

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

To: Council Members (via E-Mail)

Subj: Minutes of the Friday, 05 December 2014 Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council Meeting

In accordance with the COMDTINST 1800.5e, Sec. 6.b. (6) the following minutes are submitted for your review and comments. Upon receipt of your 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, 05 December 2014 Meeting of the Capital Area Coast Guard Retiree Council -

Welcome and Introductions - Co-Chair David Bernstein convened the council meeting at 0830 on Friday, 05 December 2014 on the 11th floor conference room at CG Ballston.

Council Members:

Attending:

LCDR John Bagg

CAPT David Bernstein

Mrs. Lula Carpenter

Mr. Paul Cojeen

LCDR David Du Pont

CAPT Stephen Goldhammer

Mr. Bob Hinds

CPO John Milkiewicz

CAPT Brad Niesen

CDR Ben Stoppe (via telecom)

Sponsor - LCDR Ally Shuler (via telecom)- CG Base Capital Area, Personnel Support Department.

Proposed Agenda

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Discuss & Approve Minutes of the 03 October 2014 Council Meeting**

COUNCIL PROGRAM

OLD BUSINESS

- 1.1 Status of Email Distribution List and Membership Outreach**
- 1.2 Help Desk Utilization – (e-mail nrhdesk@gmail.com)**
- 1.3 Update on Newsletter**
- 1.4 Website Update**
- 1.5 Retiree Support Items**

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- 2.1 Paul Peak's Sword as Award Emblem– David Bernstein**
- 2.2 Discussion of National Help Desk –David Du Pont**
- 2.3 CACG Retiree Council Party Date –John Milkiewicz, David Bernstein**
 - 2.6.1 Publicity, Raffle prizes**
 - 2.6.2 Ticket money collection**
 - 2.6.3 Invitations to Commandant, Vice, MCPOCG, MCPOCG(R)**
 - 2.6.4 Cost of Party**
 - 2.6.5 Member Assigned Party Tasks**
 - 2.6.6 Parking**
 - 2.6.7 Discussion of \$1000 donation**
- 2.4 Council Membership and Committees**
- 2.5 Treasurers Report and Number of Guests attending Holiday Party**
- 2.6 Retiree Participation in USCG Related Events/ DC Area Events Calendar**
- 2.7 Proposed 2015 Meeting Schedule and Change of Venue Discussion**
 - 27 March 2015**
 - 26 June 2015**
 - 25 September 2015**
 - 04 December 2015**
- 2.8 Suggestions for the Good of the Order**

ADJOURNMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- 1. Welcome and Introductions-** David Bernstein, Council Co-Chair welcomed Bob Hinds, Retiree Program Manager and new Council member, Brad Niesen.

2. Discuss and Approve Minutes of the 03 October 2014 Meeting- The minutes were approved as corrected to add DC and MD in item 1.2.

COUNCIL PROGRAM

OLD BUSINESS

1.1 Status of Email Distribution List and Membership Outreach-David Bernstein reported that he had 515-530 email addresses from retirees with compliments on this service and the Newsletter.

1.2 Help Desk Utilization-(email-nrhdesk@gmail.com) – David Du Pont informed the Council that the National Retiree Council had helped with recruitment of new volunteers. Bob Hinds, the new Retiree Program Manager has volunteered and there is the possibility that there may a new Watchstander from the Dakotas. Once the connection is made and the training finished, they will be integrated into the Help Desk System. Volunteers hail from FL, TX, WA, VA, MD, DC and CA. David Bernstein thanked David Du Pont and Bob Warakomsky for their hard work to make the Help Desk such a success. At last report, an excess of 15 requests had been received which was an increase over the last report of 6-9 requests. Retiree Program Director, Bob Hinds said the National Retiree Help Desk may be brought under the CG-13 Retiree Support Program in the future.

1.3 Update on Newsletter-David Bernstein reported that he had been sending out more frequent Newsletters and had received very positive comments from recipients.

1.4 Website Update-Paul Cojeen reported that the 21 February 2014 and 27 June 2014 minutes have been sent to Joe Fernandez, CGIT. David will send the Newsletter to Mr. Fernandez for posting to the website.

1.5 Retiree Support Items-Bob Hinds reported that he is working with Otis Gallups, a CG Auxiliary member, who has been designated Base Capital Region RSD Volunteer Director.

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2.1 Paul Peak Sword as Award Emblem - Capt Paul Peak was very involved with the Retiree Community and gave generously of his time in the planning of our annual Holiday Party. It was suggested that if we in the future have a permanent meeting place, that the sword be displayed there in his honor. In addition, Bob Hinds suggested that a recognition plaque be presented at the National Council Meeting so that CAPT Peak and the work of our Council would be recognized on the National level.

Also in his memory, a plaque will be given to Jane Peak, his wife, in recognition of all Paul Peak's work with the Coast Guard Retiree Community. This will be presented to Mrs. Peak on the occasion of our Holiday Party on 14 December 2014.

The question of old uniforms was raised and John Milkiewicz is going to research the possibility of the need for them at the CG Heritage Museum in Cape Cod, Mass or the "USCG Taney" in Baltimore, MD.

2.2 Help Desk – Refer to item 1.2 – Additionally Bob Hinds has been in contact with Jim Montgomery and Debbie Farley at PPC and the idea was raised by Bob to have a Help Desk manned by volunteers at PPC and the idea was well received.

2.3 Holiday Party – John Milkiewicz passed out menus for the party that showed heavy hors d'oeuvres and the addition of turkey and ham sandwiches. These sandwiches were paid for by a portion of the \$1000 gift donated by an anonymous benefactor. Paul Cojeen said the list showed that 52 had paid at this time. It was noted that former Commandant Thad Allen and his wife will be attending.

2.6.1 Publicity, Raffle prizes – Ben Stoppe will bring 2 cash boxes and raffle tickets.

A 50/50 raffle, 5 prints donated by the late Paul Peak and CG related books will help defray costs in addition to \$6 per drink or 3 drinks for \$15.

2.6.2 Ticket Money Collection – Bob Warakomsky will collect event money and Steve Goldhammer will sell Raffle tickets

2.6.3 Invitations to Commandant, Vice Commandant, MCPOCG, MCPOGR, Auxilliary – Invitations and acceptances have been received.

2.6.4 Cost of Party – The \$35 per person price continues.

2.6.5 Member Assigned Tasks – Bob Hinds will make the nametags. Lula Carpenter and Mike White will check guests in and give out nametags.

2.6.6 John Milkiewicz reported that the new Vinson Hall garage is open for parking. Valet Parking will be available.

2.6.7 Discussion of \$1000 Donation – Thanks to the donation, the Council will keep the cost of the party the same as last year with the addition of the sandwiches to the menu and keep the remainder of the donation to keep costs down in future years.

David Bernstein thanked John Milkiewicz for all his diligence and hard work in making the CACG Retiree Council Holiday Party a success.

2.4 Council Membership and Committees – Refer to Welcome and Introductions.

2.5 Treasurers Report- Refer to Treasurers Report at end of Minutes.

2.6 Retiree Participation in USCG Related Events/DC Area Events Calendar -

David Bernstein attended the Retiree Appreciation Day at FT Meyer which is always a well attended event with many booths and much information for Retirees. Bob Hinds attended the Retiree Appreciation Day at Aberdeen Proving Grounds and met with General Crawford. Bob also spoke with John Radke, Army Retiree Manager. Bob is hoping to meet with the VA Secretary, Bob McDonald, at a regular breakfast meeting for the Armed Services in the future.

2.7 Proposed 2015 Meeting Schedule and Future Change of Venue - Tiscom
and one meeting a year at CGHQ were discussed.

27 March 2015 -Ballston

26 June 2015

25 September 2015

04 December 2015

2.8 Suggestions for the Good of the Order – Norm Paulhus, Council Member, remains in Rehab and would love to hear from Council Members via phone or cards/letters.

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ADJOURNMENT -10:08 AM

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