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Coast Guard Retiree Services Program Director

Rear Admiral Matthew Sibley, Acting Director, Reserve & Military Personnel (CG-13)

I want to express my sincere appreciation to RADM Rábago and MCPO Isherwood, CG National Retiree Council Co-Chairs, for their leadership in guiding Council priorities/outcomes aligned with the retiree services’ mission and Commandant’s charge to be *Ready, Relevant, and Responsive*. **BZ** to the Council for their work in development of the “Tri-Fold” enclosed with this newsletter! As our current CGNRC Co-Chairs wrap-up their tenure in April 2019, I invite retired (and transitioning active duty) CG Flag Officers and MCPOs to consider applying for these positions. See related messaging on this topic.

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This special edition of the newsletter, including the CG Retiree Services Program Guide (Tri-Fold), provides important information, enjoyable reading, and great opportunities to *stay connected*. The “Coast Guard Roundtable,” featured on pages 5 - 6, offers a unique “forum for sharing new ideas, insights, and conversations that will ultimately benefit our Service.” Retirees are invited to join “members of the wider Coast Guard stakeholder community” in submitting feature pieces.

Coast Guard National Retiree Council (CGNRC) Co-Chairs

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On 21 August, the CGNRC met with RADM Bill Kelly (CG-1), RDML Matt Sibley (CG-13), Mr. Steve Sabellico (DOL), CAPT Aaron Waters (FORCECOM) and Mr. Bob Hinds (RSP Manager). RDML Sibley relieved RDML Scott McKinley this summer as CG-13. RDML McKinley was a tireless supporter of the Retiree Services Program and we wish him well in his future endeavors. We welcome and look forward to working with RDML Sibley who has experience with the program and is already engaged in issues of importance to retirees and their families. As part of a CGNRC priority to strengthen our Regional Retiree Councils (RRCs), we now include representatives from DOL and FORCECOM in our quarterly meetings with CG-1 and CG-13. DOL and FORCECOM oversee the field commands (Bases and Training Commands) that sponsor our Regional Retiree Councils (RRCs). During this quarterly meeting we discussed two of our ongoing CGNRC priorities, improving communication with all retirees using our Communications Strategy and strengthening our RRCs with improved guidance in the form of a RRC Guide. The updated Communications Strategy and RRC Guide will be included in our annual letter to the Commandant. We are also planning to meet with our new Commandant sometime in October of this year to discuss the annual letter and the Retiree Services Program. We will post the signed annual letter on the RSP website once it is available. As part of this newsletter, we are attaching our updated “Tri-Fold” RSP brochure that your CGNRC put together to succinctly communicate information about the Retiree Services Program. We hope it will be a useful reference for you and intend to update it periodically to ensure it meets your needs. You’ll note that it contains a number of on-line references that can provide you with even more up to date information. This is part of our overall communication strategy to move more and more information to the web to better serve you. As we mentioned in the last newsletter, the fastest and easiest way to get information to and from you is electronically. Please consider subscribing for e-distribution of the newsletter and updates by providing your email address at: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/subscriber/new?topic_id=USDHSCG_56, if you have not already done so. Improving this newsletter, our web page, our “tri-fold”, social media content and other communication products/methods will continue to be our focus. We look forward to serving your needs and continuing to strengthen the Retiree Services Program.

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Submit notices, articles, & items of interest for the newsletter to:
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The deadline for input for the Jan 2019 edition is 9 Nov 2018.

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U. S. Coast Guard Pay & Personnel Center (CG PPC)
www.dcms.uscg.mil/ppc



Commanding Officer, USCG Pay and Personnel Center – Greetings from the Coast Guard's Pay and Personnel Center in Topeka, KS. I arrived in July from the Coast Guard Academy, and am humbled by the tremendous responsibility and opportunity we have in serving nearly 150,000 Coast Guard active duty, reservists, civilians, Auxiliarists, retirees, as well as NOAA and PHS retiree customers. I am incredibly thankful and appreciative of not only CAPT Brady's leadership and dedication over the past three years but of course the outstanding efforts of the 240 civilians, active duty, and reservists that make it happen every day. From annual processing of over \$5 billion in retired and active pay and almost 150,000 PCS and TDY travel claims, to unique and special projects such as the Blended Retirement System, the pending transition of SGLI to an online environment, and emerging challenges (such as Concurrent Retirement Disability Pay in concert with the VA) - the knowledgeable, professional and hard-working team here comes to work every day in attempting to provide exceptional customer service in a timely and professional manner that meets all policy, financial and audit requirements. We remain focused on the fact that at end of the day, each and every one of those transactions has a very real, personal and meaningful impact for those who are serving as well as those who have served. Thank you for your service!

Update on Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (CRDP)/Audit Error Worksheet (AEW) Processing: As discussed by Captain Brady at the CG National Retiree Council's Annual Meeting, 24-25 April 2018, we are making improvements in the process which will reduce the amount of time that retirees are having to wait to receive their compensation. At that time we were in the process of completing an automation update for AEWs being sent to the Veterans Administration (VA) so that claims would be visible in the Veterans Benefit Management System (VBMS). This would replace the manual entry of claims into the system which had been our practice for many years. The file format was prepared in May and tested by the VA in June and July. Testing was successful and we began live transmission, as scheduled, the beginning of August. We have now implemented the automated interface with the VA that mirrors the process the VA has with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), allowing us to transmit single files to the VA which are automatically captured in VBMS. The transmissions are following an established schedule of two months' worth of files each week until the backlog is all in VBMS, at which time we will send a monthly transmission file. There is an additional piece that is being completed by the VA so that the payments can be processed following the same format as DFAS, which is scheduled to be completed in the fall of this year. This portion will shorten the length of time it will take for the payments to get to veterans.

Best Regards, CAPT David Burns, Commanding Officer, USCG Pay and Personnel Center

HAVE YOU UPDATED YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION IN DEERS?

All Coast Guard military members (Active Duty, Reserve, Retired) should ensure their information in the **Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS)** is correct and up to date with current life events. This information includes members' name, address, contact information, military status (AD, Reserve, Retired), and life events (marriage, birth of children, divorce, change of address, death of a family member, becoming eligible for Medicare) and it affects **TRICARE** eligibility/coverage.

Members must be registered in DEERS to be eligible for TRICARE. Members (Sponsors) are automatically registered in DEERS by the Coast Guard. Sponsors must register eligible family members. If both parents are service members, they must choose one to be listed as the child(ren)'s sponsor in DEERS. Coast Guard members can't update their duty status in DEERS - only the Coast Guard can make those updates. When you have a change in duty status, check to ensure it is correct in DEERS.

HOW TO CHECK AND UPDATE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION IN DEERS

DEERS is accessible through **milConnect** at: <https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/>

Additional guidance on updating DEERS information is accessible at: www.tricare.mil/DEERS.

- **Adding or Removing Family Members:** Only sponsors can add or remove family members. Go to a local ID card office. You can find a local ID card office, verify business hours, and schedule an appointment, using the **RAPIDS Site Locator** at: <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/appj/site?execution=e1s1> If you have questions or problems with this website, you may contact the DMDC Support Center (DSC) User Help Desk, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at 800-477-8227.
- **Updating Your Contact Information:** Contact information includes your address, email addresses or phone number(s). Family members can update contact information after they're registered in DEERS. Access DEERS through **milConnect** at: <https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/> For additional assistance, you may contact the DMDC/DEERS Support Office (DSO) at 800-538-9552. You can Fax updates to 800-336-4416 (Primary), 502-335-9980 (Alternate) . You can mail updates to: Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office, Attn: COA, 400 Gigling Road, Seaside, CA 93955-6771.

Important Notes: Addresses can not be a P.O. Box. Many DEERS updates require supporting documentation, including: marriage, birth, or death certificates, Medicare cards and Social Security Administration notification letters and orders or DD Forms 214/discharge orders. A list of required documentation for various updates is available at www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/ Make sure to bring the required documents with you, or you may not be able to make the updates you need.

TRICARE—RETIRING FROM ACTIVE DUTY

https://tricare.mil/-/media/Files/TRICARE/Publications/.../AD_Retire_Br.ashx

What Stays the Same? You remain eligible for care and use of pharmacies at military hospitals/clinics. Your TRICARE benefit is still portable. When you move/travel, TRICARE coverage goes with you. You can still use the TRICARE Pharmacy Program.

What Changes? Your TRICARE status changes, and you will get a new uniformed services ID card. You will need to take action to enroll in a TRICARE program if you want coverage for civilian care. You will pay retiree costs for care. You will no longer have coverage for certain services, like those provided under the Extended Care Health Option (ECHO) for active duty family members. If you're entitled to Medicare Part A, you must have Medicare Part B to keep TRICARE coverage.

What Actions Do I Need to Take? Update your information in DEERS (See Page 2 of this newsletter). If you're entitled to Medicare Part A, sign up for Medicare Part B before you retire. The next steps depend on which programs you want to use.

- **TRICARE Prime:** Reenroll yourself and eligible family members. Pay the single or family enrollment fee.
- **TRICARE Select:** Enroll yourself and eligible family members. Pay the single or family enrollment fee.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you want to keep TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select with no break in coverage, you must enroll within 90 days after your retirement date. If you don't enroll in TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select within 90 days of retirement, you'll only be eligible for direct care on a space-available basis.

How Do I Enroll in TRICARE? Use the Beneficiary Web Enrollment website at www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/bwe. Contact your regional contractor. Mail your enrollment form. Find forms online at www.tricare.mil/forms. The effective date of coverage will be the date you retire. If you enroll more than 90 days after your retirement, your request will be considered a new enrollment. If you have a break in TRICARE coverage, you and your eligible family members can only receive care at a military clinic or hospital on a space-available basis until you have TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select coverage again.

RETIRES: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE TRDP TRANSITION

You may have heard that the TRDP will end on December 31, 2018. Beginning on January 1, 2019, the TRDP will be replaced by the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP). FEDVIP offers a choice of 10 dental carriers, including Delta Dental. We understand changes to your dental coverage may sound confusing. We're here to help you know what to expect and what resources you have. If you're currently enrolled in the TRDP, you will not automatically be enrolled in a FEDVIP plan for 2019. You must select a FEDVIP dental plan to continue your dental benefits. Enrollment in FEDVIP will begin November 12, 2018, and run through December 10, 2018, for coverage effective January 1, 2019. You can stay with Delta Dental simply by choosing one of our Delta Dental FEDVIP plans during the enrollment period. Delta Dental will terminate our allotment of your retirement pay at the end of 2018 and BENEFEDS will start your new allotment beginning in 2019. You don't need to do anything to set up an allotment for your FEDVIP premiums. As part of the FEDVIP enrollment process, you will answer questions regarding your eligibility and available funds and/or allotments.

Resources

TRICARE.benefeds.com – Sign up for email or text alerts and get further information on the enrollment period.

[TRDP to FEDVIP Transition Fact Sheet](#) – View/print this sheet with key questions & answers, and a plan comparison chart.

deltadentalins.com/fedvip/tricare – Learn more about FEDVIP plans and see if your current dentist is already in-network.

<https://www.trdp.org/webinars.html> – Webinars to get answers to questions from Delta Dental's subject matter experts.

FEDVIP benefits and rates information for 2019 will be available in October 2018. Delta Dental has proudly served the TRDP military retiree community for the last 20 years and we're pleased to be one of your choices in FEDVIP.

VISION COVERAGE BEGINS FOR RETIREE FAMILY

FALLS CHURCH, Va. -- Only half of the 61 million U.S. adults who are at high risk for serious vision loss visited an eye doctor in the past year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Eye exams can help keep vision strong, diagnose potential issues early, and prevent diseases that may lead to vision loss or blindness, according to TRICARE officials. Beginning with the 2018 Federal Benefits Open Season (Nov. 12 to Dec. 10), beneficiaries enrolled in a TRICARE health plan will be eligible to enroll in the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program, or FEDVIP. Coverage will start Jan. 1. FEDVIP offers four vision carrier options. People can begin reviewing the 2018 FEDVIP options for vision care at www.opm.gov/fedvip to better understand coverage and cost options. Final costs for 2019 will be available in October. Officials are emphasizing that benefits and costs may change each year. Each open season is an annual opportunity to enroll in, change, or cancel a FEDVIP plan. Each year, it runs from the Monday of the second full week in November through the Monday of the second full week in December. People may only enroll in a FEDVIP plan outside of open season if they experience a FEDVIP-qualifying life event. Any election in a FEDVIP plan remains in effect for the entire calendar year, unless there is a qualifying life event allowing them to cancel or change enrollment. Almost all TRICARE beneficiaries are eligible to enroll in the FEDVIP vision coverage as the sponsor or primary enrollee, said TRICARE officials. Visit the FEDVIP website for more information and to sign up for notifications about this change. (Courtesy of TRICARE)

SKILLSOFT PLATFORM AND CONTENT TO HIRE OUR HEROES TO EMPOWER VETERANS

The following highlights are not an official CG endorsement, but may be of interest to transitioning members and retirees.

- **Hire Our Heroes (HOH)** is a non-profit organization operated and founded by veterans for veterans. The organization's goal is to lower unemployment and help deliver an all-around talent acquisition and retention strategy for employers to attract veterans. To assist veterans looking for a new career or a career promotion, HOH trains, mentors and coaches program participants to help them transition back into the civilian workforce after active duty.
- Veterans can decide when, where, and how to learn through micro-learning courses presented in a modern, user-centric experience. "Education is the key that will help position veterans for success and from being underemployed.
- "Access to Skillsoft's platform and content will provide HOH participants an immersive learning experience and the industry's most extensive multi-modal library of courseware, videos, books and book summaries.
- The Skillsoft content library also provides a "go-to" hub for veterans preparing for over 100-different business and IT certifications. Participants will also be able to gain essential skills, including project management, cybersecurity, understanding of emerging technologies and digital skills, among many others.
- For additional information about this program, including the registration process and detailed FAQ document, visit <https://hireourheroes.org/percipio-training>.

COAST GUARD MUTUAL ASSISTANCE

Serving the Men and Women of the U. S. Coast Guard Since 1924

Programs

<https://www.cgmaHQ.org/programs/programsGeneral.html>

Adoption Assistance: CGMA helps families who are adopting a child. CGMA offers both loans and grants for this purpose.

Ancillary Programs: Provides a "break" for a few hours a week, or month, to eligible Coast Guard clients who have responsibility 24 hours per day to care for an ill or disabled family member who lives in the same household.

Debt Management and Financial Counseling: Debt Management assistance is intended to help our clients become good financial managers of their income.

Medical and Dental Assistance: Limited to those extraordinary, unexpected, emergency situations where, after careful planning and budgeting, a demonstrated financial need remains, after having utilized all available resources.

Dental Assistance: Limited to those extraordinary, unexpected, emergency situations where, after careful planning and budgeting, a demonstrated financial need remains, after having utilized all available resources.

Disaster Response: In the time of a major disaster, such as a hurricane, CGMA's initial objective is to rapidly provide emergency assistance for evacuation and cash needed to meet basic living expenses such as food, shelter, clothing, etc.

Education Assistance: Loans foster long-term financial well-being by helping Coast Guard families pursue their academic goals through post-secondary education.

Emergency Assistance: One of the main purposes of CGMA is to provide financial assistance to clients caught in emergency, short-term, financial situations beyond their control that endanger personal well being.

General Assistance: May be provided when unexpected events or expenses cause a serious financial burden and financial need is demonstrated. General Assistance differs from Emergency Assistance because the qualifying circumstance does not immediately endanger personal well-being or require urgent help.

Housing Assistance: Assist clients who have demonstrated a financial need and wish to purchase, sell, or refinance current or former primary residence, or establish a household obtain housing and establish a household when moving to a new area.

Layette "Welcome Gift for Baby": The Layette Program provides a layette package (containing a receiving blanket, outfits and other items for a newborn child) to families of the CG community following the birth or adoption a child.

Medical and Dental Assistance: Limited to those extraordinary, unexpected, emergency situations where, after careful planning and budgeting, a demonstrated financial need remains, after having utilized all available resources.

PCS Child Care Expense Reimbursement: Provide financial assistance to Active Duty & ADOS Reserve members faced with increased out of pocket costs after PCS orders which required a Government funded move of House Hold Goods (HHG).

Quick Loan: Interest-free loans of \$1,000 or less, designed to address immediate, essential financial need while requiring fewer steps and potentially less detailed documentation than the standard assistance request process.

Special Needs Grant: Provide financial assistance to Active Duty CGMA clients who are faced with increased financial requirements because they have dependents with special needs.

GET MORE INFORMATION, APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE, DONATE TO CGMA

FAQ's: <https://www.cgmaHQ.org/about/faqs.html>

Talk to your Local Rep: <http://mycgma.org/locator/index.php> <https://www.cgmaHQ.org/feedback/contactForm.php>

Contact CGMA-HQ: <https://www.cgmaHQ.org/feedback/contactForm.php> **Phone:** 703-875-0404, 800-881-2462

Apply for Assistance: <https://www.cgmaHQ.org/assistance/applying.html>

Donate to CGMA: <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/129202>

THE NEW “COAST GUARD ROUNDTABLE” NEWSLETTER

INTRODUCTION: I am pleased to introduce the first issue of the “Coast Guard Roundtable.” I hope this quarterly newsletter becomes a forum for sharing new ideas, insights, and conversations that will ultimately benefit our Service. The authors of the articles are members of the Senior Education Fellowship Program (SEFP), our senior service school students and think tank fellows. They provide unique perspectives on our Service, homeland security, and the Armed Forces from their vantage point outside the Coast Guard. During their yearlong detached tour they seize a rare opportunity to read, research, think,



collaborate, and discuss ideas and concepts beyond the daily demand of Coast Guard operations. “Coast Guard Roundtable” also welcomes feature pieces written by members of the wider Coast Guard stakeholder community. Please take the time to share your thoughts and keep the conversation going.

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Rear Admiral Melissa Bert Director, Governmental and Public Affairs

<https://cg.portal.uscg.mil/units/cg092>

The items below are from the Coast Guard Roundtable, accessible at:

https://www.dcms.uscg.mil/Portals/10/CG-1/retiree/docs/pdf/CG_Roundtable_Vol_1_No1.pdf?ver=2018-09-07-135236-943

COMMANDANT SPEAKS AT CENTER FOR STRATEGIC AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Two-hundred and twenty-eight years after the formation of the Revenue Cutter Service, the United States needs a modern-day Coast Guard that is Ready, Relevant and Responsive. Earlier this month Admiral Karl Schultz took part in his first Maritime Security Dialogue at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington, D.C., where he explored challenges and opportunities through the lens of his guiding principles. In a conversation with Peter Daly, VADM USN (ret) and CEO of the U.S. Naval Institute, ADM Schultz responded to questions on integrated operations, budget climates, acquisition strategies, and long range opportunities for cooperation and influence, particularly in the Arctic. He stressed a 6:3:1 approach for ice-breaker acquisition—six total, at least three heavy, one right now—as a vital enabler to project U.S. sovereignty in the polar regions and noted that shifting paradigms could change the way we think about and classify our biggest ships. “We are talking about national sovereign interests up there. We are talking about competition and the Coast Guard being the face of that competition. Maybe what we are talking about is a Polar Security Cutter,” said ADM Schultz. He also emphasized his commitment toward delivering a “Mission Ready Total Workforce.” As is typical for new Service chiefs, he alluded to the release of his four-year Strategic Plan (late 2018) and touted an ongoing effort to “refresh” the Arctic Strategy. (Courtesy CDR Andrew Pate, 2018 CG Fellow to CSIS. APate@csis.org. Photo credit: CSIS.)



<https://www.csis.org/events/maritime-security-dialogue-conversation-admiral-karl-schultz-commandant-us-coast-guard>

THE FOLLOWING ARE TWO OF THE SHORT THOUGHT PIECES ON THE COMMANDANT’S GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF “READY, RELEVANT, AND RESPONSIVE” BY MEMBERS AND ALUMNI OF THE SENIOR EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM. THE VIEWS EXPRESSED ARE THOSE OF THE AUTHOR AND ARE NOT TO BE CONSTRUED AS OFFICIAL OR REFLECTING THE VIEWS OF THE COMMANDANT OR THE COAST GUARD.

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THE COAST GUARD IS BECOMING TECHNOLOGICALLY IRRELEVANT: The Coast Guard, along with most of the federal government, struggles with staying current on technological advancements. There continues to be a lag in the ability to maintain a technical edge, often due to policy, the acquisition cycle, and the joint requirements process. Delays in implementing emerging technology put the nation at increased risk and at a disadvantage with adversaries that have no such limitations. The rapid process of technological growth has held true to Moore’s Law—which states technological advances will double every year—and has compounded this gap through orders of magnitude. In a technologically saturated world, our slow pace of integration became apparent during the 2017 hurricane season. Coast Guard personnel overcame these challenges, but this should not be the standard route for innovation. We should evaluate the risk-benefit analysis of increasing the throughput of emerging technology from research to implementation at the deckplate level. *Continued on page 6...*

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Coast Guard adversaries rely increasingly and crucially on their own information networks, taking advantage of the global grid, the constant stream of Web enhancements, emerging encryption methods, the Internet, and hiding within the Cloud. The Coast Guard has been successful in recapitalizing major acquisitions, but its R&D budget has suffered and has averaged a microscopic 0.17% of the total budget. This puts us at a disadvantage, and we need to more quickly execute our strategic priority of “Enabling Operations” within the Cyber Strategy through leveraging existing industry standards and regulations. The use of social media within Command Centers is being investigated, but there is much more that the Coast Guard can do to become an active participant in an industry that sees 6,000 tweets and 40,000 snaps per second. Additionally, technology that can be applied to maritime domain awareness has significantly improved since the 2008 Small Vessel Security Strategy. Computing power to understand anomalous behavior within patterns of life is within grasp. Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems are being investigated for routine use, but the capability sets should be expanded well beyond what is being considered. These advances will require significant investment and innovative data analytics, but will provide a faster response in this rapidly changing environment. While not advocating for an unstructured approach to implementation, we need to bring technology from the R&D or the commercial industry to the petty officer at a much faster rate. Without overhauling our paradigm, streamlining acquisition, and investing in research, the Coast Guard will remain one step behind. Future Topic? I think there is a rich discussion about how we should apply Ready, Relevant, Responsive to Mission Support, and specifically how it can be a template for cultural change in the CSI community.

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DEFENSE RELEVANCE: FOUR QUESTIONS

The sense at CNAS in 2017 was that a great power conflict between the U.S. and Russia was more likely than at any point since the fall of the Soviet Union. The alarm may have been a product of feedback: defense wonks talk and write about war, and startling headlines get attention and attract funders. Still, the world is getting more interesting, and the current administration is deeply interested in security. Former USCG Commandant ADM Paul Zukunft put defense front and center in the resource fight; but, getting serious about defense dollars means getting serious about our relevance to defense missions. To that end, I ask four questions.

Do we understand the defense roles we will perform? The decline in U.S. and allied ships and patrol aircraft is turning manageable problems into intractable ones. A CNAS war game on the Greenland-Iceland-UK Gap illustrates the problem. Whether we want to be part of the solution may be immaterial. We are building a fleet of cutters capable of landing the H60 airframe and handling the North Atlantic. The low-risk missions we envisioned for those assets will not be the missions they get if the going gets tough.

Do we train for interoperability? As a cadet during Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training in 1997, a Chief Radarman taught me tactical signals and maneuvering. Radarmen understood naval operations. As BERTHOLF's Operations Officer during the Rim of the Pacific Exercise (RIMPAC) in '12 I begged a Navy Limited Duty Officer and OS1 from ships in our task unit to fill critical command and control gaps. Operations Specialists are smart and motivated, but they are not trained for naval operations. I needed pros, and the Radarmen were gone.

Do we acquire assets for interoperability? In an article I published in the “National Interest,” I argued that we should understand the minimal outfit necessary for credible interoperability. It is not clear to me that we meet the mark with the National Security Cutter as built or Offshore Patrol Cutter as conceived, but we are probably close. What about our patrol aircraft? Our command centers?

Are we a reliable partner in defense? Our record is mixed. In the “yes” column are Patrol Forces Southwest Asia (PATFOR-SWA), Deployable Specialized Forces Central Command (DSF CENTCOM) deployments, and our Port Security Units. The “no” column is troublingly long and provides ample evidence of an on again, off again relationship between the Coast Guard and its defense mission. Former USCG Commandant ADM Paul Yost's pivot toward defense was promptly beaten back. We withdrew from traditional Combatant Command (COCOM) deployments in the early 2010s only to tout those same deployments to COCOM in 2017 in response to a bleak budget outlook. How do these shifts in focus appear to our DOD partners?

I have the luxury of not offering detailed recommendations in response to these four questions. I will suggest, however, that we have a lot of work to do if we intend to get serious about our Coast Guard's defense relevance.

RELATED URLS: CNAS: <https://www.cnas.org/publications/reports/forgotten-waters>

National Interest: <https://nationalinterest.org/feature/worried-about-the-size-the-us-navy-rearm-the-coast-guard-19191>

REUNIONS, NOTICES, ITEMS OF INTEREST



CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION 50th ANNIVERSARY GALA BANQUET

On April 6, 2019, the CPOA will celebrate 50 years of service to our fellow Chiefs, our Coast Guard Family, and our Communities. The Gala Banquet will be held at the Hyatt Regency Dulles, 2300 Dulles Corner Blvd Herndon, VA. Reception starts @ 6:30pm. RSVP to Jon Ostrowski (National President) at (703) 941-0395 or via email at: cpoa50th@gmail.com. Sponsorships are available and can be found with more information at: www.uscgcpoa50.com

2019 COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS CONVENTION

The Coast Guard Combat Veterans will be having their 2019 Convention in North Charleston, SC, 15-18 April 2019. While all Tight Reign and COMSEASEC veterans are always invited, they have offered us the opportunity to have a separate day/session for a Tight Reign/COMSEASEC reunion. It's been some time since we have gotten together. If you have an interest in joining us at this event, please send an email to COMSEASEC@gmail.com.

2019 PRINSENDAM RESCUE REUNION

The Prinsendam Rescue Association is calling on all former Shipmates, Aviators, and personnel stationed ashore who assisted in the rescue of 519 passengers and crew aboard the burning Dutch Cruise Ship Prinsendam on 4 - 5 October 1980 in the Gulf of Alaska". If you or someone you know was attached to any unit that participated in the rescue operation and/or subsequent sinking of the Prinsendam "We Want To Hear From You"! On Friday, 4 October through Saturday, 5 October 2019 all hands will gather in Seattle, Washington to commemorate the 39th Anniversary of "The Greatest High Seas Rescue In Coast Guard History"! This reunion is also open to all active, reserve, and retired members of the USCG and USAF who may not have participated in the rescue but have an interest in attending. Contact YNCS Stan Jaceks, USCG, (Ret), stanley2421@localnet.com or Phone (509) 760-4866 (c) to become a member of our Association, make a reservation or get additional information.

NORTHWEST REGIONAL RETIREE COUNCIL

The Coast Guard Retiree Council Northwest invites all USCG and USCGR retirees to take advantage of information posted on our Website – <http://www.cgretirenw.org> – and on our FaceBook page - <https://www.facebook.com/CgRetireeNw/>. You'll find USCG news and features, Tricare and VA news, event information, and a wealth of online resource links. We emphasize the Pacific Northwest, but all retirees will find items of interest. We've even posted workarounds for those having trouble making ID card appointments online. And we update the information nearly every day!

PENSACOLA FLORIDA REGIONAL RETIREE COUNCIL

We are very pleased to have received our long-awaited charter. In addition to our monthly meetings, we have been very engaged in helping to develop/improve the TRIFOLD, and two communications among retirees and local units. Our summer has been very busy. CGC's Decisive & Dauntless have now arrived in their new home port at NAS Pensacola. OPSEC and COMSEC issues have made outreach to them challenging, but comms channels are open and engaged. We are impressed by COMDT Schultz's 3 R's (ready, relevant & responsive) and are working to have our deeds match his words. For example, we assisted CGSTA Pensacola with the long needed maintenance of the CG Pelican at the center of Pensacola. Pelicans in Pcola are like cows in Chicago. For the 4th year the Pensacola CG Friends & Family / RRC had reps speak at the monthly Marine Corps League Heroes Among Us speaker series in July. Our speakers (CO CGC Cypress & OINC Sta Pensacola) continued to raise the bar of sharing info and humor about USCG service with a lot of media coverage. There were a few CG day events in our area, highlighted by CG night at Blue WAAHOO baseball stadium. Finally, one of our group attended a 50 year reunion of CGC Cape Carter WPB-95309 in Crescent City, CA, with many CG retirees.

MIAMI FLORIDA REGIONAL RETIREE COUNCIL— RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY

The Miami CG Retiree Council is planning their next Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) on 3 November 2018. You may contact MCPO Marc Fagenbaum, USCG (Ret), for more information at: cgrcmiamibeach@gmail.com

2018 CAPITAL AREA COAST GUARD RETIREE COUNCIL HOLIDAY PARTY

The Capital Area CG Retiree Council invites you to the 12th Annual traditional Coast Guard Retiree Holiday Party – A "Get-Together" & reception with Commandant & CG Senior Staff, on Sunday, 9 December 2018, 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM. See the flyer at: www.dcms.uscg.mil/retiree. You may contact CAPT David Bernstein for additional info at: dberns01@gmail.com

COAST GUARD RETIREES LIVING IN SOUTHEAST NEW ENGLAND

All active duty, reserve and retired Coast Guard members, all ranks/rates, living in southeast region of New England are welcome to attend a number of events hosted on Joint Base Cape Cod (home to: USCG Air Station Cape Cod, USCG Base Cape Cod, PSU 301, USCG MSST Cape Cod) throughout the year. If you would like to be on the event mailing list, you may contact, Mrs. Ellie Russo at Eleanor.J.Russo@uscg.mil.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

E-MAIL COMMUNICATIONS TO COAST GUARD RETIREES

In support of the Coast Guard Retiree Services Program's mission and *Communications Strategy*, CG Bases and TRACENs will be sending e-mails to CG retirees at their personal/home e-mail addresses listed in Direct Access, the CG system of record. Retirees will be invited to "opt-in" to e-mail distribution lists of CG Regional Retiree Councils (RRCs) in their area. The e-mails will be appropriately formatted/addressed and are not SPAM. Should you have any questions/concerns, you may contact Mr. Robert Hinds, CG Retiree Services Program Manager, at Robert.C.Hinds@uscg.mil or by phone at 202-475-5451.

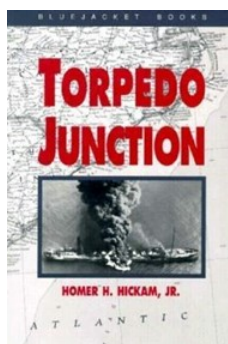
COAST GUARD RETIREES LIVING IN THE FOLLOWING CITIES OR SURROUNDING AREAS

CAPE MAY, NJ — CHARLESTON, SC — ELIZABETH CITY, NC — KETCHIKAN, AK — LA/LB, CA — PETALUMA, CA

Efforts are underway to establish CG Regional Retiree Councils (RRCs) in the areas depicted above, with sponsorship by TRACEN Cape May, Base Charleston, Base Elizabeth City, Base Ketchikan, Base LA/LB, and TRACEN Petaluma. In accordance with CI 1800.5H (https://media.defense.gov/2017/Apr/27/2001738867/-1/-1/0/CI_1800_5H.PDF), "The CGNRC and RRCs have responsibility to maintain a *bridge* between the Coast Guard active service and military retiree family." RRCs have the following specific responsibilities:

- Serve as a communication link between the supported military retiree community and sponsoring regional active duty commands. Sponsoring commands should provide access to the necessary resources to support this communication link.
- Provide information to the supported military retiree community that includes, but is not limited to communicating retiree program news, disseminating information from the appropriate resource office on active duty service activities, events of interest to retirees, updates and changes pertaining to retiree benefits and services.
- Operate a National Retiree Help Desk (NRHD) to respond to inquiries from the world-wide Coast Guard military retiree community, "connecting" individuals with needed retiree services information and resources.
- Foster military service collaboration and increase program effectiveness by maintaining close relationships with DoD military service retiree activity offices within the local geographical area. Keep abreast of local military events sponsored by DoD, such as retiree appreciation days or other activities of interest and share that information with Coast Guard retirees in the region.

If you are a Coast Guard retiree, annuitant, or survivor or "friend of the Coast Guard" who would be interested in helping to establish and/or join a RRC in one the areas listed above, please contact Mr. Robert Hinds, CG Retiree Services Program Manager, at Robert.C.Hinds@uscg.mil or by phone at 202-475-5451.



TORPEDO JUNCTION by Homer Hickam

<https://www.amazon.com/Torpedo-Junction-U-Boat-Americas-Bluejacket/dp/1557503621>

For a fascinating and exciting story about the U-boat campaign on the United States' East coast during WWII, check out this book. There are so many areas of interest from WWII, but this story is less known than many, and highlights the diligence, bravery and ingenuity of the US Coast Guard during the war. The story is dramatized, but based very closely on real people and events, so it is not far fetched in any sense. This is a story that brings hope and a true feeling of coming together to accomplish a seemingly impossible goal: stopping the U-boat campaign in Eastern waters using an undermanned and out-gunned fleet. An invigorating read, and an uplifting story of triumph.
Best, Julie Havelka (wife of R. Neil Carter, USCG (Ret))



GUARDIANS OF THE APOCALYPSE BOOKS 1 AND 2 by Jeff Thomson

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/37907757-you-re-never-ready-for-a-zombie-apocalypse>
<https://www.amazon.com/Zombies-Paradise-Guardians-Apocalypse-Book-ebook/dp/B07BMPQ352>

I just finished reading the below works of fiction by my former shipmate, QM1 Jeff Thomson, on the CGC POLAR STAR. It's a rollicking good read. I was hoping a blurb and these links could be included in the next edition of the Retiree Newsletter. I believe your audience would really enjoy the tales. Jeff has done a great job capturing the flavor of Coastie life at sea. And with a plot that includes a zombie apocalypse, pirates, the Navy, use of nukes, and a USCG buoytender and icebreaker saving the world, what's not to like? As a USCG retiree, reader of your newsletter, and lover of a good sea story, I thank you for your consideration.

Best, Peg Murphy, USCG (Ret), Eleventh Coast Guard District, Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety, Coast Guard Island, Bldg. 50-7, Alameda, CA 94501



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NAME	GRADE	DATE	NAME	GRADE	DATE	NAME	GRADE	DATE
ABELS,JAMES	BM1	20180801	COCHRAN,NICK	EM1	20180701	HAYES,ANGELO	SK1	20180704
AGAMIE,KORIE	AMT1	20180701	COLEMAN,PAUL	LCDR	20180701	HEALY,JOHN	CAPT	20180701
ALAMARES,VENTURA	EM2	20180701	CONROY,KEVIN	OSC	20180801	HEINTZ,JARED	ISM3	20180801
ALDAY,ALONZO	LCDR	20180701	CONWAY,CHRISTOPHER	EMC	20180801	HELTON,ROBERT	CDR	20180701
ALLEN,ERIC	CDR	20180801	COPHER,BRETT	PS1	20180801	HEMP,ROBERT	CDR	20180701
ANDERSON,GLENN	MK1	20180722	CRETOL,GREGORY	LCDR	20180801	HEMPHILL,JONATHON	BM1	20180701
ANDERSON,BENJAMIN	SN	20180630	CROWLEY,CHRISTOPHER	SKC	20180718	HENDERSON,AMANDA	LCDR	20180701
ANDRE,SETH	LT	20180801	CROWLEY,TIMOTHY	CAPT	20180810	HENNESSY,JOHN	OS2	20180801
ARSENAULT,JACQUELINE	MST2	20180701	CUNNINGHAM,DARCIE	CAPT	20180701	HERMAN,SCOTT	CDR	20180801
ASHMORE,CHARLES	DVC	20180801	CUNNINGHAM,JAMES	BMCM	20180713	HERRADOR,JOSE	CDR	20180701
ATAMANIUK,ILYA	OSC	20180801	DAPONTE,MICHAEL	CDR	20180701	HESTER,JOSEPH	CAPT	20180701
ATKINS,VINCENT	RADM	20180701	DARRALL,SHAUN	BMCS	20180701	HIGGINS,BRIAN	CDR	20180701
AVANS,TAMEKA	CSCS	20180801	DEASES,DAVID	MST1	20180701	HIMSEY,JASON	LT	20180701
BACKUS,CHARLES	MKC	20180701	DEBONIS,MARK	BMC	20180801	HODGES,PATRICK	YNC	20180801
BAILEY,HERBERT	MKCM	20180801	DECASTILLIA,JEFFREY	EM1	20180808	HUFF,BRIAN	BM1	20180801
BALDWIN,ADAM	BMC	20180701	DEJOURNETT,CHAD	LCDR	20180801	HUGHES,THOMAS	LT	20180712
BAMBACH,CLIFFORD	CDR	20180701	DEMERY,JON	CS3	20180716	HURN,KIRK	ETC	20180801
BARNARD,ROBERT	ENG2	20180701	DIMITROFF,CHRISTINE	LT	20180813	HURT,KEITH	MKC	20180801
BAROODY,MICHAEL	CAPT	20180701	DOLBECK,JOEL	CAPT	20180701	HUSTED,DAVID	CAPT	20180801
BARROWS,CHRISTOPHER	CDR	20180701	DONNELLY,MICHAEL	INV4	20180708	IBARRA,ALEJANDRO	MK2	20180730
BARTHOLOMEW,JASON	MSSD4	20180801	DRELLING,WILLIAM	CAPT	20180701	JACKSON,JOHN	ET1	20180801
BATTLE,KEVIN	BM2	20180729	DRONEN,WILLIAM	CDR	20180801	JENKINS,JAMES	CAPT	20180701
BENBOW,JASON	PERS4	20180701	DUPONT,ADAM	MK1	20180701	JENSEN,ERIK	CDR	20180701
BEVILACQUA,LOUIS	MAT3	20180801	DYKEMA,ERIC	AET3	20180716	JIMENEZ,PEDRO	CAPT	20180701
BICKLER,JARED	DCC	20180701	EATMAN,DAVID	INV4	20180801	JOHNS,BRYAN	MKC	20180801
BITTERMAN,JOHN	CDR	20180701	ELLIOTT,ZANE	ENG4	20180801	JOHNSON,ADAM	BMC	20180801
BLACK,BYRON	CAPT	20180701	EMERICK,THOMAS	CAPT	20180701	JOHNSON,JEFFREY	MST1	20180701
BLACKWELL,PHILIP	MKC	20180701	ENGLAND,JEFFREY	MKC	20180801	JOLLIS,DEINA	MEC	20180701
BLOCKER,JOSHUA	LCDR	20180701	ERICKSON,ANTHONY	CDR	20180801	JONES,JOHN	AMT1	20180801
BONTRAGER,TODD	DCC	20180801	FARRELL,CHRISTOPHER	ME2	20180817	JONES,GERALD	CSC	20180701
BOSANQUET,CAMILLA	CDR	20180701	FILIPPELLI,RODNEY	ISS4	20180801	KEENER,GREGORY	BMC	20180801
BOTELLO,CHRISTOPHER	MK1	20180701	FITZGERALD,TIMOTHY	EMCS	20180701	KEOGH,CHARLOTTE	LCDR	20180701
BRADLEY,BEN	AETC	20180801	FLETCHER,SANDRA	SKCM	20180719	KICKHAM,ALEXANDER	AET1	20180713
BREEDEN,MARK	IT1	20180801	FOGLE,BRET	AST1	20180801	KIDNEY,ROBERT	AVI4	20180701
BREITENSTEIN,REED	MSSD4	20180701	FOSS,JOSHUA	HSC	20180701	KING,TROY	MEC	20180701
BRENSINGER,RICHARD	BMC	20180701	FRANCIS,JOHN	MKC	20180801	KING,LAURA	CDR	20180701
BROWN,HEATH	CDR	20180701	FRANKFORD,MARK	CAPT	20180701	KLEIN,ELIJAH	BMCS	20180801
BROWN,MATTHEW	DC2	20180801	FRENCH,DAVID	LCDR	20180701	KONDRAT,JASON	BMC	20180801
BRUEN,KEVIN	CAPT	20180701	GALE,JASON	BMC	20180801	KOOPER,RONALD	LCDR	20180701
BRYANT,RAY	ENG4	20180801	GAMARRA,EDUARDO	AMT3	20180729	KRUEGER,RYAN	IT2	20180802
BUCKLEY,DANIEL	MKCS	20180801	GATCOMB,CHRISTOPHER	SN	20180714	LANE,WILLIAM	CAPT	20180701
BUETTEL,FRYMOND	MKCS	20180701	GAUS,JAMES	BM1	20180801	LAWRANCE,CRAIG	LCDR	20180701
BUONO,FRANK	ETC	20180801	GEMAR,DOUGLAS	BMC	20180801	LEBEAU,MARC	CAPT	20180701
BURBANK,PHILIP	FS3	20180624	GILDA,BRIAN	CAPT	20180701	LEBLANC,DAVID	CS1	20180701
BURNETT,RALPH	BM1	20180730	GOMES,DERRICK	MK1	20180701	LEFRERE,BRIANNA	CS2	20180817
BURNS,JOHN	CDR	20180701	GORSH,MISCHA	AMTC	20180701	LEMAY,MARK	OSCM	20180829
BUTLER,JAMES	ET1	20180701	GOULD,AUSTIN	CAPT	20180701	LEPLEY,ERIC	BMCM	20180801
CABASE,JAMES	LCDR	20180701	GREEN,JOSH	ET1	20180701	LEUENBERGER,ERIK	CDR	20180701
CALDERON,JUAN	YNC	20180801	GREEP,DARRELL	MKCS	20180801	LITTLEFIELD,CHERYL	OSC	20180701
CAMP,CHARLES	CAPT	20180701	GREGG,JEFF	MST1	20180801	LLOYD,ANTHONY	CAPT	20180701
CAMPBELL,KRISTY	HS1	20180820	GRIFFIN,EVERETTE	BM3	20180802	LOHRKE,CHEYENNE	OS2	20180817
CANNON,ROBERT	LCDR	20180710	GROSS,TERENCE	YN2	20180623	LOVE,STEPHEN	CDR	20180701
CANTERA,KATRINA	PERS2	20180701	HAMELIN,KAISER	OSC	20180701	LUCERO,JOSEPH	EM1	20180620
CANTRELL,STEVEN	MCPOCG	20180701	HANTZMON,WILLIAM	BOSN3	20180701	LUTES,TODD	CAPT	20180701
CARLISLE,JASON	HSCM	20180701	HARE,JOHN	GMCM	20180824	LUTKENHOUSE,EILEEN	LCDR	20180701
CARLSON,CHAD	BM2	20180730	HARPER,TRAVIS	MKC	20180701	LYNN,RUSSELL	LCDR	20180729
CASHIN,CHARLES	CAPT	20180701	HARRISON,LONNIE	CAPT	20180701	LYTLE,MARSHALL	VADM	20180701
CASTRO,JESSICA	YNC	20180701	HARRISON,HENRY	ISCM	20180801	MACKENZIE,TYLER	MK2	20180728
CEA,JOSEPH	BM2	20180817	HARRISON,JOY	YNCS	20180613	MAJOR,MAURICE	MKCM	20180822
CHILDRESS,JAMES	MLES2	20180801	HARTLEY,RICHARD	CDR	20180701	MALDONADO,HECTOR	LCDR	20180701
CLARK,JEFFREY	CDR	20180801	HARTMANN,SETH	MK1	20180801	MALDONADO,JOSUE	LCDR	20180701
CLARK,JAMES	BMCM	20180801	HARVEY,JOSEPH	LT	20180801	MANKUS,JAMES	BM1	20180701
CLOUTIER,JOHN	SKCM	20180701	HAUKKALA,EDWARD	CDR	20180701	MANTHEI,MARK	MSTC	20180829



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MAROHN, EDWARD	CAPT	20180701	PHILLIPS, RODNEY	ENG3	20180801	STEWART, PATRICK	SKC	20180701
MARSH, PHILIP	OSCS	20180801	PICKERING, RUSSELL	LCDR	20180701	STIGSELL, WESLEY	BMC	20180801
MARTIN, CHRISTOPHER	CDR	20180701	PICKRELL, KRISTIAN	CDR	20180801	STILES, JENNIFER	YNCM	20180701
MATEO, ANEUDY	MKC	20180801	PIERCE, JAMES	BMC	20180701	STINSON, TERRY	INV3	20180701
MATHIS, MARIKA	BM1	20180701	PINERO, DAWN	MKC	20180701	STONE, KIM	ITC	20180701
MATTINGLY, SEAN	EMC	20180801	PISANO, ERNEST	LCDR	20180701	STORM, ALLAN	LT	20180801
MCCAMISH, JON	LCDR	20180801	PISHA, WILLIAM	BM2	20180708	STOSZ, SANDRA	VADM	20180701
MCCCLAIN, TIMOTHY	OSCS	20180701	PITTMAN, CHARLOTTE	CDR	20180801	STREBE, GARY	MSSD4	20180801
MCCLELLAN, DAVID	CAPT	20180701	POLHAMUS, WESLEY	AET1	20180701	STRICKER, JARRET	LT	20180801
MCDANIEL, ROBERT	EM1	20180801	POPE, JILLIAN	YNC	20180801	SUITOR, WILLIAM	LT	20180701
MCDONALD, STEPHEN	BMCS	20180714	POST, BRADY	AMT1	20180701	SZOBOSZLAY, MARK	BMC	20180801
MCGINITY, JAMIE	LT	20180701	PRAIRIE, JASON	LT	20180701	TAUFER, NICHOLAS	EM3	20180730
MCGUIRE, PATRICK	CAPT	20180701	PRICE, HAROLD	CDR	20180701	TAYLOR, JARED	MKC	20180701
MCKENNA, ROBERT	CAPT	20180801	RALSTON, JONATHAN	LT	20180701	TAYLOR, OSCAR	MK2	20180701
MCKINNEY, KEITH	MSSE3	20180701	RAMSEY, DAVID	BMC	20180701	TELLA, NICHOLAS	MK3	20180817
MCLEER, JOHN	BM2	20180707	RASCH, MICHAEL	CDR	20180801	THERIAULT, NORMA	BMC	20180801
MCNEER, STACY	LCDR	20180801	RASMUSSEN, JOSHUA	ETC	20180701	THOMAS, GREGORY	CDR	20180801
MCQUEEN, KIMBERLY	HSC	20180801	RAYBON, FELICIA	LCDR	20180801	THORNE, PHILLIP	CAPT	20180701
MCTIGUE, KEITH	CAPT	20180701	REARDON, JOHN	DC2	20180801	TICKELL, RYAN	LCDR	20180801
MEAD, JEFFREY	MKC	20180701	REICHERT, TRACY	ETCM	20180801	TILLER, AARON	OSS4	20180801
MEADOWSHILLS, AARON	CDR	20180801	REID, DANA	CDR	20180701	TIMMONS, WILLIAM	CAPT	20180701
MELVIN, BRIAN	CDR	20180701	REIGADA, ROBERT	YNC	20180701	TOGNA, MARK	MSTC	20180622
MENESES, IVAN	CDR	20180801	REITTER, JAISON	ETC	20180701	TOMNEY, CHRISTOPHER	RADM	20180701
MERSEL, STACEY	CDR	20180701	RENSING, MICHAEL	MEC	20180801	TOOMEY, CRAIG	LCDR	20180801
MICHEL, CHARLES	ADM	20180701	RICHEY, JOSHUA	CS3	20180817	TOTTE, JONATHAN	CAPT	20180701
MIDGETTE, FRED	VADM	20180701	RIGGS, ADAM	AET3	20180730	TREICHEL, JEREMY	AVI3	20180801
MILLER, ERIC	GM2	20180801	RINDOM, ROBERT	ET2	20180623	TROHA, ROBERT	IS1	20180719
MITCHELL, KELLY	OS3	20180817	RITTER, BAIRD	CDR	20180719	TUBBS, ALAN	CAPT	20180701
MORAITIS, ALEXANDER	SKC	20180801	ROBERTS, DERRICK	OS2	20180811	TUMBARELLO, RALPH	CDR	20180701
MORSEBURG, TREVOR	BMCS	20180801	ROBINSON, ANTONIO	YN2	20180619	ULANOFF, ADRIAN	LT	20180727
MOSKO, GREGORY	LCDR	20180801	ROCKS, KEVIN	LCDR	20180701	URQUHART, PATTIE	LT	20180703
MUHLY, ALEXANDRA	SKCM	20180701	RODANHISLER, STEVEN	YNCM	20180801	USRY, TAJUANA	GMC	20180701
MULLER, SCOTT	CDR	20180701	ROGERS, WILLIAM	LCDR	20180701	VEIT, STEVEN	CDR	20180714
MYERS, ANDREW	CAPT	20180701	ROSENLUND, LOGAN	ET1	20180730	VERVILLE, JEFFREY	LT	20180701
NATIVIDAD, VICTOR	LT	20180615	ROTHER, JOHN	MK1	20180806	VEST, TROY	CAPT	20180701
NEUBAUER, JASON	CAPT	20180701	RUETTEN, GREGORY	MSSE3	20180701	VILLAMAR, EDUARDO	CS2	20180730
NIEVES, JOSE	CAPT	20180701	RUFFINELLI, JERRY	MKC	20180801	VINCENT, MARQUIS	OSS2	20180801
OBRIEN, JOSHUA	LCDR	20180801	RUSSELL, SHANE	LT	20180801	WALKER, JAMES	MKC	20180701
O'BRIEN, DOUGLAS	AMTCS	20180801	RUSSO, ROSARIO	CDR	20180801	WALKER, WESLEY	ET1	20180730
OCHOA, KARLA	SN	20180712	SABIA, MICHAEL	MK1	20180701	WALSON, DAVID	MEC	20180801
OCONNELL, JEFFREY	LCDR	20180826	SALGADOGARCIA, FRANCISCO	INV4	20180801	WARD, SHAWNA	PERS4	20180801
OHARE, PATRICK	MSTC	20180801	SAMMIS, PETER	CAPT	20180725	WARDEN, DONALD	MSTC	20180801
OLK, JEFFREY	LCDR	20180801	SANIAL, GREGORY	CAPT	20180701	WARNER, JAMES	MLES4	20180615
OLMSTEAD, AUSTIN	BMC	20180701	SANTIAGO-MARTINEZ, KENNETH	HS1	20180801	WARREN, CHESTER	LCDR	20180701
OLSEN, TOBIAS	CDR	20180701	SANTOS, BRIAN	CDR	20180701	WASCO, FREDERICK	CAPT	20180706
ONKEN, CHRISTY	LCDR	20180701	SAWYER, JEFFERY	MKCM	20180801	WENDT, TIMOTHY	CAPT	20180701
OPEZIO, KATHLEEN	YNCS	20180810	SCHANG, TIMOTHY	CAPT	20180701	WERTZ, TOMMY	ITC	20180801
ORCHARD, JENNIFER	EM3	20180730	SCHWIERKING, JOSEPH	MSSE4	20180801	WESTLING, JEFFREY	CAPT	20180701
OSBORNE, MICHAEL	GM2	20180730	SCOTT, CHRISTOPHER	AMTC	20180801	WILCOX, CHRISTOPHER	BMC	20180801
OWNBY, MICHAEL	ITC	20180801	SCUCCI, AMY	YN2	20180729	WILLIAMS, SARAH	BM1	20180801
PACE, KEVIN	MK1	20180701	SEAMAN, TIMOTHY	ENG4	20180701	WISE, TIMOTHY	YN1	20180716
PADILLA, CARLOS	OS1	20180801	SHEELER, MICHAEL	INV4	20180801	WISENER, GREGORY	CAPT	20180701
PALLASSINO, PETER	ETC	20180801	SHEFFIELD, ANDREW	CAPT	20180801	WIVELL, EMILY	MK2	20180623
PALMISANO, CHRISTOPHER	MKC	20180801	SHEPPARD, TRAVIS	MKCS	20180701	WONG, HARRY	OSC	20180816
PANNI, GENEVIEVE	SK1	20180615	SHERRY, DAVID	CDR	20180801	WOODELL, DAVID	AMTCS	20180801
PARKER, JUSTIN	MK1	20180801	SMILIE, JASON	LCDR	20180801	WOODEN, DAVID	ET2	20180709
PATE, ERIN	ME1	20180801	SMITH, MICHAEL	BM1	20180725	WROBLEWSKI, MICHAEL	LCDR	20180703
PAYNE, MATTHEW	EMC	20180801	SMITH, THOMAS	SKC	20180701	WYMAN, RICHARD	BNDM4	20180701
PELKOWSKI, FRANCIS	RADM	20180803	SMITH, MICHAEL	ME1	20180801	ZOHOVETZ, GREGORY	ISC	20180801
PERRO, COREY	ET1	20180801	SMITHERS, JOHN	MECS	20180701	ZUKUNFT, PAUL	ADM	20180701
PESCHKA, PATRICK	CDR	20180801	SPENCER, TRACEY	AMTC	20180701	ZURAKOWSKI, GREGORY	CDR	20180805
PETERSON, NATHANIEL	MAT3	20180801	STACY, CHRISTOPHER	SKC	20180801			
PETTIS, SCOTT	MECS	20180823	STANLEY, MATTHEW	CAPT	20180701			



USPHS Retirements



NAME	GRADE	DATE	NAME	GRADE	DATE	NAME	GRADE	DATE
AAGNES,KARL	CAPT	20180701	GOODIN,MICHAEL	CAPT	20180701	PIE,ROBERT	CDR	20180801
ADAMS,CINDY	CDR	20180701	GRAVES,WILBUR	LCDR	20180801	PIERCE,ERIK	CAPT	20180801
BARTLETT,KEVIN	CAPT	20180801	HALL,RONALD	CAPT	20180801	POLLMANN,LEE	LCDR	20180801
BECKER,LISA	CAPT	20180701	HARDIN,JOHN	CAPT	20180701	ROBBERTSON,WILLIAM	CDR	20180801
BRYANT,NELVA	LCDR	20180701	HAWKINS,CAMILLE	CAPT	20171001	RUDOLPH,KAREN	CAPT	20180801
CANADY,RENEE	CAPT	20180801	HIRSCHFELD,STEVEN	CAPT	20180801	RUSSELL,MARIE	CAPT	20180701
CLARK,BRETT	LCDR	20180701	HOELDT,SUSAN	CAPT	20180701	SAHAKIAN,NANCY	CAPT	20180701
DIB,MARWAN	CDR	20180801	JAFARI,HAMID	CAPT	20180801	SELLERS,MARK	CDR	20180701
DUENAS,RAFAEL	CAPT	20180701	KAMB,MARY	CAPT	20180701	SPIRES,CHARLOTTE	CAPT	20180801
EAGLE,KELLY	CAPT	20180701	KELLEY,LAURIE	CAPT	20180701	STEPHENS,CELISSA	CAPT	20180801
ECTOR,RAMON	CAPT	20180801	KREITMAN,ROBERT	CAPT	20180701	STETSON,SARA	LCDR	20180801
EVERETT,KRISTEN	CAPT	20180801	LACOUR,YVONNE	CAPT	20180801	STEWART,PATRICK	CAPT	20180701
FAILING,ROBERT	CAPT	20180701	LINKINS,ROBERT	CAPT	20180801	STUPPARD,GREGORY	LCDR	20180801
FELTNER,MARK	CAPT	20180801	MILLER,CHRISTOPHER	CDR	20180701	TOWN,NATHAN	CDR	20180701
FREUND,EUGENE	CAPT	20180801	MORGAN,MARLYN	CAPT	20180801	TURPIN,SHIRLEY	CAPT	20180701
GAHN,DAVID	CAPT	20180801	NOWALK,RONALD	CAPT	20180801	WHITNEY,CYNTHIA	CAPT	20180701
GEARHART,BRENDA	CAPT	20180801	PARHAM-HOPSON,DEBORAH	RADM	20180701	WOOTEN,BENJAMIN	CAPT	20180801
GLASS,LOUIS	CAPT	20180801	PHILEN,ROSSANNE	CAPT	20180801			

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ADAMS,LOWELL	DCC	20180810	PANAMA CITY	FL	CORDON,WALTER	HS1	20180612	WINDSOR	NC
ADAMS,MARSHALL	SK3	20180618	DETROIT	MI	COREY,JAMES	ENCM	20180626	ELLICOTT	MD
ALDRICH,DEAN	SN	20180804	OSCODA	MI	COVILL,DENNIS	CWO3	20180624	CLEVELAND	OH
ALDRIDGE,ADOLPHUS	MKC	20180622	TRAVERSE CITY	MI	CRABB,FRANCIS	CWO4	20180801	MIRAMAR	FL
ALFORD,DONALD	BMCS	20180820	KINSTON	AL	CRABILL,MARK	CWO3	20180804	FLAGLER BCH	FL
ANDERSON,ROHLIN	LT	20180614	FORT MOHAVE	AZ	CROSSMAN,LIONEL	CDR	20180627	SOMERS POINT	NJ
ANDERSON,ELMER	ADCS	20180611	NEW PORT RICHEY	FL	CULPEPER,JOSE	CDR	20180630	SAN JUAN	PR
ANDERSON,LELAND	BMC	20180725	ELK GROVE	CA	DANIELS,ALBERT	LCDR	20180725	CLINTON	CT
ANGELL,GLENN	BM3	20180724	SCARBOROUGH	ME	DASOVICH,STEPHEN	CAPT	20180627	NOVATO	CA
ARNAUD,ERROL	MAT2	20180621	LONGVIEW	TX	DEAN,CLIFFORD	HSC	20180627	SALT LAKE CITY	UT
AYDELOTTE,THOMAS	AECS	20180721	ST PETERSBURG	FL	DEMICHILLIE,ROBERT	CWO4	20180723	CLOVIS	CA
BAGALAWIS,BENJAMIN	FS1	20180713	YORKTOWN	VA	DONOVAN,JOHN	CAPT	20180704	TOWNSEND	MA
BALLARD,WILLIAM	ADC	20180708	WARRENTON	OR	DUPRE,RICHARD	RMC	20180714	INDIAN ROCKS BCH	FL
BEAUPRE,JAMES	CDR	20180611	LENANDER	TX	ECHOLS,ELLIOTT	CWO4	20180707	WHT SLPHR SPG	WV
BEERMAN,RAYMOND	BMCM	20180627	ST LOUIS	MO	ELLIS,RAYMOND	BMC	20180707	SULPHUR	LA
BERNARD,AL	CDR	20180725	PONTE VEDRA BCH	FL	ENCARNACION,VICENTE	SK1	20180707	AUSTIN	TX
BIESEN,DONALD	HSCM	20180616	SPOKANE	WA	FERLAND,DAVID	GM1	20180722	HORNELL	NY
BLACHOWSKI,ROBERT	CWO2	20180723	TACOMA	WA	FOWLER,ROSS	CDR	20180712	DETROIT	MI
BLAKELEY,JAMES	ENS	20180611	PALM SPRINGS	CA	FRASCHETTI,JAMES	MKCS	20180622	ARCADE	NY
BLOCKER,CHARLES	CS1	20180814	WALTERBORO	SC	FRIEDMAN,RONALD	MK1	20180701	ST AUGUSTINE	FL
BOHLER,JOHN	CDR	20180702	DAYTON	OH	FULLER,DUANE	GM1	20180611	DIAMOND SPRINGS	CA
BONDO,STEPHEN	QM3	20180712	MILWAUKIE	OR	GAGNER,JOSEPH	FSC	20180728	CRANSTON	RI
BONOGOSKI,MAXMILLIAN	F&S3	20180630	SNOHOMISH	WA	GARBE,MICHAEL	OSC	20180802	PETOSKEY	MI
BRELSFORD,WILLIAM	MK1	20180721	ROBERTSDALE	PA	GARCIA,ANDREW	SN	20180817	PADUCAH	KY
BRIZENDINE,WILLIAM	CWO4	20180807	SUFFOLK	VA	GARCIA,ANDREW	SN	20180817	PADUCAH	KY
BROCKWAY,GORDON	CDR	20180802	WORCESTER	MA	GILL,ROBERT	CWO4	20180612	ST JOHNS	FL
BRODIE,CARLETON	RMCM	20180813	ELLSWORTH	ME	GLOVER,RICHARD	LT	20180724	88100	CZ
BROGAN,MICHAEL	GMC	20180708	NEAPOLIS	OH	GOODMAN,ROBERT	GMC	20180702	SAN DIEGO	CA
BROOKS,JOHN	ENC	20180615	BETHLEHEM	PA	GRIGGS,JAMES	CWO4	20180724	MURRAY	KY
BURDEOS,RAMON	HSC	20180817	GALVESTON	TX	HAHN,ROBERT	BM2	20180624	PASADENA	MD
BURKE,ROBERT	LCDR	20180722	VANCOUVER	WA	HAMIL,FRED	ENCS	20180805	SANTE FE	TX
BURNISTON,PATRICK	HSC	20180805	HERMITAGE	PA	HARDING,EDWIN	EMCS	20180622	RICHLAND	WA
BUTLER,WILLIAM	CAPT	20180614	MIAMI	FL	HARDING,GEORGE	CDR	20180722	SANTA ANA	CA
CAPPS,CHARLES	BMC	20180709	REIDSVILLE	NC	HARGREAVES,MARK	YNC	20180718	ISANTI	MN
CAPPS,JOHN	CWO4	20180614	CHICAGO	IL	HARWOOD,EDWARD	AMCS	20180811	NORTH BEND	OR
CARILLO,ROSENDO	YN1	20180622	MORAGA	CA	HAWKINS,RAYMOND	MK1	20180726	MOUNTAIN HOME	ID
CHRISTENSEN,RICHARD	CDR	20180806	OAK HARBOR	WA	HELGESEN,HENRY	CAPT	20180612	WILMINGTON	NC
COATNEY,JAMES	PSC	20180627	SLIDELL	LA	HILL,WAYNE	CDR	20180629	SUN CITY CENTER	FL
COLLINS,BRUCE	BM1	20180716	GREENVILLE JCT	ME	HOBODY,CLARENCE	CAPT	20180708	KEY LARGO	FL
COOPER,RICHARD	EM1	20180703	CHEROKEE	NC	HOGAN,DAVID	MK1	20180803	SAINT MARYS	GA

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HOSMER, DAVID	CDR	20180801	WOODSTOCK VALLEY	CT	RHINEHART, JAMES	MKC	20180810	SEMMES	AL
HULL, RICK	PERS3	20180704	ELIZABETH CITY	NC	RICHEY, CHARLES	CWO4	20180722	MOBILE	AL
JOHNSON, GENE	TTCs	20180713	MANTEO	NC	ROSE, BOBBY	CWO4	20180726	HITCHCOCK	TX
JOHNSON, JAMES	CDR	20180728	BIGFORK	MT	RULL, JAMES	AM1	20180620	CLEARWATER	FL
KELLY, JOAN	YNC	20180627	ROCHESTER	NY	SCHAEFER, THOMAS	CAPT	20180802	DURHAM	NC
KING, JAMES	MKCS	20180820	MINEOLA	TX	SCHOOLCRAFT, CHARLES	GMC	20180623	CHESAPEAKE	VA
KINGSLEY, MERRILL	BMC	20180728	CHICOPEE	MA	SCHULTE, PAUL	CDR	20180723	CHEHAILS	WA
KIPP, CLARENCE	MK3	20180719	MADISON	WI	SHIGLEY, HERSHEL	BMCM	20180707	LAS VEGAS	NV
KONTUL, EUGENE	BMC	20180818	BEAR	DE	SIMMONS, JAMES	SN	20180820	BIRMINGHAM	AL
LANEY, SEDERIAH	OSS4	20180623	VENICE	FL	SLOANE, ARTHUR	SKCM	20180806	SUN LAKES	AZ
LANG, JACKIE	CAPT	20180612	EDWOMDS	WA	SMITH, GARY	RDC	20180715	GLENVILLE	NY
LEAHY, JOHN	PS1	20180805	BAY SHORE	NY	SMITH, CHARLES	EMC	20180619	TONGANOXIE	KS
LEAVE, ROGER	ADCS	20180701	ST PETERSBURG	FL	STEELE, KENNETH	MKC	20180712	DEER ISLAND	OR
LENT, GERARD	PSCS	20180726	YUMA	AZ	STEIN, GEORGE	RMCS	20180803	PARADISE	CA
LOBKOVICH, JOHN	CAPT	20180705	CORAL GABLES	FL	STEWART, CROOK	CAPT	20180823	PANAMA CITY	FL
MACLIN, THOMAS	CDR	20180730	MIDDLETOWN	DE	STROMSTEDT, WILLIAM	LCDR	20180729	CALVERTON	NY
MADSON, WARREN	CDR	20180615	BANDERA	TX	THIEWES, DONALD	DCC	20180627	WESTVILLE	NJ
MATTINGLY, IRVIN	YN2	20180721	LOUISVILLE	KY	THOMPSON, RICHARD	CDR	20180615	HAMILTON	VA
MCCONNELL, JOHN	CAPT	20180716	SOUTHBURY	CT	TRAINOR, JOHN	CAPT	20180710	GAINESVILLE	VA
MCGOWAN, CHARLES	BMCM	20180826	SEVEN POINTS	TX	TREVALLEE, RICHARD	CWO4	20180617	DEWEY	AZ
MCKENZIE, MICHAEL	OS1	20180615	FREDERICKSBURG	VA	TUTHILL, ALFRED	RMCM	20180727	NORFOLK	VA
MCLEAN, IVAN	CDR	20180819	MANCHESTER	MD	VANALPHEN, ROBERT	BMC	20180715	STATEN ISLAND	NY
MEARS, LESLIE	LT	20180716	COLORADO SPRINGS	CO	VELAZQUEZ, BENJAMIN	LCDR	20180807	PORTSMOUTH	VA
MERRITT, JACK	BM1	20180812	CHARLESTON	SC	VEST, MICHAEL	ENG4	20180619	SUFFOLK	VA
MIDGETTE, MILTON	CWO4	20180621	VIRGINIA BEACH	VA	WELLS, RONALD	CAPT	20180722	TUSCON	AZ
MILLER, RAYMOND	CDR	20180725	LA MESA	CA	WEST, ROBERT	CAPT	20180806	DANVERS	MA
MOONEY, BERT	TTC	20180614	SANGER	TX	WIGLE, CHARLES	MK1	20180725	SAN PEDRO	CA
MORAN, JOSEPH	LTJG	20180811	MEDINA	OH	WILCOX, JAMES	CDR	20180715	CASSELBERRY	FL
MORGANS, EDWARD	SK1	20180729	PETALUMA	CA	WILKE, RICHARD	COMM3	20180714	FALLING WTRS	WV
MULLIGAN, TERRI	SK2	20180728	BIG PINE KEY	FL	WILLIAMS, JIMMIE	YNMCM	20180612	WAYNESBORO	MS
NASERT, CARL	FS1	20180616	STATEN ISLAND	NY	WISCHEMANN, DAVID	CWO4	20180614	SEBASTOPOL	CA
NITSCHKE, ROBERT	LCDR	20180719	MESA	AZ	WOLFORD, OSCAR	MKC	20180710	ADAMSTON	WV
NUCILLI, CARL	CWO4	20180825	HOMESTEAD	FL	ZEIGLER, DONALD	CWO3	20180625	RAMONA	CA
PILCHER, CHARLES	BMCS	20180723	WOODBURY	MN	ZIMMERMAN, KURT	LCDR	20180701	SPRINGFIELD	VA

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HEIDERSDORF, SIDNEY	CAPT	20180730	JUNEAU	AK	MICHAEL, JERROLD	RADM	20180725	ROCKVILLE	MD
HIGH, JOSEPH	CAPT	20180611	ROCKPORT	TX	MOORE, BILLY	LCDR	20180705	FT MOHAVE	AZ
HIX, JAMES	CAPT	20180811	CLAREMORE	OK	RABSON, ALAN	CAPT	20180704	PRINCETON	NJ
LARSEN, RALPH	CAPT	20180718	RALEIGH	NC	RAYMOND, ROBERT	CAPT	20180804	BILLINGS	MT
MCKEAN, MARILYN	CAPT	20180811	KANSAS CITY	MO					

Dependent TAPS

NAME OF DEPENDENT	RELATIONSHIP	DATE	CITY	STATE
JOY ATILANO	WIFE OF CWO RANDY BUSH, USCG (RET)	20180820	COEUR d'ALENE	ID
MARY A. BUJAN	WIFE OF CWO JOHN S. BUJAN, USCG (RET)	20180804	SAN ANTONIO	TX
MARY J. KOEHNKE	WIFE OF LCDR FRED G. KOEHNKE, USCG (RET)	20180223	SUBLIMITY	OR
RITA M. DUPREE	WIFE OF DCCM DONALD C. DUPREE, USCG (RET)	20180723	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK
JUDITH A. FIRMIN	WIFE OF SCPO DAVID FIRMIN, USCG (RET)	20171110	DENNIS PORT	MA
MARTHA FORBUS SUSKI	WIFE OF THE LATE CAPT HENRY SUSKI, USCG (RET)	20180727	CHESAPEAKE	VA
BARBARA A. JENKS	WIFE OF BMC ROBERT S. JENKS, USCGR (RET)	20180603	FOREST	VA
MARY K. "KITTEN" BRUNER	WIFE OF CWO4 GEORGE M. BRUNER, USCG (RET)	20170613	TERRYTOWN	LA
ELLEN USTBY	WIFE OF AM1 JEROME USTBY, USCG (RET)	20170824	ASTORIA	OR
BARBARA J. HARRIS	WIFE OF CWO4 JOHN F. HARRIS, USCG (RET)	20180628	CROSSVILLE	TN
PHYLLIS ANN CHISOLM	WIFE OF MKCS HERBERT E. CHISOLM, USCG (RET)	20180711	WILMINGTON	NC
KIM SACKETT	WIFE OF LCDR GEORGE B. SACKETT, USCG (RET)	20180711	PORTSMOUTH	VA
ELIZABETH RAMSEY	WIFE OF CAPT HAROLD RAMSEY, USPHS (RET)	20180420	WOODSTOCK	MD
CAROL PHYLLIS COPLAN EDLAVITCH	WIFE OF CAPT STANLEY A. EDLAVITCH, PhD, USPHS (RET)	20180804	KANSAS CITY	MO

Pay & Personnel Center, Retiree & Annuitant Services (RAS) - Directory Assistance

Directory Assistance and Other Important Phone Numbers & Websites (Pgs 13-15) will only be published in the October editions of the newsletter and will be accessible at: www.dcms.uscg.mil/portals/10/cg-1/ppc/ras/rasdirectory.pdf

Questions, Address or Direct-Deposit Changes

If you need information or have questions about:

- ◆ Your retired or survivor benefit plan (SBP) annuity payments
- ◆ Your retired/annuitant statement
- ◆ IRS Form 1099-R (reporting taxable income)

or you need to change:

- ◆ Your and your dependents' home mailing address (for retired/annuitant statement, newsletter, 1099-R, correspondence)
- ◆ Your financial institution or account number for your direct deposit
- ◆ Report a change to your designation of beneficiary for payment of unpaid retired pay (Note: use Form *CG PPC-3600 Designation of Beneficiary for Payment of Unpaid Retired Pay)

You may make the requests listed above by **telephone**, by **fax** or in **writing**. The telephone and fax numbers are:

Toll free: 1-800-772-8724
Commercial: (785) 339-3415
Fax: (785) 339-3770

Allotments, SBP Coverage and Beneficiary Changes

If you need to:

- ◆ Start, stop or change an allotment (you may use Form *CG PPC-7221 Retired Allotment Authorization Form, fax in the form or a written request, call us or send us an e-mail request).
- ◆ Report a change to your survivor benefit plan (SBP) coverage (must be in writing)

You may **fax** your request to (785) 339-3770 or mail to:

Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy St
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

(*) Note: Forms are available from the PPC website at: www.dcms.uscg.mil/ppc/pd/forms/ or directly from the IRS.

Income Tax Withholding Changes

If you need to:

- ◆ Start or change the amount of state tax withholding (retirees can call, e-mail, fax or use *IRS Form W-4, or state form. **If using IRS form, indicate that the form is for state income tax withholding, not federal, which state it's for and the dollar amount to be withheld, (minimum amount is \$10.00, no cents).** We cannot withhold state tax for annuitants)
- ◆ Change your federal income tax withholding (retirees use Form W-4, annuitants use Form W-4P)
- ◆ Change exemptions or additional withholding

Federal tax changes **must** be in writing. The original Form IRS W-4 or W-4P must be mailed to PPC (RAS) for action and filing, per IRS requirements. PPC (RAS) cannot accept a faxed W-4 or W-4P. Please mail to:

Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy St
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

(*) Note: Forms are available from the PPC website at: www.dcms.uscg.mil/ppc/pd/forms/ or directly from IRS.

Report of Death

To report the death of a Coast Guard, NOAA or PHS retiree/annuitant call:

Toll free: 1-800-772-8724
Commercial: (785) 339-3415
Fax: (785) 339-3770

Or write:

Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy St
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

DEPENDENT TAPS: To place a Dependent TAPS notice in The Retiree Newsletter, provide the dependent's name, relationship to retiree, date of passing, and city/state to Robert Hinds at: Robert.C.Hinds@uscg.mil or phone: 202-475-5451.

RETIREE CUSTOMER SERVICE

Phone: 800-772-8724, **E-mail:** PPC-DG-RAS@uscg.mil
Web: www.dcms.uscg.mil/ppc

MEDICARE PART B ENROLLMENT IS MANDATORY AT AGE 65

https://dcms.uscg.mil/Portals/10/CG-1/retiree/docs/pdf/Turning_65_with_MEDICARE.pdf?ver=2018-09-07-143218-930

When you turn 65, your medical benefits will change. MEDICARE will become your primary medical coverage and TRICARE pays secondary to MEDICARE. You **MUST** enroll in MEDICARE PART B to retain your TRICARE coverage. If you are within 90 days of your 65th birthday, you should log on to www.ssa.gov or www.medicare.gov to enroll in MEDICARE PART B. Additional information is accessible at: www.tricare.mil/Welcoming/Eligibility/MedicareEligible.aspx?sc_database=web or by phone at 866-773-0404. You may also call the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) at 800-538-9552.

Other Important Phone Numbers and Websites

Medical/Dental Benefits	Phone	Websites/Notes
Eligibility (DEERS)/ID Cards	1-800-538-9552 (TTY/TDD) 1-866-363-2883	www.tricare.mil/deers In CA: 1-800-334-4162; In AK & HI 1-800-527-5602
Mail-Order Pharmacy	1-877-363-1303	www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/Prescriptions/Filling Prescriptions/TMOP
Retiree Dental Plan	1-888-838-8737	www.trdp.org
TRICARE Overseas	1-888-777-8343	www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/Regions/RegionsNonUS
TRICARE East Region Contractor TRICARE West Region Contractor	1-800-444-5445 1-844-866-9378	http://tricare.mil
TRICARE For Life	1-866-773-0404	www.tricare.mil/tfl/default.cfm www.tricare.mil/LifeEvents/Retiring
TRICARE Eligibility—Pharmacy (Medicare info)	1-877-363-1303	www.tricare.mil/ CoveredServices/Pharmacy/Eligibility.aspx
Federal Long-Term Health Insurance	1-800-582-3337	www.opm.gov/insure/ltc/
CG Health Benefits Advisor	1-800-942-2422	
Veterans Benefits	Phone	Websites/Notes
Department of Veterans Affairs	1-800-827-1000	www.va.gov
Insurance Information	1-800-669-8477	www.insurance.va.gov
Veteran's Group Life Insurance		www.insurance.va.gov/sglisite/vgli/vgli.htm
New VGLI Applications and VGLI Reinstatements: OSGLI PO Box 41618 Philadelphia, PA 19176-9913	1-800-419-1473 Overseas phone (973) 548-5699 Overseas fax# (973) 548-5300	Death and accelerated benefits claims only: Fax: 1-877-832-4943. All other fax inquiries: 1-800-236-6142 or e-mail at: osgli.claims@prudential.com All other inquiries: osgli.osgli@prudential.com General Correspondence: Office of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance 80 Livingston Avenue Roseland, NJ 07068-1733
Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents	1-800-827-1000	www.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current_benefits.asp VA Pamphlet 80-02-1
Headstones and Markers	1-800-697-6947	www.cem.va.gov/hm.htm
Casualty & Decedent Affairs		
A current CG "Master Decedent Affairs Officer (DAO) & Military Funeral Honors (MFH) Coordinator Roster" is accessible at: https://dcms.uscg.mil/Portals/10/CG-1/retiree/docs/DAO %20MFH Master Roster .xlsx?ver=2018-09-07-140443-903 . CG MFH Guidance is accessible at: https://www.dcms.uscg.mil/Portals/10/CG-1/psc/psd/docs/Military%20Funeral%20Honors%20Guidance.pdf?ver=2017-03-24-102439-577 . If you need additional assistance on Casualty & Decedent affairs matters, you may contact Mr. Brian Behlke, CG Casualty Matters Chief, at Brian.R.Behlke@uscg.mil , or by phone at: 202-795-6637 (office) or 571-266-2375 (24x7 work cell).		

Other Important Phone Numbers and Websites

Other	Phone	Websites/Notes
Final Active Duty Pay	1-866-772-8724 Overseas (785) 339-2200	www.dcms.uscg.mil/ppc/separations/finalpay/ Commanding Officer (SEP) USCG Pay & Personnel Center 444 SE Quincy St Topeka, KS 66683-3591 Contact PPC (SEP) for information on Severance Pay, Separation Pay, Disability Severance Pay, LES's, IRS Form W-2.
Travel Claims	1-866-772-8724 Overseas (785) 339-2200	www.dcms.uscg.mil/ppc/travel/ Send final travel claim to: Commanding Officer (TVL) USCG Pay & Personnel Center 444 SE Quincy St. Topeka, KS 66683-3591
Service Records	(314) 801-0800	www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records Write to: National Personnel Records Center Military Personnel Records 1 Archives Drive St. Louis, MO 63138-1002 Veterans or next-of -kin of a deceased veteran can access www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records to make requests. All others must write in and include complete name, rank/grade, SSN, dates of service and date of birth of the veteran. DD-214s are also available via the website.
Social Security	1-800-772-1213	www.ssa.gov
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