

From: Co-Chairs, Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council

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Subject: Minutes of the Friday, 25 June, 2010 Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council Meeting

In accordance with the COMDTINST 1800.5e, Sec. 6.b. (6) the following minutes are submitted for review and comment. Upon receipt of comments, the minutes will be revised as recommended and will be distributed to Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council Members, to the National Retiree Council and to other Coast Guard Regional Retiree Councils. They will also be posted on our WEB site for access by Retiree Council affiliated Retirees in the Washington, DC Metro area, and others.

MINUTES OF THE FRIDAY, 25 JUNE, 2010 MEETING OF THE CAPITAL AREA COAST GUARD RETIREE COUNCIL

Welcome and Introductions – Co-Chair Bud Schneeweis convened the council meeting at 0900 on Friday, 25 June, 2010 in Room B718 of Coast Guard Headquarters.

Council Members Attending:

Mrs. Susan Baicar	CAPT James Louttit
CAPT David Bernstein	Mr Norm Paulhus
Mrs Lula Carpenter	CAPT W.G. “Bud” Schneeweis
CAPT Stephen Goldhammer	CDR Benjamin Stoppe

CO Headquarters Support Command: CDR Andrew Dutton was absent.

Proposed Agenda

1. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Welcome and Introductions
Comments by the Headquarters Support Command Representative
Discuss and Approve Minutes of the 26 March, 2010 Council Meeting

2. COUNCIL PROGRAM

OLD BUSINESS

- 2.1.1 Status of Google List and Membership Outreach
- 2.1.2 Help Desk Utilization
- 2.1.3 Update on Newsletter
- 2.1.4 Website Update
- 2.1.5 Development of Caregivers Guide & Status Update

NEW BUSINESS

- 2.2.1 Treasurers Report
 - 2.2.2 Discussion of **COMDTINST**, section 5,5.1, Liaison & Sponsoring Command
 - 2.2.3 Report from **CCGNRC Annual Meeting 2010**
 - 2.2.3 Holiday Party Pre-Planning
 - 2.2.5 2010 Meeting Schedule
 - 2.2.6 Additional Items and Good of the Order
- 2.3 ADJOURNMENT

1. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM

- 1.1 **Welcome and Introductions-** Co-Chair Bud Schneeweis called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM in Rm B718 at CGHQ.
- 1.2 **Comments by Headquarters Support Command (HSC) Representative –**
CDR Dutton did not attend.
- 1.3 **Discuss and Approve the 26 March, 2010 minutes –** The minutes were approved as amended.

2. COUNCIL PROGRAM

OLD BUSINESS

- 2.1.1 **Status of Google List and Membership Outreach –** David Bernstein needs help with names to match e-mails and help downloading manually the names & email addresses as he works to put names & addresses on an “Outlook” mailing list as we are leaving “Google”. Susan will send out another email using the “Google” list and ask for names to go with email addresses. As Jay Fowler is ill, Susan will contact LT Terry Walsh @ decedent affairs, ie, funeral notifications. Bud will send out a letter to CG-1 asking for names as this is an official CG function for keeping in touch with the CG retirement community.
- 2.1.2 **Help Desk Utilization –** Bob Warakomsky sent word that 5 new watch standers were on board.
- 2.1.3 **Update on Newsletter –** The Newsletter will go out when Norm returns from vacation.
- 2.1.4 **Website Update –** Tabled until next meeting.

2.1.5 Development of Caregivers Guide – Tabled until next meeting.

2.1.6 Report to Retiree Council – “Value – add Functions” by Kip Louttit –

Summary: Most people don't know Council exists, but common themes of the input of Kip's contributors are such good purposes as:

- (1) A source of reliable information
- (2) Assisting people to stay connected thru info on social or other events.
- (3) Partner with local units, and/or MOAA, FRA, etc.

After discussion, Bud will try to get a contact person in HSC, and then consult with RADM Ames & MCPO-CG Vince Patton to discuss Norm Lemley's idea for an events calendar effort to post in the News-Letter & on our Website.

NEW BUSINESS

2.2.1 The Treasurers Report - The Treasurer's Report will be given at the next meeting.

2.2.2 Discussion of COMDTINST, Section 5.5.1, Liaison & Sponsoring Command - The minutes will no longer be sent to HSC for approval, pending by-law review.

2.2.3 Report from the CCGNRC Annual Meeting 2010 – Bud Schneeweis, Mike White & Susan Baicar attended. The following was discussed:

1. The new Organization of the Coast Guard
2. Delta Dental update – Still a good deal for many
3. PSC – Medicare/Tricare current reimbursement schedule passed the Congress after a delay. Tricare fees may go up next year.
4. Budget briefing – The Coast Guard budget will likely be reduced.
5. Debbie Farley Report on Retiree Section Support Command - Reserve Retiree issues were discussed & this is a problem in all the Services. The biggest problem is lack of current addresses in the data base. Help Desk is advised to send issues to her.
6. Legislative Report by MOAA & Fleet Reserve – They are busy on Capitol Hill with the Budget & Debt Commission.
7. Vice Commandant's presentation – Upbeat but cautionary@ the Budget.
8. HQ Move to St Elizabeths in 2013 – Discussion of commuting problems.
9. Vince Patton report on importance of Social Networking for jobs after retirement.
10. Civilian Exchange Use – Susan Baicar reported on limited Exchange Privileges for Retired CG & DHS Civilian Employees.

2.2.4 Holiday Party Pre-Planning – The party is set for 5 December, 2010, the first Sunday in December. We hope for better attendance if we can access names of more retirees.

2.2.5 2010 Meeting Schedule – The next Council meetings will be:

Friday, 24 September 2010.

Friday, 03 December 2010

Bud will be in contact with CG-1 to try & set up dates for meetings in 2011. The dates tentatively are all Fridays, 25 March, 24 June, 30 September and 02 December 2011.

2.2.6 Additional Items and Good of the Order – Bud Schneeweis announced he will step down as Co-Chairman of the Council in December after his 3 year term is up in December. He will remain a Council member. The Council appreciates Bud’s leadership & hard work.

A get well card was signed by Council Members to be sent to Council Co-Chair, Mike White, wishing him a speedy recovery.

3. AJOURNMENT

Minutes prepared by Lula Carpenter _____
Submitted June 29, 2010

CAPT Bud Schneeweis _____

SCPO Dennis M. (Mike) White _____

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