

COAST GUARD RETIREE SERVICES PROGRAM

Reference ALCOAST 348/14 and Coast Guard Retiree Services Program, COMDTINST 1800.5 (series)

Our Coast Guard retirees continue to make life-long contributions to the Coast Guard and remain, forever, a part of our Coast Guard heritage and Long Blue Line.

To support this community, COMDTINST 1800.5 established a formal Retiree Services Program. The retiree services program serves as a link to facilitate staying connected while sharing key information regarding benefits, services and policies with the retiree community.

Established in 1982, the Commandant of the Coast Guard National Retiree Council (CCGNRC) is Co-Chaired by Rear Admiral John Acton (ret) and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Charles Skip Bowen (ret). The 15 regional retiree councils meet locally once or twice per year to discuss issues impacting the retiree community.

Per COMDTINST 1800.5, the four program elements serving the active, reserve, survivor and annuitant members of the retiree community are:

1. The establishment of volunteer retiree services desks at Coast Guard Bases and select TRACENs;
2. Retiree membership within the CCGNRC and Regional Retiree Councils;
3. Publication of the quarterly The Retirees newsletter by Coast Guard Pay and Personnel Center; and
4. Collaboration with DoD, Veterans Affairs and other external retiree programs.

The Coast Guard Retiree Services Program website is designed to assist the retiree community by identifying the benefits and programs available to the retiree community. Since its launch in December 2013, the website has logged over 12,000 visits.

You may visit the website at: <http://www.uscg.mil/retiree>.

In service to nation and duty to people, let us remember the history of our Coast Guard heritage including the dedication, sacrifice, and commitment of all members of our Coast Guard retiree community, The Long Blue Line.