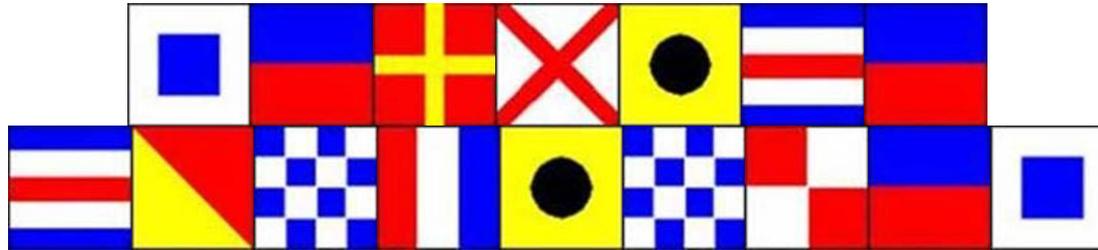


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SERVICE CONTINUES



Thought for the Week



Several items having time value and/or providing important information

Several attachments of interest including death notices.

Don't know if it's appropriate for me to wish you a Happy April Fool's Day. Might be "foolish" if I do ☺

A very early notice. The Annual Capital Area CG Retiree Council Holiday Party will happen on Sunday, 13 December at Vinson Hall, PLEASE SAVE THE DATE. At our last event, ADM Zukunft was among the last to leave and said that he'll "attend every one of these". We also had holiday music & good food & very good attendance.

Meeting with US Army Joint Base Ft Myer-Henderson Hall (JBM-HH)

April 10th Bob Hinds Director of Reserve Activities CGHQ CG-13, our Capital Area CG Retiree Council Co-chair John Milkiewicz and I will be meeting with the Joint Base Ft Myer/Henderson Hall Retiree Council members. Purpose of the meeting, sharing information about how we each function particularly with the advent of COMDTINST 1600.36, learning from each other and possibly having the Army provide some support to us, particularly the possibility of a meeting location when our current location, the CG Personnel Services Command in Ballston moves to CGHQ. Also, items such as issuing ID cards, medical care at the Rader clinic etc. CWO (Ret) Ray LaPlante is JBM/HH Communications Officer. He's interested in our newsletter and we're interested in his Active Duty support for disseminating information to the Retirees supported by JBM/HH

Coast Guard Headquarters Officers' Association

The CGHQ Officers' Association is quite active. They've arranged the following events and Retirees are more than welcome, as a matter of fact, **DESIRED**.

1. FREE LUNCH - Our First Annual Membership Lunch and Annual Meeting is fast approaching. If you have not yet already done so, please RSVP. Come hear about your Association's initial first year accomplishments, current state of affairs, and future goals and objectives for growing the Association. Oh yeah, and have lunch on us! We will be serving some outstanding pork BBQ!!
Membership Lunch and Annual Meeting: Take II Raymond J. Evans Conference Center - CGHQ - LL6
Date: 15 Apr 2015 11:45 EDT More information and online registration: [Membership Lunch and Annual Meeting: Take II](#)
2. 12 May Golf Outing at Andrews Air Force Base golf course. For additional information go to the website (www.ncrcgoa.org).

Important item attached on Safety Tips for Social Networking. You're aware of recent reports that ISIS is contacting service members based on the service members' use of social networking facilities.

Attached - Book on travel safety written by CG Director Health & Safety 1997 - 2003

THE MILITARY JUSTICE PROCESS AND THE PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE

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SUBJ: THE MILITARY JUSTICE PROCESS AND THE PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE

1. The Uniform Code of Military Justice demands that every service member involved in the military justice process exercise independent judgment when performing his or her responsibilities under the Code. This is essential to make the military justice process work. Service members must not make decisions based on personal interests or in an effort to bring about a result that he or she believes senior officers expect.
 2. To be clear, my expectation of the military justice process is that it be fair and impartial, and that justice be served in every case. I have no desire to see a specific outcome in any case. I direct only that the military justice process be carried out in accordance with the laws of our Nation. I expect and require commanders and convening authorities to share that intent.
 3. Sexual assault in the armed forces continues to be a significant item of concern, not only for those of us in uniform, but for our overseers and the American public. Efforts to eliminate this very serious crime from within our ranks are very important and necessarily continue. As I have said in the past and will continue to reiterate: criminal misconduct by Coast Guard men and women is not acceptable.
 4. Sexual assault response efforts demand that we care for those who report they have been victims of sexual assault. Our responsibility to care for them, and reported victims of other crimes, is not contingent upon whether there is a criminal prosecution. Our workforce must have access to support services that take seriously reports of victimization without judging the circumstances of those reports or responsibility. The support services we provide are distinct from, and should not affect, any adjudication. Treating such individuals as victims, and referring to them as such, is not, and should never be interpreted as, endorsing or prejudging an outcome in a criminal proceeding. We respect those who come forward just as we protect the rights of accused who are presumed innocent until proven otherwise.
 5. Our efforts must ensure that those accused of a crime have their cases fairly and impartially heard. My comments, and those of military and civilian senior officials, in no way indicate an expectation of a specific outcome in any case, and nothing any senior official says should be interpreted as an indication of what a particular result should be in a military justice decision.
 6. Commanding officers and officers-in-charge shall ensure that this ALCOAST is available to all hands.
 7. ADM Paul F. Zukunft, Commandant, sends.
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