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SUBJ: VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA) CERTIFICATION LETTERS A. Service Treatment Record (STR) and Non-Service Treatment Record

(NSTR) Life Cycle Management, DoDI 6040.45 B. Coast Guard Medical Manual, COMDTINST 6000.1 (series) 1. For STRs of Coast Guard personnel separating or retiring from the Coast Guard, Health Services Administrators (HSAs) must certify that attempts have been made to ensure completeness in accordance with Ref (A).

- 2. HSAs must validate whether Coast Guard personnel have separated from the Coast Guard before officially transferring the STR along with additional documentation to the VA Records Management Center (RMC).
- 3. A certifying cover letter shall be inserted into each medical records jacket. A sample cover letter is available on the Commandant (CG-1121) website:

http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg1/cg112/cg1121/default.asp.

- 4. This change will be updated in the next version of Ref (B).
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