information in previous editions is correct.

The booklet "**Information for Survivors of USCG, USCGR, and NOAA Retirees**" is available on our web site: <http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/survivorguide.pdf>.

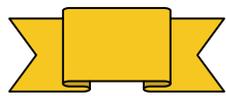
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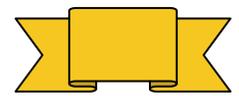
Mail to: COMMANDING OFFICER (RAS)
 USCG PPC, ATTN: SURVIVOR PKT
 444 SE QUINCY
 TOPEKA, KS 66683-3591

Fax to: 785-339-3770

E-Mail: ppc-dg-ras@uscg.mil (Be sure to include all the information requested above with the exception of the full SSN. Only send the last two digits of your SSN when corresponding with us by electronic mail)



USCG Retirements



Name	Rank	Date of Retirement
ALMSKOG, DOUGLAS	LT	20090119
ANDERSON, DAVID	OSC	20081201
AUSTIN, KEVIN	MSSE4	20081201
BACKUS, CYLE	DCC	20081201
BAKER, CLIFFORD	CDR	20090105
BAKER, JEFFREY	ITCM	20081201
BANNEN, DANIEL	PSS4	20081228
BARKER, WILLIAM	CDR	20090201
BARTOSZEK, JOHN	MKC	20081215
BATTAGLIA, JOSEPH	MK1	20081205
BEBOUT, BARBARA	YNC	20081224
BELLERIVE, LESTER	BMC	20090112
BELLINO, KENNETH	MSSD2	20090201
BENSLEY, TIMOTHY	YNM	20081201
BERG, DEAN	PS1	20081228
BERKSHIRE, CHRISTOPHER	MKC	20090101
BERMAN, MARSHALL	PAC	20090218
BERRY, MELVIN	ENG3	20081203
BETHEA, WILLIAM	FSCS	20081201
BIRDSALL, STEPHEN	LCDR	20081222
BLAD, RALPH	EM2	20081214
BLOUNT, BENJAMIN	FSC	20081201
BOBO, JOHN	MST1	20081229
BONN, JOSEPH	LT	20081204
BOROS, ALLEN	BM1	20090117
BOURGAULT, STEVE	AET1	20090127
BOVEE, JEFFREY	LT	20081221
BOXWELL, REESE	AST1	20081201
BRADLEY, SEYMOUR	MKCS	20081214
BRATHWAITE, KEVIN	YN1	20090101
BRONSON, JAMES	ETCS	20081204
BROWN, STEPHEN	F&S4	20081201
BROWNFIELD, TERRY	FS2	20081201
BURROWS, DOUGLAS	MSSE4	20090201
CALLAWAY, JOHN	EM2	20090106
CAPEZZUTO, RAYMOND	YNM	20081201
CARR, ROBERT	ENG4	20081201
CASEY, GEORGE	PSC	20090113
CASHMAN, GUY	ELC4	20081201
CATLETT, DINAH	BM2	20081205
CHAMBERS, SHELLIE	YNC	20081201
CHAREST, WILLIAM	HSCS	20081201
CLINTON, JOHN	OSCS	20090201
COBB, CHARLES	LT	20090101
COCHRAN, FREDRICK	DCCS	20081201
COLLINS, LYNN	OSC	20081201
COMBS, THOMAS	CDR	20081201
CONNER, RONALD	BM2	20081228
CONSOS, DONALD	PS1	20090202
CONVERSE, JAMES	MSTCS	20081201
COOK, FLOYD	AMTCM	20081201
COTE, LARRY	LT	20090102
CRENSHAW, ANTHONY	OSC	20090101
CULPEPPER, JERRY	BMC	20081227
CZARKOWSKI, KENNETH	MK1	20090117
DALMIDA, MYRON	EMCM	20090201
DAUGHETEE, JAMES	PS1	20081205
DAVIS, RONALD	PERS4	20090201
DEADY, STEPHANIE	DC3	20081202
DECUIRE, KEVIN	BMCS	20081201
DIXON, RODERICK	SK2	20081207
DODDER, KENNETH	AMTC	20090101

Name	Rank	Date of Retirement
DOUGHERTY, THOMAS	BMC	20081201
DRISCOLL, JOHN	PSC	20081214
DRUMMOND, KENNETH	IVC	20081213
DUBBERLY, JAMES	BM1	20090201
DUKES, ROGER	AETCM	20081201
DYER, JEFFERY	BMC	20081201
EDMISTON, CARL	CDR	20090101
EDWARDS, ARTHUR	LCDR	20090116
ELLIS, TIMOTHY	BMCS	20081201
EVANS, EMMITT	DCC	20081201
EVANS, RAYMOND	ISM3	20090101
FABIANO, MARK	AETC	20081201
FISCHER, STEPHEN	ELC2	20081201
FITCH, RONALD	YNCS	20081201
FLETCHER, PAUL	LCDR	20090103
FLETCHER, KENNETH	MKCS	20081214
FLORES, FERNANDO	SA	20090121
FLUITT, MARK	LCDR	20090201
FOLEY, DAVID	BOSN4	20090101
FORD, ELIZA	SK2	20081128
FOWLER, JACK	F&S4	20090201
FREDA, JOHN	LCDR	20090101
FROST, KENNETH	BOSN4	20090201
FULLER, WILLIAM	BMC	20081201
GARCIA, MICHAEL	BMC	20081201
GASS, STEPHEN	YN1	20081201
GHEEN, CHARLES	BMCS	20090201
GILBERTSON, WAYNE	OSC	20090217
GILLIARD, MARVIN	MSSE3	20090101
GREEN, BRIAN	GMC	20090201
GUILD, ANTHONY	LCDR	20090201
HAAG, DOUGLAS	DC2	20090121
HALL, FRANKIE	YNC	20081201
HAMMOCK, ANDREA	SK1	20090103
HAND, PHILLIP	MSSE3	20090101
HANS, DAVID	ET1	20081229
HARVEY, JONATHAN	YN1	20081201
HASLETT, MATTHEW	EMCS	20081201
HATFIELD, CRAIG	ELC4	20081224
HENNING, KRISTOPHER	BMC	20081201
HEVERLY, SCOTT	HSC	20090101
HINKEL, JEFFREY	EMC	20090201
HOLCOMB, DAVID	HSC	20090201
HOLLER, SHAWN	BMCS	20081201
HOLLOWELL, KENNETH	MSTCM	20081223
HOWARD, LOREN	CDR	20081229
HULSLANDER, JOHN	MSSE3	20090201
HYDRO, JOHN	MST2	20090101
JAMES, DAREN	OSC	20081201
JOHNSON, PHYLLIS	YN1	20081201
JONES, HAROLD	YN1	20090203
JONESDUMAS, SHIRLEY	YN1	20081201
KAIGHIN, ERIC	OS1	20081201
KELLEY, BIRCHARD	ASTCM	20090201
KEPHART, JAMES	YNCS	20081201
KICKLIGHTER, THOMAS	OSCM	20090201
KILLOUGH, ERIC	OSC	20081201
KIMBERLING, THOMAS	MSTC	20081201
KITCHEN, JAMES	SK1	20081204
KNAEBEL, CARL	EMCS	20081201
KNIGHT, TIMOTHY	GMCM	20081201

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KRAEMER, NATHAN	BMC	20090101	PRICE, CLIFTON	ENG4	20081201
KRANTZ, TIMOTHY	MKC	20081201	PRICE, WILLIAM	AMTC	20081201
LACUMSKY, DIANE	MSTCM	20081201	RAHILLY, BRYON	BMCM	20081201
LADUT, POTENCIANO	MKCM	20081223	RATCLIFF, BRYON	FSCS	20081201
LAMBERTH, ROBERT	AET1	20090201	REICH, CHARLES	HSCS	20081201
LANDRY, GARY	MKC	20090217	RENDT, RICKY	GMC	20081201
LANGHAM, GERALD	LT	20081207	RICHMOND, LOREN	EMCS	20081201
LARKIN, JAMES	CDR	20081201	ROBINSON, DOUGLAS	MKC	20090201
LECOMPTE, ARNOLD	BOSN4	20081201	ROCK, RAYMOND	MSSE4	20090101
LEE, ALVIA	YNM	20081201	ROGERS, DONALD	BMCS	20081201
LEFKO, THOMAS	BM1	20090109	ROSA, HARRY	MKCS	20081201
LEGRAND, ISAAC	AETC	20081201	ROVAS, WILLIAM	LT	20090114
LEHMKUHL, DAVID	HSCS	20081201	ROWSEY, MICHAEL	MSSE4	20090101
LENT, GERARD	PSCS	20081221	RUST, JOHN	EM2	20081209
LEWIS, JAMIESON	ETCS	20081201	SAJDAK, EDWARD	LT	20090112
LILLY, DOUGLAS	FS1	20081201	SALLESE, STEVEN	F&S2	20081201
LOCKE, THOMAS	BM2	20090107	SALTER, RICHARD	FS1	20081201
LOIZAKES, MICHAEL	BMC	20081201	SANDEEN, WILLIAM	PS1	20081201
LOMBARDO, MICHAEL	MKC	20081201	SANDERS, CARLTON	YNC	20081201
LONIDIER, JERRY	AMT1	20081201	SANFORD, CHARLES	ETCS	20090206
LUKETICH, STEVEN	YNC	20081201	SANTOS, DAVID	MKC	20081204
LYLES, FREDERICK	EM1	20081201	SARGENT, ROY	OSCS	20081201
LYNCH, SCOTT	AETC	20081201	SAVERCOOL, RALPH	MSSE4	20090101
LYNCH, DAVID	YN1	20081201	SAVI, KENNETH	ETC	20081201
MAGOFNA, FRANCISCO	EMCM	20081201	SAWYER, THOMAS	LCDR	20090128
MANDUJANO, ROBERT	MKC	20081201	SCHIESZER, FREDRICK	MKC	20090123
MARCOTTE, ROBERT	CAPT	20090213	SCHLABAUGH, GARY	LT	20090215
MARCUS, ANTHONY	AETCS	20081201	SCHMILL, JOHN	CDR	20090211
MAY, CHARLES	SK2	20081216	SHANNON, KELLY	MK1	20081201
MCCOMBS, ROBERT	BM2	20081205	SHEEHAN, TIMOTHY	CDR	20081225
MCCONE, SCOTT	CDR	20081208	SHEPARD, JASON	AST1	20090101
MCCORMICK, THOMAS	CDR	20081201	SHEPPARDYUST, JO-ANN	YNC	20081217
MCDONNELL, CHARLES	CAPT	20090121	SHIVELY, MICHEAL	AMT2	20081216
MCGUIRE, MICHAEL	MK1	20081211	SIMMONS, ERIC	ITC	20090201
MCKNIGHT, DARRYL	FSCS	20081201	SIMPSON, MICHAEL	FSC	20081201
MCKOWN, PHILLIP	BMCM	20081201	SIWARSKI, DAVID	ET2	20090209
MCLAUGHLIN, JEFFERY	YNC	20081201	SLOAN, JAMES	AMT1	20090201
MCPHAUL, DAVID	AVI4	20081201	SMIRZ, SCOTT	EMC	20081201
MCSHEA, SEAN	SN	20090121	SNOWDEN, LONNIE	AVI4	20090101
MIHALCO, ROBERT	ETC	20081201	SONGER, EDWARD	LCDR	20081201
MILETIC, ROBERT	AMT1	20081201	STANN, KEVIN	OSC	20081201
MITCHELL, MICHAEL	MAT4	20081201	STEINMETZ, LARRY	MSSE4	20081201
MONTIE, DAVID	BMC	20081201	STEWART, LARRY	MKCS	20081201
MOORE, BRANDON	SN	20090211	STOCKMAN, STEVEN	MK1	20090201
MOWRY, DIANE	OSC	20081201	STRICKLAND, GINA	SKC	20081201
MURREN, JOHN	MSSD4	20090101	STROMAN, JOSEPH	FS1	20081201
NEEDHAM, REGINALD	CDR	20090127	SUBER, STANLEY	FSCS	20081201
NICASIO, FRANK	AMT1	20081201	SUYDAM, RICHARD	BMC	20081201
NOWAK, MARVIN	OSC	20090201	SWAINE, BERTRAM	BMCS	20081209
ODHAM, ANDREW	AETCM	20081201	SZYMCZYK, JOEL	ETC	20081201
OHARE, LAURA	CDR	20081201	TAYLOR, LEROY	ETCM	20081201
OHEIR, MARK	ETC	20081201	TAYLOR, JAMES	SKC	20081201
ORTEGA, LARRY	MK1	20081201	TAYLOR, TROY	CDR	20090201
ORTON, WILLIAM	MSTCM	20090208	THAYER, STEVEN	ISM3	20090201
OWEN, GEOFFREY	LCDR	20081201	THOMPSON, HARRIETT	PERS2	20081126
PACE, GORDON	ITC	20081201	THORNTON, RICHARD	BMCS	20081201
PACELLI, LINDA	LCDR	20081210	TIERNEY, THERESA	LCDR	20081201
PANEE, KEVIN	SK1	20081201	TILLET, DAVID	AMTCM	20081201
PARTISS, THOMAS	MSTC	20081201	TODD, THERESA	YNC	20081201
PATENAUDE, JEFFREY	AMTCM	20081201	TOWLER, GUY	ENG3	20090201
PAXTON, ROBERT	BM2	20090209	TRIPP, PATRICIA	YN1	20090201
PEACOCK, HEATHER	MK3	20090107	TROTTER, GEORGE	LCDR	20081229
PERSEILLE, PATRICK	OSC	20081201	TSCHIGGFRIE, JEFFREY	ISM3	20081201
PETERSON, KEVIN	LCDR	20090108	VASILES, CHRISTOPHER	AVI4	20090101
PIERSMA, THEODORE	CDR	20081205	VESTFAL, DAVID	AMT1	20081201
POLAKIEWICZ, THOMAS	CDR	20081129	VINCENT, WILLIAM	PS2	20081223
PONKEY, JEFFREY	F&S4	20090101	WACHAL, ROBERT	BM1	20081201
POOLE, STEVEN	CAPT	20090215	WAGONER, JUSTIN	BM2	20090106
POSEY, WARD	BOSN4	20081201	WALDRON, PHILLIP	CAPT	20081201
POULTER, WILLIAM	YN1	20090210	WALTER, LESLIE	AMTCS	20081201

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WALTER, MICHAEL	ELC3	20090101
WALTERS, BRIAN	OSC	20081201
WALTHER, CARL	BMC	20090119
WALTON, JAMES	HS1	20090215
WEBSTER, PRESTON	OSCM	20090217
WEED, IRA	FSCS	20081201
WEIR, WILLIAM	BMCM	20090201
WHELAN, JOHN	BMC	20081201
WHITE, CHRISTOPHER	SK1	20081201
WHITEHEAD, STEVEN	ITCM	20081201
WIGLEY, JOSHUA	AMT2	20081204
WILDER, SCOTT	MKCM	20090201
WILKINS, ANTHONY	YN1	20081201
WILSON, ZIGMOND	SKC	20090201
WISELY, GREGORY	ETC	20081201
WITHERSPOON, EZEKIEL	SKCS	20081201
WOOD, SCOTT	AETCS	20081201
YAWN, GLENN	BMC	20081201
YOUNG, JON	AMT1	20081201
YOUNG, KENNETH	MKCM	20090217
YOUNG, DENNIS	PS2	20081219



GRUCCIO, PHILIP	CDR	20081201
HUMPHREY, JOHN	CAPT	20090101

Congratulations to all

Letters to the Editor

Gregory Bush is trying to locate CWO Ricky Hunter. They were stationed at Governors Island New York in 1992 and 1993, they also sang together in a band during their tour in New York.

Please contact Gregory Bush at gybh07@yahoo.com in Baltimore, MD. Phone (443)919-4147

A group of Retirees in the East Central Florida area are applying for a Coast Guard Retiree Council Charter. Anyone interested in joining with us please contact PACM John Heaphy, USCGR, Ret. Email is JohnHeaphyAlso@aol.com (subject line: USCG Retiree Council). Phone: (386) 852-7773 or mail to: 916 Tall Pine Drive, Port Orange, FL 32127-4828. If you get voicemail please leave a call back number.

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ALL MILITARY RETIREES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS TO INCLUDE MILITARY WIDOWS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT EVENT. BRIEFINGS ON VETERANS BENEFITS BROUGHT ABOUT BY CONGRESSIONAL ACTION AND FUNDING, PARTICULARLY MEDICAL BENEFITS AND RESTORATION OF PAY FOR RETIREES RECEIVING VETERANS ADMINISTRATION DISABILITY PAYMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED TO INCLUDE REPRESENTATION BY LOCAL MILITARY VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS. ADDITIONALLY, UPDATES ON BASE, REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURES (BRAC) ISSUES AND BASE TRANSFORMATION (BT) WILL BE PROVIDED AS THEY AFFECT RETIREES IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

Would greatly appreciate any assistance in this matter. If further information is required, please contact me.

Thank you in advance.

Jose Luis Hernandez
 Retirement Services Officer

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	RANK	DATE	CITY	STATE
AKAU	PHILIBERT	CDR	20081210	HONOLULU	HI
ALEXANDER	JOHN	ETC	20090128	INEZ	TX
ARANGIO	BIAGIO	BMC	20081128	SAVANNAH	GA
ARRIS	LEEVERNE	EM1	20090105	CHARLESTOWN	NH
ASHLEY	JOE	ET1	20090104	CORPUS CHRISTI	TX
AZURE	CLAUDE	RMCS	20081224	ROSEVILLE	CA
BARNES	THOMAS	ENCS	20090127	LAKE WORTH	FL
BARRY	DAVID	CWO3	20081128	LIBERTY	TX
BATTAGLIA	JOSEPH	MK1	20081204	WILLISTON PARK	NY
BERNAL	JUANITO	FSC	20090123	PUYALLUP	WA
BICKFORD	WILLIAM	CAPT	20090109	MOBILE	AL
BOSK	JOHN	LCDR	20090213	WILMINGTON	DE
BRANCO	THOMAS	BMCS	20090117	BREWSTER	MA
BROWNING	EDMUND	CWO4	20090123	GREENWOOD	SC
BRUCE	JOSEPH	CWO4	20081202	BATON ROUGE	LA
BRYANT	JOHN	CS1	20081227	PLEASANTVILLE	NJ
BUGAY	PAUL	LTJG	20090108	OWENSBORO	KY
BURBAGE	EDMUND	BMCM	20090129	OCEANVIEW	DE
BYRD	FRANCIS	BT1	20081220	DUBLIN	CA
CALDERON	RUBEN	MK3	20081221	PHOENIX	AZ
CALDWELL	WAYNE	VADM	20090215	ELLICOTT CITY	MD
CALL	DON	LTJG	20090103	GRAND BLANC	MI
CAPEL	KENNETH	CWO3	20090205	GLOUCESTER	MA
CASE	GARY	FSC	20081223	MEDFORD	OR
CASEY	HENRY	CAPT	20081211	DENVER	CO
CHANDLER	BURLEIGH	MKC	20081220	AUBURN	ME
CHANDLER	ROBERT	CWO4	20090105	DARDANELLE	AR
CHANGO	DAVID	ET1	20081221	KEASBEY	NJ
CLINGAN	THOMAS	LCDR	20081210	CORAL GABLES	FL
CLOUTIER	EDDIE	DCC	20081230	PUNTA GORDA	FL
COUTURE	ROBERT	DCC	20081217	PALMER	MA
CULLEN	JOHN	CWO4	20081230	NEW ROCHELLE	NY
DANIELS	ARNOLD	BMC	20090211	MANTEO	NC
DEPTUCH	JOHN	ETCS	20090121	SHIRLEY	NY
DOWIE	ROBERT	ENC	20081129	OCALA	FL
DOWNES	ERNEST	BMC	20090106	OLD SAY BROOK	CT
DRIGGERS	LUCIOUS	CWO1	20090127	SEBASTIAN	FL
DRURY	RUFUS	LCDR	20090116	MANTECA	CA
EATON	MELVIN	CAPT	20081124	VIRGINIA BEACH	VA
EDGAR	ROBERT	CWO3	20081110	HOUSTON	TX
EDWARDS	BRUCE	LCDR	20090117	CHESHIRE	CT
EDWARDS	KENNETH	CDR	20081227	LOMPOC	CA
ELDRIDGE	ROBERT	BM2	20081205	SPRINGFIELD	MA
ENCALADA	FRANK	MK2	20081220	GOFFSTOWN	NH
ERICKSON	RONALD	EM2	20090210	ASHLAND	WI
ETHERIDGE	JAMES	GM2	20090104	WANCHESE	NC
FENLON	WILLIAM	CDR	20081220	WAYNESVILLE	OH
FLEWELLEN	GARY	PERS3	20081220	LUBBOCK	TX
FOSSEN	ROGER	QM1	20081220	BEARDSLEY	MN

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FOSTER	ALFRED	AMCS	20081130	FORT LAUDERDALE	FL
FRANKLIN	RICHARD	YNCM	20081214	WINTER PARK	FL
FRENZEL	ARTHUR	LCDR	20090117	HARBOR	OR
FRITSCH	DAVID	SA	20081203	ANNANDALE	VA
FRUGIA	RICHARD	ENC	20081211	LANCASTER	PA
GALINDO	DANILO	BMC	20090217	GAINSVILLE	FL
GARRETT	DANIEL	CDR	20081130	MOBILE	AL
GILLIKIN	CHARLES	MK1	20081201	NEW BERN	NC
GONZALEZ	AGUSTIN	FS1	20081221	ISABELA	PR
GROFF	JAMES	QMCM	20081214	HUNTINGTON BEACH	CA
HART	JAMES	BMC	20090106	GULFPORT	MS
HEATH	THOMAS	ETC	20081202	OAK ISLAND	NC
HEFFNER	GORDON	EMC	20081126	NEW YORK	NY
HILLER	STANLEY	MKCM	20090112	ROCKPORT	ME
HINES	WILLIAM	CDR	20090205	DECATUR	AL
HINSON	HOWELL	PSC	20090108	BALTIMORE	MD
HUNTER	MELVIN	CSCM	20090213	KETCHIKAN	AK
JERUE	JAMES	SKCM	20090110	WILMINGTON	NC
KILPATRICK	HAROLD	ITC	20090206	SEMMES	AL
KINNER	JAMES	RM1	20081213	JEWETT CITY	CT
KNIGHT	JAMES	BM2	20081222	GREENVILLE	TX
KOECK	GEORGE	CWO2	20090109	VILLAS	NJ
KWITEK	MARTIN	SA	20081203	MARIBEL	WI
LANDMESSER	GEOFFRY	CWO2	20081230	GILMORE CITY	IA
LEATHERWOOD	JOHN	CAPT	20081229	FRISCO	NC
LEE	AARON	CS1	20081222	NEW ORLEANS	LA
LEIGHTON	ARTHUR	ENCS	20081212	WOODBIDGE	VA
LEWANDOSKI	ANTHONY	BM1	20081130	SEYMOUR	CT
LONG	DAVID	QM3	20081218	KINGSTON	WA
LOWERY	JAMES	PS1	20090118	SPRING HILL	FL
LUCENTE	JOHN	HSC	20081202	PAONIA	CO
MAHONEY	JOHN	BMCM	20081129	BURLINGTON	MA
MARTIN	RALPH	MKC	20090119	CORPUS CHRISTI	TX
MARTIN	VYARL	LCDR	20090104	HURST	TX
MARTINEZ	GILBERT	EMC	20081227	LEAGUE CITY	TX
MASLO	FREDY	ADC	20081209	ST PETERSBURG	FL
MATIAS	POLICRONIO	FS1	20090118	CHARLOTTE	NC
MAUCH	WILLIAM	LT	20081231	JACKSON	OH
MAXWELL	CYRIL	LCDR	20081124	SOUTH PORTLAND	ME
MCCLUNG	DANIEL	RMC	20090128	MASHPEE	MA
MCCORMACK	RICHARD	PS2	20081212	PORT SAINT LUCIE	FL
MCCULLOUGH	HOMER	LTJG	20081208	ARANSAS PASS	TX
MEININGER	WILLIAM	CDR	20090201	DUMFRIES	VA
MICHALSON	FRED	LCDR	20090120	VISALIA	CA
MIDGETT	WILLIAM	ENC	20090103	REDMOND	OR
MILLER	WILLIAM	BMC	20090101	SAN DIEGO	CA
MILLER	FLOYD	BM2	20090130	ROWLAND	NC
MILLER	JOHN	CDR	20090114	LARGO	FL
MITCHELL	SAMUEL	BMC	20081213	SCREVEN	GA
MOFFATT	CLAY	BMC	20081128	SISSONVILLE	WV
MOONEY	JOEL	FS1	20081216	SPIRO	OK
MORGAN	MITCHELL	BTC	20090210	ALLYN	WA
MOSPENS	JOHN	EMCM	20081214	KEAAU	HI

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MULLINS	GEORGE	CS1	20090204	BURKEVILLE	TX
NAPIER	JAMES	CDR	20090125	WELLINGTON	FL
NEVIN	JAMES	SNGM	20081220	MINNEAPOLIS	MN
NOLAN	THOMAS	CDR	20081207	LAGUNA BEACH	CA
ORLANDI	NICOLAS	BMC	20090112	MIAMI	FL
OSTROWSKI	ANTHONY	MUC	20090104	ROCKVILLE	RI
PARRISH	FLOYD	ENCS	20090108	GAINESVILLE	FL
PARTRIDGE	WILLIS	CDR	20081207	KIRKLAND	WA
PATON	PAUL	CWO4	20081209	REINBECK	IA
PELL	CLAIBORNE	CAPT	20090101	NEWPORT	RI
POHLE	CORTLAND	CDR	20081220	FLEMINGTON	NJ
POTEAT	STANLEY	EN1	20090202	BUCHANAN	GA
POWELL	JOSHUA	BM1	20081226	MOUNT EDEN	CA
POWERS	STANLEY	CDR	20090111	COLCHESTER	CT
PRESLEY	ROBERT	EN1	20081212	PEDRICKTON	NJ
PRICE	EDWIN	CWO3	20090109	BEVERLY HILLS	FL
PUSEY	EDWARD	CDR	20081229	CONYERS	GA
QUIDLEY	EDWARD	EN1	20090208	HAYES	VA
QUILLEN	JAMES	CDR	20081222	CHINCOTEAGUE	VA
RAWLINGS	JERRY	MKC	20081130	JOPLIN	MO
REEDY	ROBERT	BMC	20081202	GRASS VALLEY	CA
RICKER	RONALD	CWO4	20090208	ARLINGTON	TX
RILEY	FRANCIS	CAPT	20090129	GAINESVILLE	VA
ROACH	THOMAS	CAPT	20081223	ANN ARBOR	MI
ROBINSON	ALOYSIUS	TTC	20090106	PORT ANGELES	WA
ROMZEK	ROBERT	MSTCS	20081130	TROY	MI
ROSENTHAL	ERNEST	AM1	20090117	SHELBY	IA
SCHOFIELD	LYMAN	EN2	20081226	ORCHARD PARK	NY
SCISM	HERBERT	SK2	20081216	BALTIMORE	MD
SGANGA	ALBERT	CDR	20090131	VIRGINIA BEACH	VA
SINCLAIR	TOMMY	YNCS	20081218	NORWOOD	NC
SISSON	DAVID	QMC	20081209	KENT	WA
SKELTON	JAMES	FSC	20090212	WOODSTOCK	CT
SNELL	FORREST	BMCS	20081225	FORT LAUDERDALE	FL
SODERLUND	CHARLES	CDR	20081224	ARLINGTON	VA
SOUZA	ARTHUR	BMC	20090205	FORESTDALE	MA
SPENCER	DAVID	BMC	20090116	SILVER LAKE	NY
STACY	DONALD	BMC	20090108	EAST HARWICH	MA
STEPHEN	WILLIAM	SKC	20081231	STUART	FL
STOUT	WRAY	CWO2	20081208	OCEANSIDE	CA
SUTTON	GEORGE	CAPT	20090201	ROSELAND	NJ
SWEENEY	ARTHUR	FSCS	20090103	PORT SAINT LUCIE	FL
TAYLOR	JOHN	MKCS	20090102	CONCORD	CA
TESCH	WILLIAM	CWO3	20090128	BALTIMORE	MD
THOMAS	NORMAN	EN2	20090119	BRUNSWICK	GA
TOMASINO	JOSEPH	CWO4	20090101	GREENFIELD	WI
TRENOUTH	ROSCOE	FS2	20090119	BROCKTON	MA
TRUNTICH	GEORGE	CWO3	20090121	CHRISTMAS	FL
UPTON	RONALD	MKCS	20081222	CHERRYFIELD	ME
UTLEY	OPAL	CDR	20081220	MCLEOD	TX
VARIEUR	MAURICE	AEC	20081201	ANN ARBOR	MI
VASKE	LEO	CDR	20090124	MEDINA	OH
VELLANTI	THOMAS	CDR	20081227	HOMESTEAD	FL

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VOYIK	GREGORY	LCDR	20081225	SALEM	SC
WADE	DOUGLAS	CWO2	20090110	MOREHEAD CITY	NC
WALD	LEON	CDR	20081125	TEMPLE	TX
WATSON	PEYTON	LCDR	20081218	COLUMBUS	GA
WEATHERS	JOHN	CWO3	20090118	BROOKSVILLE	FL
WEBBER	BERNARD	CWO1	20090125	MELBOURNE	FL
WEBSTER	FREDERICK	BM2	20090108	JERSEY CITY	NJ
WHEELER	LOSSEE	BMCS	20081129	CULLODEN	WV
WHITE	DAVID	CDR	20090116	NEW ORLEANS	LA
WILBANKS	HERMAN	MK1	20081218	COVINGTON	GA
WILLIAMS	CHARLES	FS3	20090103	TUCSON	AZ
WINNINGHAM	JOHN	BMCS	20081201	CIBOLO	TX
YERED	ROBERT	MKC	20090126	MILLIS	MA
ZIEGFELD	KENNETH	CDR	20090128	ASHEBORO	NC
ZUMBRUM	MARK	MK2	20081229	VIRGINIA BEACH	VA

Dependent TAPS

Name of Dependent	Relationship	Date of Death	Location
Jennifer Dyken	Daughter of SS1 Domingo J Llapitan, USCG, Ret	04 Feb 08	Pacific, WA
E. Marie Coen	Wife of CAPT James F Coen, USCG, Ret	28 Sep 08	Salem, NH
Frances K Rumley	Wife of CAPT Lee S Rumley, USCG, Ret	02 Jan 09	Washington, NC
"Jack" John Hart Van Lieu, AMHC, USN, Ret	Husband of SK1 Ellen L Bryant, USCGR, Ret	31 Oct 08	Eureka, CA
Nancy Jane Lance	Wife of CWO4 Morris A Lance, USCG, Ret	26 Nov 08	Seattle, WA
Beverly J Jordan	Wife of RMCS Arder L Jorday, USCG, Ret	20 Nov 08	St. Louis, MO
Esther Kleckner	Wife of BMCM L L Kleckner, USCG, Ret, Dec'd	02 Nov 08	Salem, NJ
Joan Rourke Gamble	Wife of CDR Richard Gamble, USCG, Ret	20 Dec 08	Stinson Beach, CA
Edna May Barger	Wife of MSTCS Clifford T Barger, USCG, Ret	03 Jan 09	Kirkland, WA
Mary E Toler	Wife of ET1 James H Toler, USCG, Ret	08 Jan 09	Plainfield, CT
Rita Korzekwinski	Wife of PSC Bernard Korzekwinski, USCGR, Ret	02 Mar 08	Wappinger Falls, NY
Joyce Gay Lynd	Wife of PSC Gerald Joseph Lynd, USCGR, Ret	17 Sep 08	Palouse, WA
Helen U MacLean	Wife of LCDR Donald A MacLean, USCG, Ret, Dec'd	09 Dec 08	Mountlake Terr, WA
Nicole Ann Feske	Daughter of AST1 Robin N Feske, USCG, Ret	05 Aug 08	Dickinson, TX
Lauramar "Lolly" McKerley	Wife of EMC Stillman J McKerley, USCG, Ret	26 Jan 09	Anchorage, AK
Crystal Lynn Ravizza	Daughter of QMCM Richard S Ravizza, USCG, Ret	01 Jan 08	Valencia, CA
Michael A Ravizza	Son of QMCM Richard S Ravizza, USCG, Ret	01 Feb 09	Sylmar, CA
Lynn Ann Kempfer	Wife of LT Jon G Kempfer, USCG, Ret	25 Jan 09	Stafford, VA
Joanna Lay	Wife of YNCS Robert Lay, USCG, Ret	16 Feb 09	Oldsmar, FL
Eilene J Williams	Wife of CWO3 Loyd S Williams, USCG, Ret, Dec'd	18 Feb 09	Walnut Creek, CA
Wanda R Barnes	Wife of DCC William J Barnes, USCG, Ret	06 Dec 08	McKeesport, PA
Kenneth Barnes	Son of DCC William J Barnes, USCG, Ret	12 Dec 08	Clermont, FL
Emily C Bieling	Wife of BMCM Grant R Bieling, USCG, Ret	02 Feb 09	Largo, FL
Kathleen S Hurt	Wife of CWO4 Thomas Hurt, Jr., USCG, Ret, Dec'd	08 Feb 09	Norfolk, VA

If you have lost a loved one and would like their name printed in Dependent TAPs, please contact 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.

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"September in Seattle" The Coast Guard "CW" Operators Association 11th reunion is September 14-20, 2009, at the Sixth Ave Inn, 2000 Sixth Ave, Seattle, WA 98121. Book hotel reservations by calling (206) 441-8300 no later than August 14, 2009 and mention Coast Guard "CW" Operators Association Reunion for discount. Visit our web site, www.comm-one.org for reservation forms regarding reunion activities

Reunion - USCGC WESTWIND (WAGB-281) will be held September 11-13, 2009 at the Holiday Inn Wilmington, 5032 Market Street, Wilmington, NC. 28405. Phone (910) 392-1101 or toll free at (800) 833-4721. Remember to say that you are with the *Westwind* Association for the discount rate. Reservations must be made by July 1st. Contact BMC Alex Mavica @ (845) 352-7040 or amavica@optonline.net. You can also go to the Association web site: www.westwindassociation.org

CGC ROCKAWAY (W-377) will be holding their reunion October 16-18, 2009 the Holiday Inn Gateway, 515 Bypass Rd, Williamsburg, VA. Phone (757) 229-9990 to make reservations. For further information please contact CWO Frank Carlsson, USCG, Ret at AdSelinc@aol.com (put Rockaway in subject line) or phone (352) 253-0588. Visit the Rockaway web site info@usct-rockaway.org

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Place: Clarion Hotel & Convention Center
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West Atlantic City, NJ

Dates: July 30, 2009 thru August 1, 2009

Contact: CWO Harold Wise, USCG, Ret
Phone: (646) 707-8505 or (718) 341-2450

USCGC EASTWIND (W 279) will be holding their 8th reunion June 11-14, 2009 in Williamsburg, VA. Full details in N/L 49 or contact Lee Grant (603) 447-6040 or e-mail junelee.1@roadrunner.com Each reunion gets larger with new shipmates coming on board. Don't miss out, register early.

USS CALLAWAY (APA - 35) U. S. Coast Guard Manned Attack Transport 43rd reunion. Former crew members will gather October 12-16, 2009 in Branson, MO at the Grand Plaza Hotel. For more details contact: Wallace E. Shipp, 11240 John Kline Lane, Broadway, VA 22815-2687, phone (540) 896-1194

North Coast New York Coast Guard Assn is having a reunion September 18-20, 2009 at Sackets Harbor, NY. Seeking any Coastie who served at any of the LBS, any Lighthousekeeper, small unit or CG Cutter that was homeported or worked in the area. Point of contact for info is CWO4 Gordon L. Koscher, USCG, Ret., 4712 Glenwood Dr., Mantua, OH 44255. Phone: (330) 274-2927.

All ye olde time pole climbers, cable splicers and PC hackers take due notice thereof and act accordingly. The **East Coast EMT/TT/IT Reunion** will be held May 15-17, 2009 at the Pine Grove Camp Ground in Chincoteague, VA. Campfires are allowed, swimming pool on site and RV hook ups available. No RV, then go to <http://www.chincoteaguechamber.com> and click on Accommodations and make your own motel selection and reservations. Open to all current or former EMT/TT/IT or cable boat crews. Contact Curtis Leary at (919) 469-3010 or president@afe9a.us or Bo Stapleton at (757) 340-3732 for more information

41st Annual CPOA Convention will be held August 24-28, 2009 at the Atlantis Resort & Casino in Reno, NV. For further information please contact AETCM Tim Sheffler at (504) 232-7856 or (703) 941-0395 or via e-mail at cpoa.conv@yahoo.com. Hotel and registration forms can be downloaded from the CPOA website at uscg-cpoa.com. Also check out the next couple of issues of the CPOA's Chiefs Magazine.

COURIER/KUKUI Reunion will be held October 18-23, 2009 at the Radison in New London, CT. For reservations call 1 800-333-3333. For further information please contact David Newell, 6800 Golf Course Blvd, P70, Punta Gorda, FL 33982, phone: (941) 505-0426.

NOAA's New Polar-Orbiting Satellite is Launched

February 6, 2009

A new NOAA polar-orbiting environmental satellite was launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California today and is now circling the globe every 102 minutes taking images and measurements to support NOAA's efforts to forecast and monitor the environment. NOAA-19 joins NOAA-18 and one European environmental satellite already in polar orbit.

NOAA-19 carries seven scientific instruments, including two search and rescue instruments and a data recording system. Unique with this satellite is a new data collection system that will relay meteorological, oceanographic data – even track migration patterns of wildlife – to help researchers improve their study of Earth's environment.

Data from NOAA-19 will support several NOAA programs, including:

- ◆ Weather analysis and forecasting
- ◆ Climate research and prediction
- ◆ Global sea surface temperature measurements
- ◆ Atmospheric soundings of temperature and humidity
- ◆ Ocean dynamics research
- ◆ Volcanic eruption monitoring
- ◆ Forest fire detection
- ◆ Global vegetation analysis
- ◆ Search and rescue operations.



Launch of NOAA's new polar-orbiting satellite. (Credit: United Launch Alliance/NOAA)

NOAA operates two types of satellite systems for the United States – [geostationary](#) and [polar-orbiting](#). Geostationary satellites constantly monitor the Western Hemisphere from around 22,240 miles above the Earth, and polar-orbiting satellites circle the Earth providing global information from approximately 540 miles above the Earth.

The worldwide demand for satellite data is growing so NOAA is working closely with the [European Organization for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites](#) to ensure seamless satellite coverage. Under an agreement between the organizations, NOAA's two operational polar-orbiting satellites – NOAA-18 and NOAA-19 – are carrying a EUMETSAT instrument. In return, through 2020, EUMETSAT is carrying key NOAA instruments on board its European-built MetOp satellites.

Details about NOAA's satellite operations and the wide variety of information these valuable spacecraft provide is available [online](#).

NOAA understands and predicts changes in the Earth's environment, from the depths of the ocean to the surface of the sun, and conserves and manages our coastal and marine resources.

(Source: NOAA News Release)

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
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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

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:

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()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:

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USCG Pay & Personnel Center
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E-mail articles, dependent taps entries, reunion notices, etc., to **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, 2009.

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	1 800 538-9552 (TTY/TDD) 1 866 363-2883	http://www.tricare.mil/deers In CA: 1 800 334-4162 In AK & HI: 1 800 527-5602
Mail-Order Pharmacy	1 866 363-8667	http://www.tricare.mil/pharmacy/tmop.cfm
Retiree Dental Plan	1 888 838-8737	http://www.trdp.org
TRICARE Overseas	1 888 777-8343	http://www.tricare.mil/overseas/
TRICARE United States	phone numbers available on web site	http://tricare.mil
TRICARE For Life	1 866 773-0404	http://www.tricare.mil/tfl/default.cfm
Senior Pharmacy Program	1 877 363-6337	http://www.tricare.mil/pharmacy/seniorpharmacy.cfm
Federal Long-Term Health Insurance	1 800 582-3337	http://www.opm.gov/insure/ltc/
CG Health Benefits Advisor	1 800 942-2422	
Veterans Benefits	Phone	Websites/Notes
Department of Veterans Affairs	1 800 827-1000	http://www.va.gov
Insurance Information	1 800 669-8477	http://www.insurance.va.gov
Veterans Group Life Insurance		http://www.insurance.va.gov/sglisite/vgli/vgli.htm
New VGLI Applications and VGLI Reinstatements: OSGLI PO Box 41618 Philadelphia, PA 19176-9913	1 800 419-1473 Overseas phone (973) 548-5699 Overseas Fax # (973) 548-5300	Death and accelerated benefits claims only: Fax: 1-877 832-4943 All other fax inquiries: 1 800 236-6142 or e-mail: osgli.claims@prudential.com All other inquiries: osgli.osgli@prudential.com General Correspondence: Office of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance 290 West Mt. Pleasant Ave. Livingston, NJ 07039
Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents	1 800 827-1000	http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current_benefits.htm VA Pamphlet 80-02-1
Headstones & Markers	1 800 697-6947	http://www.cem.va.gov/hm.htm
Other	Phone	Websites/Notes
Final Active Duty Pay	1 866 772-8724 Overseas (785) 339-3550	http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/ses/ 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.		

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Other Important Phone Numbers and Websites

Other	Phone	Websites/Notes
Travel Claims	1 866 772-8724 Overseas (785) 339-2200	http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/tvl.asp 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	http://vetrecs.archives.gov Write to: National Personnel Records Center 9700 Page Avenue St. Louis, MO 63132-5100
For copies of personnel records, medical & dental records, and service medals—requests must be in writing and include complete name, rank, SSN, dates of service and date of birth. DD-214s are now available via the website http://vetrecs.archives.gov		
Social Security	1 800 772-1213	http://www.ssa.gov
WWII U. S. Merchant Marine Awards and Decorations	(202) 366-2646	http://www.marad.dot.gov/contact_us.html Attn: Patricia Thomas, Medals and Decorations Maritime Administration U. S. Department of Transportation 400 7th Street, SW, Room 7304 Washington, D.C. 20590
National Coast Guard Retiree Hotline 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: nrhdesk@gmail.com

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