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## CG National Retiree Council Call for *Annuitant-at-Large*

The mission of the CG National Retiree Council (CGNRC) is to:

*Sustain an open line of communication between the Commandant and the CG Retiree Community through the Commandant's executive agent, the Assistant Commandant for Military Personnel (CG-1M).*

The CGNRC *annuitant-at-large* supports the Council's mission as a representative for more than 9,000 annuitants, including survivors and former spouses. **Mrs. Lula Carpenter** illuminated the need for this important position following the loss of her husband, the late CAPT Lee Carpenter, USCG (Ret), in 2006, serving with distinction as *annuitant-at-large* since her appointment at the 2010 CGNRC Annual Meeting. Thanks to **Mrs. Carpenter**, for more than 10 years, the Coast Guard has been mailing condolence letters and needed information to survivors upon the passing of a retiree. **Lula** also serves as *Secretary* for the Capital Area CG Retiree Council and *Retiree Liaison* for the Coast Guard Spouses' Club of Washington DC. After 15 years of tireless service as *annuitant-at-large*, **Mrs. Carpenter** is ready to pass the torch to another volunteer, planning to spend more time with family and friends.

The CGNRC plans to appoint a new *annuitant-at-large* during their annual meeting in August 2025. If you're interested in serving in this important role, please contact Bob Hinds, Retiree Services Program Manager, [Robert.C.Hinds@uscg.mil](mailto:Robert.C.Hinds@uscg.mil) and/or Mrs. Lula Carpenter, [leecarp@verizon.net](mailto:leecarp@verizon.net)

The following are a few examples of initiatives heightening the importance of the CGNRC *annuitant-at-large*:

- Increase engagement by Regional Retiree Councils (RRCs) in CG Transition Assistance Program Seminars, encouraging participation by CG **SPOUSES**. [Transition Assistance Program \(TAP\)](#)
- Increase partnering between the CGNRC/RRCs and **CG Spouses' Clubs**. See CG Spouses' Club of Washington, DC <https://cgscdc.wildapricot.org/> and related article in this issue of the LBL.
- Improve CG communication with/support for annuitants/survivors/former spouses. e. g. [Uniformed Services Former Spouse Protection Act \(FSPA\) ...](#)