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MEMORANDUM

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CG National Retiree Council Co-Chairs

Subj: CG NATIONAL RETIREE COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

Ref: (a) Coast Guard Retiree Services Program, COMDTINST 1800.5H
(b) CG National Retiree Council Annual Meeting, 9-10 Aug 2023
(c) CG National Retiree Council Annual Report, 13 Oct 2023
(d) CGNRC Co-Chair Meeting with CCG, 7 Dec 2023

1. In accordance with reference (a), as the Commandant's Executive Agent for the Coast Guard National Retiree Council (CGNRC), I appreciate your leadership in conducting a highly productive annual meeting and providing an exceptional annual report and briefing with the Commandant (CCG), MCPO-CGR, DCMS-DPR, and me, references (b) - (d).

2. I look forward to working with the Council and taking needed action in addressing its top priorities, as highlighted below.

- Gather feedback from the CG retiree community regarding the way forward for The Long Blue Line with the National CG Museum Association.
- Codify the maximum time to process Audit Error Worksheets as 90 days (PPCINST).
- Develop CG Retiree Final Affairs Guide.
- Partner with CG Recruiting IMT/CGRC in support of recruiting efforts.
- Monitor PPC-RAS customer communications (e. g. new phone system) and planned VA compensation in Direct Access (DA).
- Improve communications with CG "Gray Area" retirees, including provisions for RET-2 to get an estimate of retired pay from PPC six months prior to transfer to RET-1.
- Update CI 1800.5H in alignment with the unique needs and demographics of Regional Retiree Councils (RRCs), reducing administrative demands.

3. Please extend my appreciation to the entire CGNRC and our RRCs for their continued volunteer service to the Coast Guard and our retiree community.

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