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USCG Summary of DTRA Report DTRA-TR-10-26

United States Coast Guard (USCG) veterans stationed at LORAN stations (LORSTA) from 1942-2010 have expressed concern that their duties may have caused them radiogenic disease due to their occupational exposure to x-rays emanating from high voltage vacuum tubes. Approximately 10,000 USCG service members operated these units during this period of time and may have been occupationally exposed to this x-ray source. In response to this concern, the USCG Commandant (CG-1133) commissioned a technical report to review the personnel radiation exposure associated with x-rays emanating from USCG LORAN high voltage vacuum tube transmitter units that operated between 1942-2010. The Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) and the USCG jointly drafted this technical report (DTRA-TR-10-26). To assist USCG LORSTA veterans, their dependents, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and the USCG, this report culminates in recommendations for the collection of veteran exposure scenario data and its subsequent use in radiation dose reconstructions in order to perform a probability of radiogenic disease causation calculation, which can lead to a VA radiogenic disease compensation decision.

Radiation measurements available for analysis included five distinct temporal collections: 1982, 1987-1988, 1993-1999, 2003, and 2008-2011. These measurements provide verification of a valid x-ray radiation exposure hazard that could potentially be a source of occupational disease. Radiation measurements in late 1993 resulted in the installation during 1995 of acrylic-lead radiation shields between the high power vacuum tubes and the outer electrical equipment cabinet doors. Subsequent radiation measurements demonstrated that the radiation shields were effective in eliminating occupational exposure from these radiation sources, if the shields were maintained between the USCG maintenance personnel and the energized power amplifier (vacuum tube).

The power amplifier tube used an applied voltage of 21,500 volts (21.5 kVp). From an x-ray protection viewpoint, a 21.5 kVp source is considered a "soft" x-ray source that is relatively easy to shield. For comparison purposes, clinical diagnostic imaging x-ray units are often operated at 100 kVp, and associated radiation shielding is typically lead sheets of approximately 1.5 mm in thickness. For USCG LORSTA tubes a lighter weight, plastic shield (commercial acrylic-lead) was sufficient. There were some other sources of potential x-ray exposure to the LORSTA workers outlined in the report. These include high voltage vacuum relays, vacuum tube switches, and arc suppressors. We have limited data associated with radiation exposures emanating from the LORSTA high voltage power amplifier tubes and even less exposure data associated with LORSTA vacuum tube switches, and other high voltage vacuum tube devices such as arc suppressors. These measurements varied over time and between individual tubes, and LORSTAs. As procedures changed, field changes were made, and radiation shielding was installed, radiation exposure scenarios evolved.

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CO's Corner –

Warm greetings from PPC Topeka – and I do mean warm, as we have enjoyed one of the mildest winter seasons in recent memory. As spring approaches, I am reminded of a spirit of renewal and new beginnings, as flowers start blooming, trees blossom, thoughts turn to green fields of soccer and baseball outside, and hints of spring are all around.

The theme of new beginnings hits particularly close to home for me as I will join all of you and enter the retired ranks after 27 years of service in the Coast Guard this summer. In fact, this will be my last article for our Coast Guard/NOAA Retiree Newsletter as the CO of PPC. I'm pleased to report that Captain Stuart Lebruska will assume command of PPC 18 May 2012. Captain Lebruska was stationed at PPC previously, and he and his family are just as happy to return as CO as we are to have him back.

I cannot begin to tell you in mere words what an honor it has been to serve with the dedicated women and men of the Pay & Personnel Center. They have shown incredible dedication focusing on YOU – our customers. Not only on our retired customers, but on our full range of customers, including Active Duty, Reserves, Civilian and Auxiliary Coast Guard and NOAA members, with limited customer service to Public Health Service members as well. We take great pride in delivering our services, including the following typical examples:

- ◆ Proper calculation & disbursement of \$4B annual pay/entitlements to 100,000 NOAA & CG Active Duty, Reserve, Retiree & Annuitant customers – Accurately & On-Time!
- ◆ Incredible surge support to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill response efforts for both pay and travel (largest in CG history) for Reserve & Active Duty members.
- ◆ Enlisted evaluations and Service Wide Exams processing & advancements coordination for the entire CG Active and Reserve enlisted workforce of about 39,000+ members.
- ◆ Proper Accounting & Audit Reconciliation of Retired, Active & Reserve payroll helped gain 1st ever qualified audit opinion in 2011 for CG/DHS Funds Balance with Treasury.
- ◆ PPC answers 1400 customer inquiries weekly with a 90% live contact rate, resolving customer concerns in an average of 3.5 hours with a 4.5 out of 5 star service rating.

We take care of those who served our country with honor, and those who continue to serve with honor so they can focus on their operational Coast Guard/NOAA missions. I am so proud, yet humbled to have been a part of the incredible crew at PPC that has achieved so much in their passionate quest to support the best people in the best services in the world. Rest assured PPC will continue to provide the highest level of customer service to our Coast Guard/NOAA family members in the future. Thank You!

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

Semper Paratus & May You Always Have Fair Winds & Following Seas!

Jay Phillips, Captain, USCG (soon retired)
Commanding Officer, PPC Topeka

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Results from the USCG's limited LORSTA personnel radiation dosimetry monitoring program in 1988 and 1994 demonstrated minimal personnel radiation exposure for monitored personnel, well within federal occupational radiation exposure limits and presumably was the rationale for not establishing a USCG LORSTA personnel radiation dosimeter program. However, LORAN transmitter maintenance and engineering experts cite anecdotal reports of LORAN technicians performing exceptional operation/maintenance procedures that entailed significant radiation exposures. Unfortunately, the limited personnel monitoring program did not address these cases, and it is not possible to create a standard scenario for universal application for these personnel. The exceptional scenario must be based on specific inputs from individuals.

Radiogenic disease resulting from active duty occupational radiation exposure is a recognized health impairment that can arise in veterans' post-active duty service, due to radiogenic disease latency periods. Disease arising from exposure to ionizing radiation (radiogenic disease) is typically described by one of two exposure scenarios:

Deterministic: characterized by relatively high, acute exposures of 200 rad or greater, and typically manifesting acute radiation syndrome (ARS) symptoms from whole body irradiations of nausea, vomiting, headache, erythema, fatigue, epilation, and conjunctival reddening. During the history of USCG LORSTA operation, there have been no known reports of ARS. This fact establishes an upper bound on USCG LORSTA personnel radiation doses.

Stochastic: characterized by non-acute exposures that may result in disease (e.g. cancer). Radiogenic disease latency periods (time between radiation exposure and diagnosis of disease) can vary between a few years for disease such as leukemia to decades for solid tumors.

Unfortunately, there are no unique biological markers that can distinguish between occupational radiation exposure and background radiation exposure (e.g. from natural sources or medical procedures). However, it is possible to calculate the risk or odds (probability) of developing stochastic radiogenic disease. The Health Physics Society provides a useful introductory table, reproduced in Table 8 of the report. It is often possible to estimate tissue-specific radiation doses with reasonable precision, and the relationship between dose and subsequent cancer risk is probably better quantified than for any other common environmental carcinogen. The VA recognizes 24 non-presumptive radiogenic diseases (see Appendix 3 of the report). An unlisted disease may be considered if the claimant has cited competent scientific or medical evidence that the claimed condition is a radiogenic disease.

For the VA to connect the veteran's radiogenic disease to service related occupational radiation exposure, a number of inputs are required, including: clinical documentation of the disease, date of the disease diagnosis, veteran's gender, date of birth, radiation dose to the tissue of disease origin, and associated periods of exposure during service. These inputs are required for input into the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health's (NIOSH) Interactive Radioepidemiological Program (IREP) software, which is used by VA to assist with developing a medical opinion, as to whether it is likely, unlikely, or as likely as not that the claimed disease is the result of exposure to ionizing radiation. Typically, VA requests the military service to provide the veterans' radiation dosimetry records. However, since few of the USCG LORSTA service members were monitored for radiation exposure, a radiation dose reconstruction must, instead, be submitted. This reconstruction will be an estimate of the veteran's radiation exposure, based on estimates of time, distance, and shielding of the veteran's proximity to operating LORSTA high voltage vacuum tubes.

In summary, this report documents two discrete scenarios of service member radiation exposure associated with x-rays emanating from U.S. Coast Guard LORAN high voltage vacuum tube transmitters:

- (1) The majority of the LORAN service members who received minimal occupational ionizing radiation exposure, and
- (2) A smaller group of LORAN personnel who performed "exceptional" maintenance activities (and were not monitored with personnel radiation dosimeters). This group potentially received significant ionizing radiation doses. There is also significant uncertainty associated with this scenario.

Detailed recommendations, guidance and documentation are provided in the attached and via web to assist USCG LORAN veterans and their dependents <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg1/cg113/cg1133/dtra.asp>.

Letters to the Editor

Attn: Retirees living in the State of Georgia. The New Coast Guard Retired Vehicle Tags are available from your county tag office. The new plates display the Coast Guard Seal and the racing stripe on the tag. There is no charge for the tag.. –CDR Armand L. Chapeau, USCG, Ret

Any/All former USCGC *Tamaroa* (WMEC-166) shipmates interested in providing info/manuscripts/photos relating to the "No Name Storm" of Oct/Nov 1991 are encouraged to have input in a non-fiction/self published book about our actions taken during *Tamaroa* SAR (UCN'S 92003/S/V Satori) and (UCN 92004 ANG Helo ditch) should send requested info to QMC Rich Perry, USCG, Ret., via editable email attachments in PDF form to uscgqmc2000@yahoo.com or regular mail to: QMC Rich Perry, USCG, Ret, 85 Westland Ave #42, Boston, MA 02115. Cell # (617) 970-6033 ASAP.

Semper Paratus,
USCG QMC Rich Perry

USCG Sector Detroit is in the process of creating historical displays in the Sector building. They are looking for old photos of CG Group Detroit, Base Detroit, and MSO Detroit. Additionally, they are creating a list of past Group Commanders and MSO Commanding Officers. Info such as when they served, Portraits/Pictures of the past Commanders/Commanding Officers and their Deputies/XO's would also be appreciated. Please contact Mr. Jim Charters at james.e.charters@uscg.mil or by phone at 313-568-9471 if you have any information or pictures you would like to donate/share.

Digitization of the Reservist Magazine: We know how important the "**Reservist**" is to all of our readers but, in today's budget climate and with available technology, the magazine will move to an all digital publication. The next two issues scheduled for release in calendar year 2011 will be in both formats, paper and digital. Starting in January 2012, the **Reservist** magazine will be totally digital and available at <http://www.uscg.mil/reservist/>. Our goal is to continue to provide an award winning magazine that is enjoyed by all of our members. Please direct any questions to CDR Collins, Chief, Reserve Information/Evaluation Division, Commandant (CG-1313), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street SW STOP 7801, Washington, DC 20593-7801 or email Ruby.L.Collins@uscg.mil.

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U.S. Treasury to "Retire" Paper Check, Saving Taxpayers \$1 Billion

Washington, D.C. – The U.S. Department of the Treasury is retiring the paper Social Security check for millions of baby boomers and others applying for federal benefits, a move that will save taxpayers \$1 billion over the next 10 years. Beginning May 1, 2011, anyone newly applying for Social Security, Veterans Affairs or other federal benefits will need to choose an electronic payment method – paper checks will no longer be an option. People currently receiving their federal benefits by paper check must switch to direct deposit by March 1, 2013.

Timeline for phasing out paper checks

The Treasury Department's **Go Direct**[®] public education campaign provides information to Americans about the change to how federal benefit payments are being delivered and makes it easy for current check recipients to switch online at www.GoDirect.org or by calling a toll-free helpline.

May 1, 2011: People newly applying for federal benefits on or after May 1, 2011, must choose an electronic payment option at the time they sign up for their benefits. If they wish to direct their money into a bank or credit union account, they will want to have the following information on hand at the time they apply for their benefits:

- Financial institution's routing transit number (often found on a personal check)
- Account type – checking or saving
- Account number (often found on a personal check)

People who prefer receiving their payments on a prepaid debit card or who do not have an account at a financial institution can receive a Direct Express[®] Debit MasterCard[®] card. For more information, visit www.GoDirect.org

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NOAA honors lost crew of USS *Monitor*

RECREATES FACES OF TWO SAILORS FOUND IN ILL-FATED SHIP'S GUN TURRET, ASKS PUBLIC FOR HELP TO IDENTIFY

March 6, 2012

Nearly 150 years after 16 USS *Monitor* sailors died when their vessel sank in a New Year's Eve storm, NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries has released forensic reconstructions of the faces of two crew members.

Officials unveiled the reconstructions and dedicated a plaque in memory of the *Monitor* crew during a ceremony sponsored by the United States Navy Memorial Foundation at the Navy Memorial in Washington today. The skeletal remains of both sailors were discovered inside the *Monitor's* gun turret after it was raised from the ocean floor in 2002. While much has been learned about the physical characteristics of the men, their identities remain a mystery. By releasing images of the reconstructed faces, NOAA hopes the public will be able to assist in the ongoing effort to identify the sailors. "These are the faces of men who gave their lives for their country at a pivotal moment in American history," said David Alberg, superintendent of Monitor National Marine Sanctuary, which was established by Congress in 1975 to protect the *Monitor* wreck site.



LEFT: Clay model of the face of a USS *Monitor* sailor whose remains were found in the gun turret in 2002. RIGHT: Computer enhanced image showing what the unknown sailor may have looked like while aboard the USS *Monitor* in 1862. See images of second unknown sailor [here](#). (Credit: Louisiana State University)

"The best case scenario is that someone will emerge, perhaps a descendent, who can give these faces a name." "Our job is to not only protect and preserve our Naval history, but to make it 'come alive' to our sailors and the public," said Rear Admiral Jay A. DeLoach, USN (Ret.) head of the Naval History & Heritage Command. "The fusion of science, technology and history has breathed life into our shipmates, and we are very proud of the legacy we have inherited from the sailors of the USS *Monitor*." According to a Joint POW-MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) report, both of the recovered skeletons were well-preserved and nearly complete. Scientists estimated one of the men to be between 17 to 24 years old and about 5 feet 7 inches tall, with relatively good oral hygiene. The other man was about one inch shorter, between 30 to 40 years old, and probably smoked a pipe. Both men were white, although the *Monitor's* crew included at least one African-American.

A Civil War-era Union ironclad warship that revolutionized naval warfare, the USS *Monitor* is best known for its battle with the Confederate ironclad, CSS *Virginia* in Hampton Roads, Va., on March 9, 1862. The engagement marked the first time iron-armored ships clashed in naval warfare and signaled the end of the era of wooden ships. Less than a year later, while being towed to a new field of battle, the *Monitor* capsized and sank off Cape Hatteras, N.C., carrying 16 crew members to their deaths. The skeletal remains of the two sailors were found in the turret during a recovery operation in 2002 by NOAA and the U.S. Navy. The remains were turned over to the JPAC in Hawaii, which has worked to try and identify the sailors. To date, no trace of the other 14 missing members of the crew has been found. Forensic anthropologists at Louisiana State University's Forensic Anthropology and Computer Enhancement Services (FACES) Laboratory volunteered their efforts and created the facial reconstructions by using a combination of scientific and archaeological research, 3-D clay facial reconstruction, computer-generated modeling, and computer-enhanced imaging techniques. No NOAA funds were spent on the reconstructions.

"We don't know all the answers about their lives but the reconstruction is a way to bring the past to life, to create something as similar as possible to the original," said Mary H. Manhein, director of the FACES lab. "To see the faces take shape, to go from bone to flesh is very exciting. Our hope is that someone seeing the sculptures may recognize the face as an ancestor."

Retired NOAA archaeologist John Broadwater, who was among the first to explore the *Monitor* wreck site after it was discovered in 1973, said the facial reconstructions add another layer of history to the *Monitor's* fascinating saga.

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If you do not have computer access, you can contact the Retiree Council's Program Coordinator CAPT Bob Warakomsky (RET.) by telephone: (202) 475-5381.



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20593-0001

Shipmates,

Greetings Shipmates! I am honored to recognize Coast Guard retirees and annuitants who served our Nation with distinction and honor. You now number over 47,000 strong, exceeding our current active duty workforce. We who serve today are carrying on your legacy, extending the long blue line of Coast Guard heritage and history into the future. You remain part of the Coast Guard family.



Over the years, the Coast Guard has provided retirees with dedicated services. For example, the Retiree and Annuitant Services (RAS) branch of the Pay and Personnel Center processes retiree pay, and supplies TRICARE news, cost of living adjustment information, and other updates on related to benefits and entitlements.

There are also a variety of services available to retirees beyond pay, medical care, and commissary privileges. Retirees are eligible for Coast Guard legal assistance services, and can participate in many community activities through the morale, well-being, and recreation program.

As I said in the 2012 State of the Coast Guard Address (www.uscg.mil/socga), I am committed to meeting our retiree needs and to improving our retiree affairs services. I recently brought aboard a retiree affairs project officer and established a Retiree Affairs Working Group, led by the Assistant Commandant for Human Resources (CG-1). They will review and enhance our retiree affairs services and improve communications with our retiree community. One of the first action items for the work group is to redesign the retiree website www.uscg.mil/retiree. The website will serve as a central repository of relevant retiree information and provide links to other resources.

For those who have email, I encourage you to opt-in to receive Coast Guard retiree news and information by e-mail. Please visit the Pay and Personnel RAS Branch website (www.uscg.mil/ppc/ras) and join the mailing list. I also encourage our retirees to reach out to a regional Coast Guard Retiree Council. Regional Councils are a tremendous resource and a primary line of communication between the Coast Guard and our military retiree community. If you have questions about how to contact the nearest Retiree Council, consult the accompanying Retiree Council contact list.

Semper Paratus!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. J. Papp, Jr.", written over a circular scribble.

R. J. Papp, Jr.
Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard

Army Retirement Services Office (RSO) Retiree Appreciation Days (RADs)

Retiree Appreciation Days (RADs) are designed with you in mind. They're a great source of the latest information for retirees and Family members in your area. RADs vary from installation to installation, but, in general, they provide an opportunity to renew acquaintances, listen to guest speakers, renew ID Cards, get medical check-ups, and various other services. Some RADs include special events such as dinners or golf tournaments. For more information, contact the Retirement Services Officer (RSO) sponsoring the RAD. The schedule, to the right, will be updated at <http://www.armyg1.army.mil/rso/rads.asp> when RADs are scheduled or changed.

Installation	Date	Phone
Watervliet Arsenal, NY	Apr 28	(518)266-5810
West Point, NY	Apr 28	(845) 938-4217
Wiesbaden, Germany	May 10	0611-705-7668
Ft. Buchanan, PR	May 12	(787) 707-3842/2984
Wiesbaden, Germany	May 17	0611-705-7668
Ft. Bragg, NC	May 18 - May 19	(910) 396-8591
Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA	May 18	(253) 966-5884
Ft. Eustis, VA	May 19	(757) 878-3648
Tobyhanna, PA	Jul 28	(570) 615-7409
Des Moines, IA	Aug 15	(515) 277-6113
Minneapolis, MN	Aug 24	(507) 474-9297
Camp Ripley, MN	Aug 25	(763) 441-2630
Ft. Leonard Wood, MO	Sep 7 - Sep 8	(573) 596-0947
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Duluth, MN	Sep 14	(218) 590-3144
Ft. Sill, OK	Sep 20 - Sep 22	(580) 442-2645
Ft. Belvoir, VA	Sep 21	(703) 806-4551
Selfridge, MI	Sep 22	(586) 239-5580
Redstone, AL	Sep 28 - Sep 29	(256) 876-2022
Ft. Bliss, TX	Sep 29	(915) 569-6233
Ft. Dix, NJ	Sep 29	(609) 562-2666
Schofield Barracks, HI	Oct 6	(808) 655-1585
Carlisle Barracks, PA	Oct 13	(717) 245-4501
Aberdeen (APG), MD	Oct 27	(410) 306-2320
Ft. Campbell, KY	Oct 27	(270) 798-5280
Ft. Hamilton, NY	Oct 27	(718) 630-4552
Ft. Polk, LA	Oct 27	(337) 531-0363/0402
Rock Island Arsenal, IL	Oct 27	(563) 322-4823
Ft. Knox, KY	Nov 2 - Nov 3	(502) 624-1765
Richardson, AK	Nov 3	(907) 384-3500
Ft. Detrick, MD	Nov 8	(301) 619-9948



Many RADs offer health screenings and vaccinations.

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 rschultz369@gmail.com or BMCS Dutton at DuttonM003@Hawaii.RR.Com if you have any questions.

USCG District Thirteen Lifeboat Reunion the weekend of May 18-20th 2012 in Newport, Oregon. For those who served at any Oregon/Washington lifeboat Station. For further information and reservation please access via: <http://www.uscgd13reunion.webs.com/>

USCG Station Plum Island reunion Saturday July 28, 2012. For more information please contact Ralph Lund, (906) 337-3392 or email RQLUND@Starband.net or email Bob Elwell at: robertelwell@verizon.net.

Attention retirees in Districts 13 and 17: We invite you to affiliate with the Coast Guard Retiree Council Northwest! We keep you in touch with fellow retirees, benefit news, and what's happening in the active Coast Guard. No heavy lifting required. Check out our Website at <http://www.cgretirenw.org>. Please send your contact information (including E-mail address) to feedback@cgretirenw.org.

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. 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 (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).

TRACEN YORKTOWN Retiree Council office is located in the lobby on the first floor of Steuben Hall. Office hours are 0800-1400 Monday thru Wednesday or by appointment. Telephone (757) 856-2136 or e-mail us at: TCY-PF-Retireecouncil@uscg.mil. Our retiree luncheon is held at 11:30 AM on the second Wednesday of each month in the Port of York. Feel free to join us for breakfast at 6:30 AM every Wednesday in the galley.

"Attention families who called Governor's Island home when it was headquarters for the nation's largest Coast Guard district. There will be a Coast Guard Brats reunion and picnic on Saturday, August 4, 2012, on Governor's Island. For further information please contact Helen Jenkins-Torres at helene0361@yahoo.com."

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.

The U.S. Coast Guard National Association of **Former Stewards and Stewardmates**, Inc. will be celebrating their **Twenty-Third** reunion at the Double Tree Hotel in Memphis, TN August 2-5, 2012. Please contact CPO Norman McGlone, USCG, Ret. at (757) 640-0524 for additional information.

ALL Icebreaker Muster will be May 13-18, 2012 at Amelia Island, FL. For further information please contact Louis LaRiccia at (623) 308-0093 or Joseph Quintiliani at (508) 548-0329 or visit our online website at www.icebreakermuster.net

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 or Bob Merrilees (321) 452-5426 or 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.

Calling all LORANIMALS –The last of the US LORAN Stations have been shutdown. Come and join us at: www.Loran-history.info. The web site remembers the Coast Guardsmen, who served aboard Loran-A, Loran-C stations, and other Loran billets worldwide. These dedicated Coasties are but a few who provided radio navigation signals to millions of navigators.

Hosted by CPO Joe Jester, USCG (ret) and MCPO Bill Dietz, USCG (ret)

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Base Seattle ID Card office hours and appointment process. Hours of operation are Mon-Fri, 0700-1530, by appointment only. Base Seattle reservists will be issuing ID cards on the first Saturday of every month during their reserve drill weekends. This service will be offered per the availability of our reserve staff and is subject to change. Hours are 0900-1130 and 1300-1500 by appointment only. Appointments are required for the issuance of new CAC/Dependent ID cards or to add/delete a DEERS dependent, etc. To make an appointment, please call 206-217-6700. If you have to re-schedule an appointment, please call in advance to reschedule so we can open that slot to another member.

YNCS Lori J. Fields
Decedent Affairs Officer
Personnel Support Department
USCG BASE SEATTLE

Hello to all members of the **USCGC NORTHWIND** crew. I was on the *Northwind* in 1957. I was the Pay Clerk, working for James Kinney, CWO. I have been contacted by a few of the other members of that crew here in Seattle and the surrounding area, who want to put together a reunion. PLEASE contact me if you are interested in joining this group. My name is HAROLD WILLARD, SK1, my email is haroldwillard55@gmail.com, my cell phone number is (206) 595-6484. Please contact me so we can get this reunion underway soon!

Harold

Coast Guard Activities, Europe Facebook Page, any former members of Coast Guard Activities, Europe Loran C operations (July 1995 and prior) ACTEUR in London and including Estartit; Lampedusa, Sellia Marina, Sylt, Karagarburn are welcome to join our facebook page "Coast Guard Activities Europe" and share their memories.

USCGC CASTLE ROCK (WAVP/WHEC 383) reunion will be held June 13-15, 2012, New London, CT. Contact Jeff Bull, 708 Bridge St., Selkirk, NY 12458; (518) 767-9430; captoro@earthlink.net or Max Imhoff, P.O. Box 1113, Walpole, NH 03608; (603) 313-0113; bbgerzer@aol.com

Any U. S. Coast Guard or NOAA member interested in having Breakfast the first Saturday of each month at 0900 in Wilmington, NC please contact Jack Wilson at jlwsrw@bellsouth.net. I promise no speeches, just good old fellowship, a good price and central location.

Coast Guard Investigative Association 2012 8th Annual Reunion: The CGIA Board of Directors is pleased to announce this year's reunion will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Phoenix, Arizona from Tuesday, 18 September (travel day) to Friday, 21 September (travel day). The business meeting will be held on Wednesday, 19 September and the banquet on Thursday, 20 September. Meeting agenda includes election of officers. The hotel is located at 4300 East Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85034. For a virtual tour, please visit: <http://www.cpphoenixaz.com/>. Please visit the CGIA website for the details under the Reunion Tab Phoenix and for the registration form. <http://www.coastguardinvestigativeassociation.org/> Hope to see you in Phoenix.

A few of us are trying to round up individuals who were stationed at Air Station Miami between 1980 and 2000. We are looking at a reunion in late October 2012. IF interested, contact Gary Wood (ADC retired) or Michael Zalewa (AD1 retired) at either wvav99@gmail.com or zaap35@aol.com.

Save the Date: Annual Military Retiree Seminar & Resource Fair, Saturday, June 2, 2012 from 0800-1400, Depot Theater. MCRD's Retired & Services Office is hosting the 2012 Annual Military Retiree Seminar & Resource Fair. Learn the updates on your benefits from medical care, dental, education, etc. This seminar is for you if you're retired or planning on retiring in a few years. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend. Make a smooth transition from active duty to retirement by being prepared. Plan to attend this free event. All services are welcome. For more information contact Marine Corps Recruit Depot's Retired Services Office at (619) 524-5301/5732/5728.

"The annual **"Coast Guard Air" (AKA Cosmic Airlines)** will be held on May 20-22, 2012. The event will be held at the Silver Legacy Hotel/Casino in downtown Reno NV. The cost of the banquet is \$42.00/pp which includes the three days at our hospitality suite, open bar and snacks. A block of rooms have been set aside for us for \$59.08/night which includes all taxes and fees. For room reservations contact the hotel at 1-800-687-8733 and ask for group code USCG. If you need further information or as signup form contact Roger Schmidt at rogngina@sbcglobal.net or Linda Etheridge at LEther7294@aol.com

Hear Ye, Hear Ye. **The EMTEL-TT-IT reunion** will be held on May 18-20, 2012 on Chincoteague Island, VA at the Piney Grove Camp Ground, (757) 336-5200. Motel reservations can be made at the many available places (visit the Chamber of Commerce for lodging information) or bring your RV and park it at the camp ground. For information please contact Bo Stapleton @ (757) 340-3732 or Curtis Leary @ (919) 469-3010; (919) 270-2136 (cell).

Fellow **TT's, EMT's, IT's** and friend's **West Coast Reunion** is July 20 -22, 2012 in Alameda, CA. For more information please contact David Swanson, 510-390-6312 or email ddswanson@msn.com, for details.

USCG 125/165 foot cutter reunion will be held September 13-15, 2012 in Warwick, RI (Providence). Contact Dave Johnston at (314) 249-3207 or e-mail him at dave@davejohnston.com. For details of the reunion please visit www.uscg125/165cutters.com.

Thank You. CWO4 Kenneth Brandal, USCG RET



USCG Retirements

Name	Grade	Date of Retirement
ABBADINI, LEONARD	SKC	20120204
ACHEE, NELDA	MKC	20111201
ACKLEY, GREGORY	DCC	20111201
ADAMS, ANTHONY	OSCM	20111201
ADAMS, LEODIAS	FSC	20111201
AGAMAN, BRIAN	MKC	20120214
AGLER, WILLIAM	MK2	20111201
ALEXANDER, DAVID	BMC	20111201
ALVAREZ, RAMON	MKC	20111201
ARCE, ERIC	ETC	20111201
ARGO, THOMAS	MSTC	20111201
ARGUELLES, GUILLERMO	DCC	20111201
AYERS, KEVIN	AMT1	20111201
BABCOCK, DANIEL	BMC	20111201
BALLIET, WAYNE	BMC	20111201
BARONAS, ROBERT	LCDR	20111201
BARR, JIMMY	AMTC	20111201
BEHREND, DAVID	MK1	20120108
BELK, GLENN	AMT1	20111201
BENAFEL, ERIC	BMCS	20120201
BENEKIN, GLENN	YNC	20111201
BENJAMIN, STEVEN	SK1	20111201
BENNETT, THEOTIS	YN1	20120201
BENNETT, EUCL	YNC	20111201
BERO, MICHAEL	MK1	20111201
BERTHIAUME, FRANCIS	MKC	20111201
BETTERIDGE, TODD	OS1	20111201
BISNETTE, MARK	MSTC	20111201
BITINAS, CHARLES	AMTC	20111201
BLACK, CARL	INV4	20120201
BORDERS, MATTHEW	OSCS	20111201
BOSWELL, JEFFREY	BMC	20111201
BOWLING, MICHAEL	OSS3	20111201
BRAGAW, JOHN	CAPT	20120101
BRAMLET, SUSAN	YN1	20111201
BRAMMER, TIMOTHY	GMC	20111201
BRANDEWIE, BRENDT	HS1	20111201
BRAXTON, ALFRED	SK1	20111201
BRENNAN, JOHN	BMC	20111201
BROADERS, HALDEN	YNC	20111201
BROWN, JOSEPH	BMC	20111201
BROWN, DALE	EMCS	20111201
BROWN, ALLAN	ET2	20111205
BRYANT, HENRY	MK1	20120127
BRYSON, GEORGE	BMC	20111201
BUDET, EVELYN	FS3	20111214
BULMAN, WILLIAM	BMC	20111201
BURKE, MICHAEL	OSC	20111201
BURNETT, ALFRED	BMCM	20111201
BUSSARD, TYLER	AETC	20111201
BUXTON, KENNETH	AMTC	20111201
CALHOUN, JAMES	FSC	20111201
CALNAN, JOSEPH	CDR	20111201
CARUSO, KATHARINE	YNC	20111201
CASEY, DALE	OSC	20111201
CHAPMAN, DOUGLAS	MSSE4	20111201
CHELETTE, DAVID	MK1	20111201
CHEYNEY, RICHARD	BMCS	20111201
CHRISTIE, RONALD	ETCM	20120101
CLARK, FRANK	ITCS	20111203
CLARK, HERBERT	SKC	20120123
CLARK, SEAN	HSC	20111201
CLARK, GREGORY	BMC	20111201
COATS, DAVID	ASTC	20111201

Name	Grade	Date of Retirement
COGAN, WAYNE	MECM	20111212
COLE, JEFFERY	BMCS	20111201
COLTRANE, JOHN	MK2	20120101
COOK, TIMOTHY	IV2	20111129
CORCORAN, KRISTIN	CAPT	20120101
CRANE, MATTHEW	DC1	20111201
CRAWFORD, ELBERT	BM1	20111201
CREAGER, JOHN	ITC	20111201
CRUZ, ALEXIS	IT1	20111201
CUNNANE, JOHN	MKC	20111201
DAVILA, ALBERTO	PS1	20111216
DAWES, SCOTT	BOSN4	20120101
DEJARNETTE, CLIFFORD	AMT1	20111201
DELACRUZ, DELFIN	SK1	20111201
DELLAROCO, GREGORY	MKCM	20120201
DELUNEY, DONALD	YN1	20111201
DENNIS, RANDAL	BMC	20111201
DESPARD, BRUCE	AMTCS	20111201
DIAS, LESLIE	PS1	20111205
DIEHL, CURTISS	MKC	20111201
DIGENARO, MARK	GM1	20111201
DIPERSI, JOSEPH	BM1	20111201
DISBENNETT, DAVID	AETCS	20111201
DIVINE, DESIREE	BMC	20111201
DOBROCKE, ROBERT	SK1	20111201
DOWNEY, BRIAN	PSC	20120101
DUPREY, THOMAS	MK1	20111201
EARLE, WAYNE	HSC	20111201
ECKARD, CHRISTOPHER	MSSD2	20111201
EICHENLAUB, DAVID	MK1	20111201
ELKINS, MICHAEL	ITC	20111201
ENG, EDWARD	CAPT	20111201
ERIKSEN, JILL	ITC	20111201
EUBANKS, GERALD	BMC	20120201
EUCHENHOFER, BRETT	MEC	20111201
EVANS, CHRISTOPHER	MAT4	20120101
EWING, LARRY	YNC	20120101
FEILEN, KENDEL	CAPT	20111230
FELGER, KENNETH	DC1	20120116
FERGUSON, JASON	AMT1	20111201
FERRARO, MATTHEW	MST2	20111201
FIELD, MICHAEL	FSC	20111201
FISH, REBECCA	AET1	20111201
FITZGERALD, MICHAEL	MKC	20111201
FLEMING, WESLEY	AMTC	20111201
FLEMING, GARY	MKC	20111201
FOCKEN, MARK	LCDR	20111201
FOLEY, MICHAEL	MSSE3	20111201
FONSECA, MELIDA	YNC	20111201
FORD, ERIC	CDR	20111201
FORREST, ANDREW	LT	20120201
FOWLER, JOHN	OSCS	20111201
FRARY, EDWARD	DCC	20111201
FRENCH, RICHARD	BM2	20111129
FRITZ, NELSON	SKC	20111201
FROEBA, GERALD	AMT1	20111201
FROST, KEITH	BMC	20111201
FUCCI, GREGORY	BMC	20111129
FULCHER, AARON	LT	20111201
FUTCH, BRUCE	HSC	20111201
GARDNER, MEIKLE	EMCS	20111201
GELACEK, DOUGLAS	OSC	20111201
GILMAN, WARREN	MST1	20120214

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GOGEL, BARRY	CDR	20120127
GOGUE, DANNY	EMC	20111201
GOOCH, RICKY	MK1	20111201
GORDON, JAMES	DCC	20111201
GORDY, LORN	FSCS	20111201
GOUDREAU, DENNIS	FSC	20111201
GRANT, EVAN	CDR	20111201
GREEN, RICHARD	MKC	20120207
GRUBBS, MICHAEL	MSTC	20111201
HAAS, LARRY	BMC	20111201
HALLORAN, JUDY	MSTC	20111201
HANBERG, DANA	SKCM	20111201
HANSEN, DOUGLASS	AETCS	20111201
HANSEN, LANCE	ETC	20111201
HARDER, CLIFFORD	LT	20111201
HARDWICK, SCOT	AMTC	20111201
HARRIS, THERESA	HSC	20111201
HARRIS, EDWIN	ET2	20111201
HASE, ROBERT	MKC	20111201
HASKELL, THOMAS	AVI4	20111201
HAUGEN, PATRICIA	YNCM	20111230
HAUSE, HERMAN	BMC	20111201
HAYWOOD, SCOTT	OSC	20111201
HEARN, STEVEN	BMCM	20111201
HECK, STEPHEN	GMC	20111201
HEIMANN, THOMAS	HSC	20111201
HENTNICK, DAVID	MEC	20111201
HERRIN, MARK	GM1	20111201
HERZOG, JAMES	BMCS	20111201
HEUCKROTH, CAROL	YNC	20111201
HIRCHERT, TODD	BM1	20111201
HONC, MICHELLE	YN1	20111201
HOWARD, KATHERINE	CDR	20120101
HUGHES, JOHN	AETC	20111201
HURT, JOHN	MKC	20111201
HUTTO, THERON	MK2	20111130
INSLEY, RANDOLPH	MSTC	20111201
IRIZARRY, HENRY	LT	20120201
IRVIN, JAMES	ET1	20111201
ISNARDI, GREGORY	SK1	20111201
IVEY, KEVIN	CDR	20120201
JAMES, SPENCER	PERS2	20111201
JENKINS, DAVID	OSC	20111201
JENSEN, THOMAS	DC2	20111201
JOHNSON, LAUREN	CAPT	20111221
JOHNSON, DARENDA	YN1	20111201
JOLLY, RUSSELL	YN1	20111201
JONES, ZACHARY	AETCS	20111201
JUHNKE, TODD	MKC	20111201
KALAMAS, PAUL	BMC	20111201
KAUFMAN, COURTNEY	MK1	20111201
KAYFUS, DAVID	BMC	20111204
KELLY, THOMAS	F&S4	20111226
KENNEDY, MALCOLM	BMC	20111201
KEPLEY, RICHARD	AMT1	20111201
KIER, NOEL	SK1	20111229
KIMBLE, JOHN	CDR	20120111
KIRBY, JAMES	FS1	20120201
KNOX, CHAWON	YNC	20111201
KOPITZKE, KENNETH	HS2	20111201
KRAMER, CHARLES	AMT1	20111201
KUYKENDALL, JOHN	HSC	20111201
LAMBRIGHT, KIMBERLY	BM1	20111201
LANDSFELD, DANIEL	MKCS	20111201
LASH, DANNY	MK1	20111201
LAYELL, SCOTT	ME1	20111201
LEFEBRETORO, JOSE	HSC	20120201
LEINICKE, RICHARD	EM1	20111201
LEWALLEN, WESLEY	BMC	20111201
LEWIS, PAUL	MKCS	20111201
LITZENBERGER, JOHN	BMCM	20111201

LOCK, MELVIN	ETCM	20120201
LOECHLER, DONALD	SKCS	20111201
LONG, DEREK	ETC	20111201
LUCAS, TIMOTHY	AMTC	20111201
LUCZEK, DAVID	MEC	20111201
LUNDEN, WILLIAM	ELC4	20120115
LUNDVALL, BRUCE	SK1	20111201
LUTSKY, EDMOND	CDR	20120205
MACK, LARRY	MKC	20111201
MACON, TIMOTHY	MSSD2	20111201
MADISON, DANIEL	LCDR	20111201
MANSFIELD, STEPHEN	BMC	20111201
MARCHAND, WILLIAM	GMC	20111201
MARSHBURN, CAMERON	ME2	20111201
MARTINEZ, RAMON	HS1	20111201
MARVIN, TIMOTHY	ET1	20111201
MASINTER, DAVID	AET1	20111201
MATTHEWS, ANN	BMC	20111201
MATTOON, LONNIE	LCDR	20120101
MAYEDA, GLENN	MST2	20120125
MAYES, BRUCE	CDR	20120124
MCCALISTER, CRAIG	BMC	20111201
MCCANN, RICHARD	BM2	20120106
MCCUSKER, ROBERT	YNC	20111201
MCDYER, STEVEN	AMTCS	20111201
MCINNIS, JOHN	DCC	20111201
MCINTYRE, JERRY	BMC	20111201
MCKENNA, BRIAN	BM1	20111201
MCNEILL, JAMES	AMT1	20111201
MCNEILLY, PATRICK	BMC	20111201
MCSHANE, DANIEL	BMC	20111201
MEACHAM, JOHN	AMT1	20120201
MEADOWS, FRED	LT	20120104
MEBINWEHKING, PAMELA	CDR	20120213
MENDOZA, THARSIS	EMCS	20120201
MENICHINI, MICHAEL	MEC	20111201
MERICK, ROBERT	ETCM	20111201
METZLER, JOSEPH	ASTC	20111201
MEYER, RONALD	SK2	20120118
MIDKIFF, BARBARA	LCDR	20111201
MILLER, MARTIN	BMC	20111201
MILLER, ERIC	ET1	20120201
MILLER, CRAIG	AST1	20111201
MILLS, DARWIN	MK2	20111201
MINTON, BENNY	OSCS	20111201
MORELAND, ANTHONY	HSC	20120122
MORSCHHAUSER, WILLIAM	PSCS	20120111
MUCKENFUSS, RONALD	MK2	20111201
MUEHLHAUSEN, MITCHELL	OSC	20111201
MUISE, GORDON	MECM	20111201
MUNROE, CHARLES	AETC	20111201
NAKAMURA, CLYDE	IT1	20111208
NEGRON, MIGUEL	FS1	20111201
NEIMEIER, MARK	GM2	20111201
NELSON, LARRY	MK1	20111201
NELSON, DEBBIE	OSS3	20111201
NILSEN, WILLIAM	DCC	20111201
NORRIS, KENNETH	CAPT	20120122
OBRIEN, MICHAEL	CDR	20111201
OCONNOR, THOMAS	YN1	20111201
OHANLON, MICHAEL	YNC	20111201
OLSEN, ROBIN	BMC	20111201
O'MARY, DAVID	MKC	20111201
ORO, MARTIN	BM1	20111201
PAGE, ROBERT	ISM3	20111201
PAIGE, CRAIG	FSCS	20111201
PALAFOX, CHRISTOPHER	MSTC	20120101
PALMER, BRUCE	OSC	20111201
PARKER, RUSSELL	SK2	20111207
PAULISON, ROBERT	CAPT	20111201
PAYNE, MICHAEL	MKC	20111201

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PEATEN, AMEER	SKC	20111201
PENICK, BRIAN	MEC	20111201
PENNINGTON, DANIEL	LCDR	20120127
PETERSON, KURT	ASTC	20120201
PETTY, PATRICK	ETC	20111201
PEVEAR, MICHAEL	ME1	20120201
PHAM, KIEN	OSC	20111201
PHILLIPS, BRIAN	PS1	20111229
PLAZA, DAVID	BM1	20111203
PLUNKETT, JOHN	CAPT	20111201
POULSON, KURT	GMC	20120109
PRINCE, MARK	MKCM	20111201
PRZYBYLSKI, ROBERT	BMCM	20111201
PUGH, ROBERT	MECM	20111201
RAASCH, LEONARD	DCC	20111201
RALEY, DAMON	ISM3	20111201
RAMOS, EDWARD	YN1	20111201
RAMOS, FRANK	FSCS	20111201
REEVES, DARREN	ASTCS	20120101
REEVES, WILLIAM	BMC	20111201
REID, LUKE	CDR	20111201
REQUEJO, FERNANDO	YN1	20111201
RETZLAFF, ROGER	ETC	20111201
RIEG, MARK	MSTC	20111201
RIEPE, ERIC	CDR	20120101
RIVERA, JUSTO	LT	20111201
ROBERTS, CHRISTOPHER	FSC	20111201
ROBINSON, SHAUN	HS1	20111201
ROBY, BRIAN	OSC	20111201
ROHRSEN, JAY	AET2	20120101
ROLPH, MICHAEL	BMC	20111201
ROMAN, ELMO	YN1	20111201
ROMANO, JOHN	AETCS	20111201
ROOKS, ROBERT	AMT1	20111201
ROOT, DARYLE	FSC	20111201
ROURK, STACY	ETC	20111201
ROWLAND, JACK	MKC	20111201
ROWLAND, PHILIP	BM1	20111201
ROWNEY, WAYNE	FS1	20111201
RUDDER, BOBBY	BMC	20111201
RUTTER, JOHN	YN1	20111201
RYAN, EDWARD	BMC	20111201
SABATINO, JAMES	BMC	20111201
SAFFEELS, DEAN	EMC	20111201
SANDOVAL, VICTORIA	YN1	20111222
SAWYER, MICHELLE	F&S3	20111201
SCARDINO, THOMAS	MKCS	20111201
SCHLOESSER, PAUL	BMCS	20120202
SCHOCH, ERIC	WEPS4	20111201
SCHOMBURG, CHRISTIAN	AMTCS	20111201
SCOTT, EDWARD	AMT1	20111201
SENCY, STEPHEN	ETC	20111201
SHEFFIELD, DAVID	AMTC	20111201
SHEPHERD, CARL	MEC	20120118
SHERWOOD, SELDON	BMC	20111201
SHIELDS, SUSAN	SKC	20111201
SHIELDS, JOSEPH	FSC	20111201
SHIER, JOHN	MK2	20111201
SHOEMAKER, JEFFREY	GMC	20111201
SISLAK, JOEL	EMCS	20111201
SLIGH, KEVIN	LT	20111201
SMILEY, SEAN	ETC	20120201
SMITH, STEPHEN	BMC	20120201
SMITH, SHERMAN	MK1	20111201
SMITH, ASHLEY	MST3	20111214
SNODGRASS, PHILIP	LT	20111218
SNYDER, STEPHEN	FSCS	20111201
SOUTHERN, KENNETH	BMC	20111201
SPANGLER, TIMOTHY	CAPT	20120212
STANGLER, CHRISTOPHER	OSS2	20111201
STEIN, TODD	BMCS	20111201

STEVENS, TRACY	AMTCM	20111201
STEWART, GREGORY	ELC4	20120201
STONE, ALAN	PERS4	20111209
SULLIVAN, PAUL	MK2	20111201
TALLMAN, ROBERT	BM1	20111201
TARPEY, GREGORY	LCDR	20120201
TAYLOR, CHRISTOPHER	ISM2	20120201
TERRELL, JAMES	OSCS	20120123
THOMAS, MICHAEL	ASTC	20111201
THRUSH, THOMAS	MKC	20111201
TISBY, TERRENCE	YNCS	20111201
TOLLINCHI, MICHAEL	YN2	20111201
TORNARI, MICHAEL	LT	20120201
TORRES, JOSE	IS1	20111201
TORRES, SHON	GM1	20120201
TRAVERS, OTIS	LT	20111201
TRUEITT, ANTHONY	EMC	20111201
TSCHANTRE, THOMAS	AMTCS	20111201
TSETSIKAS, DAVID	BMC	20111201
TURNER, MATTHEW	ETC	20111201
UHL, SHANE	AMT1	20111201
VAREHA, JAMES	BMC	20111201
VIARNES, GUILLERMO	ELC4	20120101
WALKER, KEVIN	BMCM	20111201
WALKER, BRUCE	LCDR	20120104
WALLACE, JOHN	HSCS	20111201
WALTON, DONALD	DC1	20111201
WATTS, ROBERT	CAPT	20120101
WEEKS, STEVEN	MKC	20111201
WEISS, JAMES	YNC	20111201
WELKER, PHILLIP	AMT1	20111201
WEST, BRIAN	AMT1	20111201
WHEELER, REGINALD	DCC	20111201
WHITE, BARRY	BMCS	20111201
WICKHAM, RICHARD	MKC	20120206
WIENKE, MARK	BMC	20111201
WIKERT, RONNY	AET1	20111201
WILLIAMS, JACK	MKC	20111201
WILLIAMSON, ROBERT	ETC	20111201
WILLIAMSON, BYRON	MK1	20111201
WILSON, RICHARD	BMC	20111201
WILSON, MICHAEL	HSCS	20111201
WINBOURNE, JAMES	ETCM	20111201
WOOD, GLEN	SKCS	20111201
WOODILL, RUSSELL	BMC	20111201
WORKMAN, JOHN	MEC	20111201
WRIGHT, DAWN	YN2	20111202
WRIGHT, ANITA	SKC	20111201
WRIGHT, RYAN	AST2	20111201
WRIGHT, JOHN	BMC	20111201
WULLENJOHN, CHARLES	PAC	20120109
WYATT, PETER	BMC	20111201
YOUNG, DAVID	LT	20120101
YOUNGS, GARY	BMCS	20120110
ZICKGRAF, ANTHONY	F&S4	20111203
ZIOLKOWSKI, JAMES	BOSN4	20120101



LONGENECKER, JOHN	CDR	20120201
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March 1, 2013: Current check recipients must switch to electronic payments before March 1, 2013. Switching from checks to **direct deposit** is fast, easy and free. There are several ways you can sign up for direct deposit:

- ◆ You may enter your direct deposit information (See above) into the Self Service system.
- ◆ Complete a direct deposit enrollment form SF 1199A and mail or fax to:
Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG Pay and Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy St
Topeka KS 66683-3591
Fax: (785) 339-3770
- ◆ Call Retiree and Annuitant Services at 800 772-8724 for assistance.

Anyone already receiving federal benefit payments electronically will continue to receive their money as usual on their payment day. No action is required.

The 6th Annual Seventh Coast Guard District Admirals Cup Golf Tournament will be held May 24-26, 2012. Play will be at Magnolia, Palm and Osprey Ridge golf courses in Orlando, FL. For lodging near Disney area visit www.hotels.com or the Kissimmee Chamber of Commerce web site <http://www.kissimmeechamber.com>. Golfers attending should download an application form from our web site: http://www.uscg.mil/BaseMiamiBeach/mwr/mwr_home.asp or contact the regional MWR office at (305) 535-4565. If attending tournament fax your reservations ASAP to (305) 535-4566 with credit card number and expiration date. You may also scan and email the application to: Casey.P.Malloy@uscg.mil. Entry deadline is May 11, 2012.

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"If you are or were a cutterman, The Cuttermen Association is looking for you. Our annual dues are very low, and our camaraderie is very high. We are a rapidly growing mix of active duty and former or retired officers and enlisted and their friends and families dedicated to improving the welfare of cutterman and keeping the community in contact, professionally and socially. Chapters are forming all over the country and even abroad, and one is either near you or likely to form near you soon. For more information, visit our website at <http://www.cuttermen.org/>. And if you'd like to link your cutter reunion association or contribute an article to our bi-monthly magazine, we'd love to hear about your life experiences and your cutter(s)."

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"When Navy divers discovered the human remains in *Monitor's* turret, they immediately began referring to them as 'our shipmates,'" said Broadwater, author of *USS Monitor: An Historic Ship Completes Its Final Voyage*. "Looking into these two faces is very moving for me and, I'm certain, for everyone involved in the *Monitor* recovery operations."

The sculptures will be kept as part of the Office of National Marine Sanctuary's *Monitor* collection and will be used in future exhibits and education programs.

NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries serves as the trustee for the National Marine Sanctuary System, and works to conserve, protect, and enhance their biodiversity, ecological integrity and cultural legacy. The system includes 13 national marine sanctuaries and one marine national monument, collectively encompassing over 150,000 square miles of area in the ocean and Great Lakes. The Maritime Heritage Program focuses on maritime heritage resources within the national marine sanctuary system, and promotes maritime heritage appreciation throughout the nation.

NOAA's mission is to understand and predict changes in the Earth's environment, from the depths of the ocean to the surface of the sun, and to conserve and manage our coastal and marine resources. Join us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and our other [social media channels](#).

(Source: NOAA News Release dtd March 6, 2012)



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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GRADE	DATE	CITY	STATE
AGAMAN	BRIAN	MKC	20050528	BOOTHBAY HARBOR	ME
ALLOR	CHARLES	BM1	20111201	PUTNAM VALLEY	NY
ALTENA	EUGENE	CDR	20120110	AUBURN	WA
ARCHAMBAULT	MURRAY	LT	20120109	PLAINVILLE	MA
ARD	ALMA	ENCM	20111228	SANTEE	CA
ARDEN	DALE	QM1	20120210	SEASIDE	OR
AVERY	GERALD	RM1	20120202	PISCATAWAY	NJ
BASS	TOM	BMC	20120121	HARTSFIELD	GA
BECKETT	DANIEL	ENS	20111220	INDIAN HARBOR BCH	FL
BEFORT	DONALD	RD2	20111227	RICHMOND	VA
BELLOS	CHARLES	LCDR	20111231	GREENVILLE	NC
BERRY	CLARENCE	ADCM	20120127	MOBILE	AL
BOGGAN	DOUGLAS	EN1	20120104	BELFOUNTAIN	ON
BONNETTE	LESTER	FS1	20111130	PERRYVILLE	MO
BRADLEY	RALPH	CWO4	20120112	NEW ORLEANS	LA
BRAILER	PAUL	ALC	20111128	GLEN BURNIE	MD
BRIDENSTINE	DONALD	AGC	20111220	CARY	NC
BRONAUGH	JOSEPH	CAPT	20111228	BLUFFTON	SC
BROWN	CLARENCE	DCCS	20111205	KINGSTON	WA
BUMATAY	EDWARD	MKC	20111225	HILO	HI
BURCH	PHILIP	SD1	20120105	UPPER DARBY	PA
BURGE	BOBBY	AM1	20111202	CARRIERE	MS
BUTLER	HARRY	AD1	20120101	SCOTTSDALE	AZ
BUTLER	PAUL	LCDR	20120109	ALMOND	NC
CARPENTER	LARRY	OS1	20111222	SALEM	OR
COBB	RICHARD	LCDR	20120131	WALNUT CREEK	CA
COLEMAN	NOEL	MKC	20111227	MONTGOMERY	TX
COLLINS	ALAN	SK2	20111225	SAVANNAH	GA
CONERLY	JACK	LT	20111214	SAVANNAH	GA
COOKE	DAVID	RD1	20120126	LAKE PLACID	FL
COOKE	HARROLD	CWO2	20111210	LUCERNE VALLEY	CA
CORKUM	PETER	YN2	20120101	ALAMEDA	CA
DAVIS	ARTHUR	RM1	20111129	MIDDELSEX	NC
DEE	WILLIAM	BMC	20120212	DALLAS	OR
DEMARS	RICHARD	ATC	20120123	SEASIDE	OR
DEZERN	LAWRENCE	BMC	20111222	LUCAMA	NC
DIVERS	MICHAEL	EM1	20111222	OWASSO	OK
DOREST	GILBERT	MKC	20120103	CHARLOTTE	NC
DRESSEL	JOHN	SA	20120109	MOUNTAINSIDE	NJ
DYCUS	WILLIAM	ET1	20120120	VIDOR	TX
DZIGGEL	ARMAND	QMCS	20120107	MIAMI	FL
ETIENNE	JOSEPH	LT	20111219	KAPAA	HI
EVANS	BOBBY	MKC	20111227	HOLLY HILL	FL
FABRI	NORMAN	LCDR	20120112	WATAUGA	TX
FITHEN	GEORGE	LT	20120125	SPRINGFIELD	MO
FLEMING	DONALD	FSC	20120207	DUNNELLON	FL
FORD	WALLACE	BMCM	20111226	ALPHARETTA	GA
FORD	HOWARD	GMC	20111202	WINCHESTER	TN
FRIEND	LOUIS	ADC	20120103	SUTHERLIN	OR
GAMBLE	RICHARD	CDR	20111129	STINSON BEACH	CA
GASKILL	CHARLES	BMC	20120126	SALUDA	VA
GENTILI	MARIANO	PSC	20120112	NEW BEDFORD	MA
GIBNEY	PETER	CDR	20111226	WALNUT CREEK	CA
GILFILLAN	JOHN	FS1	20120124	ARLINGTON	VA
GONZALES	ESPIRITU	FS1	20111230	FREMONT	CA

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GOODWIN	WALTER	SS1	20080820	SAN PABLO,	CA
GRAINGER	WILLIAM	BMC	20120201	SUMMERVILLE	SC
GRAY	RANDOLPH	MK1	20120121	GRANTSBORO	NC
GRIFFIN	WILLIAM	CDR	20120208	EASTON	MD
GUINN	WILLIAM	GMC	20111229	SOUTH CHARLESTON	WV
HARO	ALFRED	CDR	20111229	MORAGA	CA
HASTY	STEVE	CWO4	20111210	TARPON SPRINGS	FL
HAYNES	PETER	F&S4	20111231	MECHANICSBURG	PA
HEATH	JOHN	BMC	20120124	PLYMOUTH	MA
HECKMAN	ALBERT	RADM	20120116	ARLINGTON	VA
HEIN	FRANCIS	HSC	20120115	HEBRON	KY
HELMS	VINCENT	MK3	20120108	LEBANON	PA
HERNANDEZ	GLYNN	MKC	20120104	BATON ROUGE	LA
HOIT	WILLIAM	CWO4	20120119	CENTRALIA	WA
HOLLAND	LUKIE	SD1	20120130	PORTSMOUTH	VA
HOLM	RUDY	CDR	20120207	ALBUQUERQUE	NM
HOLSTAD	WALTER	ENC	20111230	MANISTEE	MI
HOLT	LEROY	QMC	20111210	LUTZ	FL
HOPE	SEAN	BM1	20120108	PORT ANGELES	WA
HORSLEY	CHALMERS	PRC	20111227	ONANCOCK	VA
HOWELL	JOHNNIE	MKC	20111130	RANDALLSTOWN	MD
HUENERBERG	SCOTT	BM1	20120210	TAMARAC	FL
HUFF	DALE	LCDR	20111225	ISSAQUAH	WA
JARVI	GERALD	GMC	20120121	LUDINGTON	MI
JONES	CHARLES	BMCM	20111213	MAGNOLIA	AR
JORDAN	TULLIE	SN	20111208	BRONX	NY
KARNES	JAMES	DCC	20111224	THE VILLAGES	FL
KECK	EARL	SKC	20120127	LIVE OAK	FL
KIRBY	FRANCIS	ET2	20120116	DENISON	TX
KLUG	JAMES	BMCM	20120101	WALL	NJ
KNIGHT	OLAND	MKCS	20120130	CUMBERLAND	ME
KOWALSKI	BENJAMIN	CDR	20120111	SOUTHBURY	CT
KRIVDO	GREGORY	MSS4	20120120	MERRITT ISLAND	FL
KYEA	DANIEL	BM1	20111210	EAST QUOGUE	NY
LAMPHIER	MERLE	MK1	20120209	BAR MILLS	ME
LAPP	RONALD	LCDR	20111227	BARKHAMSTED	CT
LAYCOCK	EDWARD	CWO4	20120122	MASON	TX
LEE	CHARLES	CWO2	20111213	LA MESA	CA
LEMLEY	NORMAN	CAPT	20111219	ARLINGTON	VA
LONG	KENNETH	CAPT	20120127	CAMDEN	SC
LOPEZ	LUIS	BMC	20111229	PONCE	PR
LUCCHESI	LEON	DC1	20120108	STATEN ISLAND	NY
MACDONALD	JAMES	CAPT	20120214	MARGATE	FL
MACEWEN	JOHN	QMC	20120212	DEAL	MD
MADISON	HARRY	FSC	20120216	SPANISH FORT	AL
MARSHALL	DONALD	AMC	20111218	DURHAM	NC
MAY	RICHARD	MKCS	20120125	CAMAS	WA
MCAULIFFE	CLINTON	CAPT	20111128	BELLEVUE	WA
MCCAFFREY	WILLIAM	LCDR	20120102	NAPLES	FL
MCCLELLAN	VERNON	CWO2	20120120	WILMINGTON	NC
MCKEE	DAVID	ATCM	20111128	KINGWOOD	TX
MEEKINS	PRESTON	BMCM	20120111	COINJOCK	NC
MELDER	WILLIAM	QM3	20111215	HUNTSVILLE	TX
MILLARD	JOSEPH	CWO3	20120118	BRICK	NJ
MITCHELL	GARY	MK1	20111223	PASCAGOULA	MS
MOLLAUN	JAMES	BMC	20111216	SALIDA	CO
MORGAN	KENNETH	CDR	20120126	MUKILTEO	WA
NEIDERBERGER	KARL	RMCM	20120120	VIERA	FL
NEVLING	CHRISTOPHER	ET3	20120101	SAINT ROSE	LA

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NIGRO	ANTHONY	LCDR	20110729	WAREHAM	MA
NORVELL	FULTON	CWO2	20111225	PEACHTREE CTY	GA
OEFFNER	GERARD	MK1	20111128	CHEBOYGAN	MI
OLIVIT	RODERICK	RM1	20120126	JUNEAU	AK
OWENS	DENNIS	DCCS	20111221	WINTER HAVEN	FL
PALLOTOLO	THOMAS	RD1	20111203	SOUTHBURY	CT
PALMER	KENNETH	ENCS	20120123	CHICOPEE	MA
PARKER	DAVID	BMC	20120107	HAMILTON	MT
PARRITT	LESLIE	BMCM	20120210	COLUMBIA	ME
PARTRIDGE	MARION	MK2	20120203	FORT BENNING	GA
PATRICK	SHERWOOD	CWO4	20111201	FORT BELVOIR	VA
PAWLOSKI	DAVID	BMC	20120111	HOLIDAY	FL
PERRIN	JOHN	BM1	20120211	SEBASTIAN	FL
PERRY	GERALD	CWO4	20111213	OXFORD	MA
PERRY	KENNETH	CSCM	20120124	SALEM	CT
PILCHER	RICHARD	TCC	20120204	MELBOURNE	FL
POWELL	JOHN	MKC	20120109	MAD RIVER	CA
PRICE	LAWRENCE	BM1	20120111	LEESVILLE	SC
RAINEY	JERALD	LCDR	20120210	COEUR D'ALENE	ID
REINKE	LELAND	CDR	20111219	MONROE	WA
RICHARDS	ROBERT	CWO4	20120105	ORANGE PARK	FL
ROBERTS	JERRY	AD1	20120106	VARYSBURG	NY
ROBINSON	WAYNE	BMC	20120126	HARWICH PORT	MA
ROBINSON	WILLIAM	RM1	20120120	THOMASTON	ME
RUSSELL	DAVID	CDR	20111225	PORT ST LUCIE	FL
RYAN	BILLY	CAPT	20111226	MONTICELLO	AR
SAMUEL	JAMES	BM1	20111221	OLONGAPO CITY	PI
SANDUSKY	EMORY	PS2	20111130	FORREST GROVE	OR
SANTANA	FIDEL	PS3	20111218	TOA BAJA	PR
SAPP	PAUL	YN1	20111207	LAKE HAVASU CITY	AZ
SCHNEIDER	RALPH	TTCS	20120119	POLAND	ME
SHADLE	JAMES	CWO2	20111221	PHOENIX	AZ
SHETTLESWORTH	ROBERT	CWO3	20120104	LUFKIN	TX
SHOAF	LLOYD	DCC	20111205	NORWICH	CT
SIMPSON	RICHARD	LCDR	20120214	CLARKSVILLE	AR
SNIDER	MICHAEL	ENS	20120130	ROCK HILL	SC
SPATUZZI	FRANK	LTJG	20120113	CLEARWATER	FL
SPIRAWK	JOSEPH	MK1	20120109	NEWFANE	NY
STEIGER	AARON	CDR	20120116	HEWLETT	NY
SWANSTROM	RICHARD	LCDR	20120107	DULUTH	MN
SWEET	DAVID	QMC	20111207	SELLERSVILLE	PA
TERRELL	JOHN	CWO3	20111228	COOKVILLE	TX
THURMOND	NATHANIEL	FS1	20111209	WEST MONROE	LA
TOOSON	RONALD	AE1	20120101	CINCINNATI	OH
TORRENCE	TERRY	ET1	20120126	CLINTON	IN
TUCKER	WILLIAM	BMCS	20120113	BRONX	NY
TURNER	PETER	PA2	20120201	NEW GLOUCESTR	ME
VANDOREN	MICHAEL	LCDR	20120212	NEW SMYRNA BEACH	FL
VILLALUZ	DANILO	YN3	20111226	VANCOUVER	WA
WALKE	RAYMOND	MSTC	20120120	QUINCY	FL
WARBUTTON	ROBERT	CWO4	20111231	NORTH PORT	FL
WARD	EDLEE	BMC	20120123	LEHIGH ACRES	FL
WARDWELL	ARTHUR	CAPT	20120126	NEWTON	MA
WEIDNER	GEORGE	CDR	20111209	STAFFORD	VA
WETMORE	THOMAS	RADM	20111230	NEWBURYPORT	MA
WHITE	MILES	ENC	20120110	WILMINGTON	NC
WHITING	KENDALL	LCDR	20111231	PENSACOLA	FL
WILCOX	HOBART	ADC	20111216	ST PETERSBURG	FL
WILLIAMS	STEPHEN	SD1	20111220	STATEN ISLAND	NY

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WILLIS	THOMAS	SN	20111231	LOGANVILLE	GA
WILSON	FRED	LT	20111209	PORT ANGELES	WA
WOLF	DONALD	CDR	20111226	SMITHFIELD	VA
WOODARD	ROBERT	BMC	20120129	FORT MILL	SC
WRIGHT	LEROY	FSC	20120124	CHARLESTON	SC
ZADRICK	NICKOLAS	RM1	20120101	SOUTHINGTON	CT
ZWALLY	RICHARD	LCDR	20111216	ST PETERSBURG	FL

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

Notice for Survivors of RET-2 (Reserve) Retirees

For Ret-2 deaths, please notify PPC immediately. In several cases PPC was not notified until the member would have been age 60 and the annuitants lost benefits because the law only allows a 6 year window to apply for RCSBP benefits.

Dependent TAPS

Name of Dependent	Relationship	Date of Death	Location
Jacqueline M Saldana	Wife of CDR Jaime R Vazquea, USCG, Ret	20 Nov 11	San Juan, PR
Geraldine E Werth	Wife of CWO4 George C Werth, Sr., USCG, Ret	16 Nov 11	Eau Claire, WI
Nenita T Anloague	Wife of CWO4 Amante Q Anloague, USCG, Ret	09 Dec 11	Middleburg, FL
Lalonie Kay Brown	Wife of MKCS James M Brown, USCG, Ret	09 Mar 11	Gladstone, OR
DeAnna E Brocks	Wife of PS1 John Brocks, USCGR, Ret	14 Oct 07	Hampstead, NC
Mary Sue Bogucki	Wife of CAPT Vincent Bogucki, USCG, Ret	10 Nov 09	Annapolis, MD
Peggy J Ware	Wife of TTC Sim A Ware, USCG, Ret	16 Nov 11	Tignall, GA
Jean B Randall	Wife of CAPT William Randall, NOAA, Ret	12 Jan 12	Washington, DC
Donna B Greiner	Wife of CWO3 Arthur J Greiner, USCG, Ret	09 Jan 12	Sault Ste Marie, MI
Janet E Dickens	Wife of CAPT Charles R Dickens, USCG, Ret	27 Nov 11	San Antonio, TX
Virginia M Thayer	Wife of FS1 Richard L Thayer, USCG, Ret	20 Aug 11	Meredith, NH
Elizabeth Bosdell	Wife of DCCM Charles Bosdell, USCG, Ret	18 Jan 12	Gloucester, VA
Mae Brotman	Wife of LCDR Herman Brotman, USCGR, Ret	07 Aug 11	Orlando, FL
Hilda Granger	Wife of CDR James A Granger, USCG, Ret	26 Jan 12	Poquoson, VA
Janet H Paras	Wife of CWO4 Ceasar A Paras, USCG, Ret	18 Oct 11	Castro Valley, CA
Pam Fackler	Ex-wife of MKC Timothy J Fackler, USCG, Ret	15 Feb 11	Corbett, OR
Gilda A Tilton	Wife of LCDR Donald O Tilton, USCG, Ret	14 Jan 12	Portland, ME
Phyllis M Stock	Ex-wife of YNCS Robert Stock, USCG, Ret	20 Jan 12	Denver, CO
Julia C Heydenreich	Wife of CAPT James G Heydenreich, USCG, Ret	17 Jan 12	Manchester, NJ
Patricia G Sease	Wife of TTC Robert Sease, USCG, Ret	23 Oct 11	Brooklyn, NY
Anne C Boney	Wife of EM1 Clement R Boney, USCG, Ret	05 Jan 12	Mobile, AL
Hazel M Geoghagan	Wife of CWO4 William J Geoghagan, USCG, Ret	17 Feb 12	Stanwood, WA
M Lucille Dinsmore	Wife of CWO4 Oren A Dinsmore, USCG, Ret	13 Feb 12	Gulfport, MS
Mary L Wernig	Wife of CDR Vincent J Wernig, USCG, Ret	08 Feb 12	Providence, RI
Margaret B Howard	Wife of EMCS Leon R Howard, USCG, Ret	27 Nov 11	Wanchese, NC
Ardis Sherman	Wife of SKC Joseph Sherman, USCG, Ret	01 Mar 12	Nunica, MI
Beverly B Muldoon	Wife of LT John J Muldoon, USCG, Ret	02 Feb 12	Bernalillo Co., NM
Deloris Raggio	Wife of SN Victor Raggio, USCG, Ret	01 Jan 12	Tucson, AZ

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.

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 \$4.6 million in direct financial assistance to those in need. More than \$320,000 in emergency assistance went out to Retired military members.

The CGMA Fundraising Campaign takes place 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 or call (800) 881-2462.

TRICARE Retiree Dental Program

The TRICARE Retiree Dental Program is available to all military retirees (including gray area retirees) and their eligible family members, unremarried surviving spouses and their eligible children, as well as MOH recipients and their eligible immediate family members. The program covers cleanings, exams, fillings, root canals, gum surgery, oral surgery and dental accidents on the first day that coverage becomes effective; after 12 months of being in the program, it then covers crowns, bridges, partials, braces and dental implants. (New retirees who enroll within four months after retirement from the Uniformed Services or transfer to Retired Reserve status are eligible to waive the 12-month waiting period for major services; supporting documentation is required).

The Enhanced TRDP provides every enrollee an annual maximum of \$1,200 per person (\$1,000 for Basic Program enrollees), a \$1000 annual maximum for dental accidents and a \$1500 lifetime maximum for orthodontics. It is important to note that the money that the TRDP pays out for preventive and diagnostic services doesn't count against the annual maximum – those benefits are in addition to the \$1200. Retirees can find more information on the program, as well as enroll 24/7/365, online at trdp.org.

TRDP enrollees realize the maximum program savings (an average of 22%) when seeing a network provider. To find a network provider, as well as utilize the **Consumer Toolkit** to print ID cards, view annual maximum information, see if claims have been paid and sign up for e-mail updates, please visit trdp.org.

Editor's notes

The Suncoast Chapter of the CWOA would like to thank all who donated to the monument fund for the Bushnell Florida Veterans Cemetery. Due to the generosity of those donations we are extending our goal to include placing a similar monument at the Sarasota Veterans Cemetery.



Any additional donations may be forwarded to Suncoast Chapter USCG CWOA c/o Bill Reetz, 1515 High Bluff Dr, Largo, FL 33770.

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

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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Editor's notes (continued from page 19)**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
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 (PSD-MR)
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

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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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
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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, 2012.

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	1 877 363-1303	http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/Prescriptions/FillingPrescriptions/TMOP
Retiree Dental Plan	1 888 838-8737	http://www.trdp.org
TRICARE Overseas	1 888 777-8343	http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/Regions/RegionsNonUS
TRICARE United States	phone numbers on their website	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://tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/Eligibility/WhoIsEligible/MedicareBeneficiaries
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 80 Livingston Avenue Roseland, NJ 07068-1733
Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents	1 800 827-1000	http://www.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current_benefits.asp VA Pamphlet 80-02-1
Headstones and Markers	1 800 697-6947	http://www.cem.va.gov/hm.htm

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Other	Phone	Websites/Notes
Final Active Duty Pay	1 866 772-8724 Overseas (785) 339-2200	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.		
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://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/ Write to: National Personnel Records Center Military Personnel Records 9700 Page Avenue St. Louis, MO 63132-5100
Veterans or next-of-kin of a deceased veteran can log on http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records 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. DD-214's are also available via the website.		
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, 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: NRHDesk@gmail.com

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