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## FISCAL YEAR 2017 ADJUSTMENTS TO RETIRED /RETAINER PAY SURVIVOR ANNUITIES AND PREMIUMS

The following Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLAs) are effective December 1, 2016, based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) through the third quarter of calendar year 2016. The term "retired pay" includes retainer pay and the term "members" includes former members.

### COLAs for Retired Pay

- The retired pay COLA for those who first became a member of a Uniformed Service before September 8, 1980, is specified according to the effective date of their retirement, as follows:

Retired Pay Based on	Percent Increase	10 U.S.C. Authority
<u>Rates of Pay Effective:</u> Before January 1, 2016	<b>0.3 percent</b>	1401a(b)(2)
January 1 - December 31, 2016	<b>0.3 percent</b>	1401a(c)

- The retired pay COLA for those who first became a member of a Uniformed Service on or after September 8, 1980, is specified according to the effective date of their retirement, as follows:

Retirement Effective:	Percent Increase	10 U.S.C. Authority
Before January 1, 2016	<b>0.3 percent</b>	1401a(b)(2)
January 1 - March 31, 2016	<b>0.3 percent</b>	1401a(d)
April 1 - June 30, 2016	<b>0.3 percent</b>	1401a(d)
July 1 - September 30, 2016	<b>0.3 percent</b>	1401a(d)
October 1 - December 31, 2016	<b>0.0 percent</b>	1401a(d)

- The retired pay COLA for those who first became a member of a Uniformed Service on or after August 1, 1986, and also elected to receive a career status bonus under the provisions of section 354 of title 37 United States Code is specified according to the date of their retirement, as follows:

Retirement Effective:	Percent Increase	10 U.S.C. Authority
Before January 1, 2016	<b>0.3 percent</b>	1401a(e)
January 1 - March 31, 2016	<b>0.3 percent</b>	1401a(e)
April 1 - June 30, 2016	<b>0.3 percent</b>	1401a(e)
July 1 - September 30, 2016	<b>0.0 percent</b>	1401a(e)
October 1 - December 31, 2016	<b>0.0 percent</b>	1401a(e)

### COLAs for Survivor Annuities

- Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan annuities payable on December 1, 2016 under the provisions of subchapter I of chapter 73, title 10, United States Code, to the spouse or child of a member who died on or before March 20, 1974 will be increased by **0.3 percent** (ref: 10 U.S.C. 1434(e)).

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!**

I hope this Newsletter finds that you had a safe and happy holiday season. The crew of the Pay and Personnel Center used the holidays as a time to recharge our batteries in order to start the New Year fresh and ready to continue providing exceptional customer service and support to all of you and to tackle the challenges of 2017.

This PPC New Year started with implementing the legislative pay changes and finalizing 2016 tax forms. As you saw on the front cover, a 0.3% increase in the Cost of Living Adjustment for retired pay and survivor annuities has been implemented. This change will be reflected in your January paycheck and documented in your January retiree statement. Speaking of statements, you may have noticed the look of your December statement changed slightly. The reason for this is because PPC is now using a commercial contractor to print and mail all retiree and annuitant statements, as well as all end-year tax forms. All 2016 IRS 1099 tax forms and all IRS 1095B (Employer-Provided Health Insurance Offer and Coverage Insurance) tax forms have been sent to the printer and will be mailed during the week of 23 January. All tax forms and statements are also available now for download from Direct Access. Please review your statements and tax forms closely. If you have any questions, concerns or your forms/statements require corrections, please contact PPC immediately. Also, if you have not opted out of receiving these forms/statements in the mail, and you do not actually receive them in the mail, please contact PPC immediately.

The New Year is also a good time to remind all of you to please notify us of any Life-Changing Events. Simply stated, Life-Changing Events are changes that could affect your retired pay and include, but are not limited to the following (the parentheses describe how these events could impact your account):

- Marriage (Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP), arrears of pay beneficiary, federal income tax)
- Divorce (SBP, arrears of pay beneficiary, federal income tax)
- Death of a spouse (SBP, arrears of pay beneficiary, federal income tax)
- Birth of a child (SBP, arrears of pay beneficiary, federal income tax)
- Moving to a new place of residence, even if just for the winter months (general correspondence delivery, 1099-R and retiree account statement mailing, state income tax withholding)
- Opening, changing or closing a bank account (net pay and allotment direct deposit)

If you experience a Life-Changing Event, please contact the PPC Retiree and Annuitant Services Office at (800) 772-8724 to let us know.

Well that is all for now. Thank you for allowing us to service and support your pay and personnel needs. Have a great 2017, and until next time....Semper Paratus!!!

CAPT Peter F. Brady, Jr.  
Commanding Officer  
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Shopping at the Coast Guard Exchange (CGX), whether in one of our retail stores or through [www.shopcgx.com](http://www.shopcgx.com), your online store, allows you to continue to enjoy your MWR dividend and high quality merchandise at a savings. Use the link provided above to visit the store. The website is user-friendly and will become your go-to source for Coast Guard items as well as a myriad number of other products.

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## REUNIONS AND NOTICES

**Calling all LORANIMALS** –The last of the US LORAN Stations has been shut down. Come and join us at: [www.Loran-history.info](http://www.Loran-history.info). The web site remembers the Coast Guardsmen who served aboard Loran-A, Loran-C stations and other Loran billets worldwide. These dedicated Coasties are but a few who provided radio navigation signals to millions of navigators. Hosted by CPO Joe Jester, USCG (Ret) and MCPO Bill Dietz, USCG (Ret).

**Point of Inquiry.** We are writing a story for publication about the history, modernization, and updating of US lighthouses and ATON from 1945 - 1975, and would like to interview anyone who has experience with the USCG during those years, especially east coast around 1960. Of particular interest is the official policy concerning the disposition of the obsolete equipment and instructions to personnel on disposal of lighthouse lenses and obsolete ATON. Please email or call - [steve@chestnutdev.com](mailto:steve@chestnutdev.com) or 810-599-5147.

**USCGC MACKINAW** sailors and all other interested parties may be interested to know that the ship, though decommissioned in 2006, now resides at her namesake home of Mackinaw City, Michigan, and is open for public tours and group events. Visit her at the museum website: <http://www.themackinaw.org/>

**The Greater St. Louis Area Coast Guard Retiree Council** is growing but we have room for a lot more Coast Guard retirees and annuitants. Come aboard and join the crew! If you are interested in participating or have questions, contact Mike Kelly, LCDR (Ret) at [mike1940@centurytel.net](mailto:mike1940@centurytel.net) or Keith Livingstone, MCPO (Ret) at [bassbolt@yahoo.com](mailto:bassbolt@yahoo.com).

**Hawaii Coast Guard Retiree Council** will meet at 1900 to 2100 at Club 14, Sand Island the second Wednesday of every August, November, February, and May. Contact CAPT Schultz at [rschultz369@gmail.com](mailto:rschultz369@gmail.com) or SKC Anthony Lim at [hawaiiiretiree.cc@gmail.com](mailto:hawaiiiretiree.cc@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**The Cape May Maritime Museum** is a wonderful resource for Coast Guard history. Please visit their website at: [www.capemaymaritimemuseum.org](http://www.capemaymaritimemuseum.org).

**TRACEN Yorktown** Retiree Council office is located in the lobby on the first floor of Steuben Hall. We meet every Wednesday morning in the Enlisted Dining Facility for breakfast at 0630 and move to the Cyber Café in Steuben Hall for visibility and camaraderie. Telephone: (757) 856-2136 or e-mail us at: [yktnretiree@gmail.com](mailto:yktnretiree@gmail.com). Our website address is: [www.cgretireeyktn.com](http://www.cgretireeyktn.com).

**Coast Guard Activities, Europe Facebook Page.** Any former members of Coast Guard Activities, Europe LORAN C Operations (July 1995 and prior) ACTEUR in London and including Estartit, Lampedusa, Sellia Marina, Sylt, Kargaburun are welcome to join our Facebook page "Coast Guard Activities Europe" and share their memories.

**Informal Captains Luncheon.** In keeping with a tradition started by RADM Al Manning more than 30 years ago, Coast Guard Captains in the Los Angeles area gather for an informal luncheon on the second Wednesday of every month. Captains in the area are cordially invited to attend. Should you wish to be included on the mailing list, you may advise the mess treasurer, CAPT John H. (Jack) Guest at [jack@questgroup.com](mailto:jack@questgroup.com).

The **Cactus Coast Guard** meets three times a year in the Phoenix, AZ area for brunch and camaraderie. All former, active duty, reserve and retired Coast Guard members are welcome. We have an active e-mail list so please respond by same to [artgbeard@aol.com](mailto:artgbeard@aol.com). No e-mail, contact SKCM Art Sloane, USCG, Ret., (480) 802-6810.

All eight **Omega Stations** were shut down Sep 30th, 1997. If you were stationed at either of the two Coast Guard Manned Stations (LaMoure ND, Kaneohe, HI) or with the **Omega Navigation Systems Operations Detail Center** (ONSOD) and/or the **Omega Navigation Systems Center**, we would like to hear from you with respect to your thoughts and experiences. Check out the website: <http://www.Haikuvalley.com> or email CPO Matthew Bezayiff (Ret) for further info at [mbezayiff@icloud.com](mailto:mbezayiff@icloud.com).

**The Pensacola Coast Guard Retiree Council & Coast Guard Friends & Family Organization** jointly meet on the second Thursday of each month from 5-9 P.M. at the Golden Corral restaurant (located at the corner of 9th Ave. and Langley Ave. in Pensacola, FL.). Folks of all Coast Guard affiliations are welcome. We enjoy your fellowship and sharing of your Coast Guard experiences. For more information, please call Bill Hayden. Phone: (850) 554-3858 or email to: [coastguardfamily@yahoo.com](mailto:coastguardfamily@yahoo.com).

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## REUNIONS AND NOTICES

### Attention retirees in the 9th District:

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Bill Schmidt the new Retiree Services Director for Base Cleveland as per the Coast Guard Retiree Services Program, COMDTINST 1800.5G. My AOR as the director for Base Cleveland is the boundaries of the Ninth Coast Guard District. I can be used as a point of contact for retiree information. I can be reached at (216) 902-6355 and [William.A.Schmidt@uscg.mil](mailto:William.A.Schmidt@uscg.mil). I would also like to start a list of CG retirees in the D9 AOR to disseminate information for retirees from myself, D9, Ninth District Retiree Council and MWR. If you would like to be on this list please send your phone number and e-mail address to me at the email listed above.

Those interested in joining the membership of the **First Coast, Coast Guard Retiree Council**, Jacksonville, FL please contact YNCM Bobby Wester, USCG (Ret), at: [BWester2549@aol.com](mailto:BWester2549@aol.com)

**Coast Guard Investigative Association (CGIA)** is a professional organization whose purpose is to further camaraderie, friendship and professional working relationships among former and present CGIS and CGI Special Agents and Investigators, Security Managers and Intelligence Officers. We hold annual conventions in order to swap "war" and "sea" stories while renewing old friendships and making new ones. We currently have approximately 150 members and hope to grow. Anyone interested in applying for membership can view the association web page at: [www.coastguardinvestigativeassociation.org](http://www.coastguardinvestigativeassociation.org)

**The Base New Orleans Retiree Council** is now over 70 members strong and looking for more to help serve retirees in the 8th District and the Base. POC is Jim Montgomery, the Volunteer Director at: [james.r.montgomery@uscg.mil](mailto:james.r.montgomery@uscg.mil) or (985) 246-9483. It meets the second Wednesday of each month, alternating business meetings and social events. The Base St. Louis Retiree Council, focusing on the northern portion of the District, has PERS2 Tom Fairley as its Active Duty Coordinator at: [thomas.e.fairley@uscg.mil](mailto:thomas.e.fairley@uscg.mil).

**Retiree-Veterans Events.** The below listed website includes a list of events throughout the country of interest to Retirees and Veterans: [http://www.hostmtb.org/RADs\\_and\\_Other\\_Retiree-Veterans\\_Events.html](http://www.hostmtb.org/RADs_and_Other_Retiree-Veterans_Events.html)

**The National Capital Region (NCR) Chapter of the Coast Guard Cuttermen Association** encourages any active, retired, and former CG Cuttermen in the DC area (officer and enlisted) to become involved in your local chapter. This chapter was commissioned approximately one year ago and is looking to expand our membership. For more information see the **Cuttermen Association** website at: <http://www.cuttermen.org/> NCR Chapter President: CAPT Matt Gimple, USCG can be reached at: [matthew.j.gimple@uscg.mil](mailto:matthew.j.gimple@uscg.mil) or [gimplemj@gmail.com](mailto:gimplemj@gmail.com).

**The North Texas Coast Guard Association** meets twice a year on the last Saturday in October and last Saturday in April. We meet at Pappa's Barbecue, 2231 West Northwest Highway in Dallas. Meeting begins at noon and ends when everybody goes home. Coast Guard members (retired, active, reserve) are invited to attend and share your story with us over great barbecue. For more information contact MCPO Steve Hines at [shines57@att.net](mailto:shines57@att.net) or call (972) 365-5274.

**The Northern California Coast Guard Retiree Council** announces the 26th All Services Retiree Seminar on April 29, 2017 from 0800-1200 in the Gresham Conference Center, Coast Guard Island, Alameda, CA. Speakers and information tables will provide the latest information on TRICARE, current legislation, legal assistance, scams, fraud, Space-A travel and more. Additional information is available at: <http://sites.google.com/site/NCCGRC> or contact: [David.D.Swanson@Outlook.com](mailto:David.D.Swanson@Outlook.com) or by phone at (510) 390-6312.

**Point of Inquiry** — It has been 30 years since the closing of Base Gloucester City. Many of us, especially Reservists, are interested in a reunion in 2017. Consequently, we are looking for anyone who may have served at Base Gloucester City and would like to join us for an informal gathering. Should we generate enough interest, we hope to include dinner and dancing. Spouses and friends are certainly welcome. Please respond with your interest, guest number and comments to [mstchiefjim@verizon.net](mailto:mstchiefjim@verizon.net) at your convenience if interested. We are looking forward to hearing from you soon. Respectfully, Jim Weber, MSTC (Ret).

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**Philadelphia area retirees and veterans luncheon group seeks local members.** Calling all Coast Guard retirees, veterans and active duty who live in or near Philadelphia's northwest suburbs. A Coast Guard luncheon group has been gathering regularly at the Heritage Restaurant on route 113 in Franconia Township for the purpose of swapping yarns and enjoying the company of old shipmates. It's a diverse group that includes members in cutter and aviation service, lighthouses, lightships, ice breakers and loran stations from World War II to the present. Everyone with Coast Guard service is welcome. Contact Bob Dell at: [rbard1@verizon.net](mailto:rbard1@verizon.net) or (610) 222-4645 to have your name included for luncheon date notices.

**North Olympic Peninsula Washington** - All former active duty, reserve and retired Coast Guard members are welcome to meet for informal brunch and camaraderie. Gathering held 3rd Saturday of each month at Joshua's Restaurant in Port Angeles, WA. POC: Liz Tomisato (360) 681-3777 or [bobklapproth@gmail.com](mailto:bobklapproth@gmail.com).

**Access to COA Frontline:** Frontline is the monthly publication of the Commissioned Officers Association of the United States Public Health Service, and it contains information that is applicable to both active duty PHS officers and PHS retirees. It is published electronically, and as of four months ago it became freely available on the COA website at [www.coausphs.org](http://www.coausphs.org). Retirees who would like additional information about COA should email COA staffer Donna Sparrow at [dsparrow@coausphs.org](mailto:dsparrow@coausphs.org).

**Coast Guard Combat Veterans Association** will host their 2017 biennial convention at the Crown Plaza Hotel in San Diego, CA., May 8-12, 2017. All Coast Guard veterans are invited to attend, including non-members of the CGCVA. Come join us for the great hospitality, camaraderie, a silent auction and the awards banquet. For additional information, please feel free to contact MCPO Mike Placencia (Ret) at: [cgmasterchief22@hotmail.com](mailto:cgmasterchief22@hotmail.com). First opportunity to register will be in August. For up-to-date information and CGCVA membership eligibility and application, check out our website at: [www.coastguardcombatvets.org/](http://www.coastguardcombatvets.org/).

### **Attention retirees in or having served in District 13:**

We invite you to affiliate with the Coast Guard Retiree Council Northwest! We keep you in touch with fellow retirees, benefit news and what's happening in the active Coast Guard. No heavy lifting required. Check out our website at <http://www.cgretirenw.org>. If you'd like to receive our E-mail newsletter, please send your contact information (include email) to [feedback@cgretirenw.org](mailto:feedback@cgretirenw.org).

**USCGC JARVIS (WHEC 725) Reunion** - July 21-23, 2017, Wilmington, NC. All former crew members are invited. Contact SCPO Henry Connors (Ret) at: [mikohank@live.com](mailto:mikohank@live.com) for further details.

**Inquiry** – The Lake Ponchartrain Basin Foundation runs the former New Canal Coast Guard Station in New Orleans. They are seeking pictures, documents, etc. from former New Canal crew members to use in educational displays within the lighthouse. Those possessing these items or any related materials of interest may contact LT (ret) Bill Lutman by phone at: (864) 836-2791 or via email at: [wglutman59@yahoo.com](mailto:wglutman59@yahoo.com).

**Inquiry** – Researcher documenting early USCG AMIO efforts seeks to interview Coastguardsmen who may have been involved in the boarding/towing of the S/V GOOD FORTUNE, disabled off the coast of Jupiter inlet with 25 Haitian POB on 15 September 1963. Vessel was subsequently towed into Lake Worth Inlet/West Palm Beach. Please email at: [dan.laliberte@cox.net](mailto:dan.laliberte@cox.net) or call: (757) 618-4432.

**All Retired CPO/SCPO/MCPO** please take notice: As of 13 April 2016 the Eastern Great Lakes Chapter of the CPOA based at USCG Sector Buffalo, NY was instituted servicing eastern Ohio, northern Pennsylvania and central/western New York. If you are interested in becoming a member of this chapter and/or the CPOA please contact Herb Gierschke, ETC (Ret) via email at: [herbert.a.gierschke@uscg.mil](mailto:herbert.a.gierschke@uscg.mil) or at his work phone: (716) 843-9396. You may also contact MKC Joe Lipp, at email: [joseph.j.lipp@uscg.mil](mailto:joseph.j.lipp@uscg.mil) or at his work phone: (716) 843-9588.

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**USCGC INGHAM/UNIMAK** – Researcher documenting early USCG AMIO efforts seeks to interview crewmembers, who may have been involved in the boarding of the Haitian M/V ESPERANCIA in March, 1982. During this month, INGHAM boarded the M/V ESPERANCIA as it exited the Bahamas enroute Miami. UNIMAK had boarded the vessel earlier in the month at the south end of the Bahamas chain. Please email at: [dan.laliberte@cox.net](mailto:dan.laliberte@cox.net) or call: (757) 618-4432.

**An announcement for Coast Guard retirees with connections to the Patos Island Lighthouse and Coast Guard Station, San Juan Islands, Washington State.** The Keepers of the Patos Light lighthouse friends group would like to announce their intention to restore the flag and flagpole by, hopefully, August 2017, to coincide with a Coast Guard service members reunion planned for that month. Feel free to contact Linda Huston at PO Box 334, Lopez Island, WA 98261. for more information.

**The Coast Guard Air Reunion** (AKA Cosmic Air) will hold its 58<sup>th</sup> **AND FINAL** reunion at the Silver Legacy Resort & Casino in Reno, NV, May 8 – 10 2017. Yes, we are closing the hangar doors. We have blocked rooms at \$89.50 per night. This includes all taxes and fees. Register by calling (800) 687-8733 and use Group Code **USCG17**. Reservations must be made by April 7, 2017 to receive this rate. For further information call Linda Etheridge at (707) 869-0157, or Roger Schmidt at (925) 548-3256. Email Linda at [LEther7294@aol.com](mailto:LEther7294@aol.com) or Roger at: [rogngina@sbcglobl.net](mailto:rogngina@sbcglobl.net). This is it folks! The numbers just are not there to continue, so if you have been putting off attending, this is your last chance. Let's make the final one a great one. Bring the kids, the neighbors, friends or anyone else you might think would enjoy it.

IRS Webpage for Veterans: <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/information-for-veterans>. Designed to provide timely federal tax-related information to veterans about tax credits and benefits, free tax preparation, financial education and asset-building opportunities available to veterans.

**UCCGC CAMPBELL (WPG-32) Reunion** on May 8/10, 2017 in Baltimore, MD. Contact Bob Dell at (610) 222-4645 or [rbard1@verizon.net](mailto:rbard1@verizon.net) for information and details. All 327 sailors are invited.

**Greetings from Sector San Juan, Puerto Rico.** On January 14, 2017 0900, the first meeting of the proposed establishment of the USCG Retiree Council (RC) for the San Juan area of responsibility AOR), which include Puerto Rico (PR) and the US Virgin Islands (USVI), was held at Sector San Juan's building 100.

The meeting's agenda was accomplished. According to D7, there are approximately 200 retirees in PR & USVI. A survey was sent to all by CWO Carlos Lopez, USCGR (ret), approximately 25 replied.

The assembled members upon agreement, and concurrence of the volunteered nominees accepted Captain Ignacio Rivera, USCGR (ret) and Senior Chief John Mast, USCG (ret) as Sector San Juan's RC Co-Chairs. MKCS Mast was present and accepted nomination, Captain Rivera was not present due to a family emergency but had his availability expressed through SKC Luis Torres, USCGR (ret).

In order to establish the RC, it was discussed that a letter to the Sector San Juan Commander be sent with the results of the election and the intent to establish a RC in the San Juan AOR. And to follow, a letter to HQ asking for a charter of the RC.

It was agreed to assemble again on April 29, 2017 at 0900 at Sector San Juan. After this meeting and the presence of other members it can be discussed when and where future meetings will be held.

Topics for next meeting.

- Formal presentation of Co-Chairs.
- Veterans Administration benefits, please bring all your questions or concerns.

All retired members that receive The Retiree Newsletter, feel free to forward this communication and reach out. No need to complete a survey: send an email to [uscg.sj.rc@gmail.com](mailto:uscg.sj.rc@gmail.com) with name, rank held, telephone number, email (if any) and mailing address.

There will be topics of great interest in the meetings and there may be social gatherings as well. Lets communicate and carry the Coast Guard life and values well beyond retirement.

MEC Jose R. Baltar, USCGR (ret)

## FISCAL YEAR 2017 ADJUSTMENTS TO RETIRED/RETAINER PAY, SURVIVOR ANNUITIES AND PREMIUMS, CONT'D

5. Annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) and Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RCSBP) under the provisions of subchapter II of chapter 73, title 10, United States Code, will be increased by the same percentage specified in paragraphs 1, 2 or 3 above by which the retired pay of the person providing the annuity would have been increased at such time if the person were alive and otherwise entitled to such pay . (ref: 10 U.S.C. 1451 (g)).
6. COLAs for supplemental annuities paid to certain low income widows of members who were deceased before November 1, 1953 will be increased **0.3 percent** (ref: Public Law 100-456, section 653(c)).
7. Annuities for Certain Military Surviving Spouses (ACMSS) payable monthly under the provisions of section 644, Public Law 105-85, November 18, 1997, will be increased **0.3 percent** from \$250.03 to \$250.78 effective December 1, 2016 (ref: P.L. 105-85, sec 644).

### Increase in the SBP Low-Cost Premium Threshold

8. Previous amounts with respect to which the 2.5 percent factor of the SBP premium (cost) formula apply will be adjusted effective December 1, 2016, in conjunction with the adjustments in retired pay made under the provisions of section 1401a of title 10, United States Code (ref: 10 U.S.C. 1452(a) (4)(B)). The Defense Finance and Accounting Service will perform necessary calculations to determine actual premiums based on the individual circumstances of each case.
9. The amount with respect to which the 2.5 percent factor of the SBP premium (cost) is applied for participation upon retirement will be increased **1.6 percent effective January 1, 2017**, from \$786 to **\$799** (premium for this coverage will be **\$19.98** and the breakeven base amount will be **\$1712.15**). However, these amounts could change if the FY 2017 National Defense Authorization Act alters the expected military pay raise of 1.6 percent. (ref: 10 U.S.C. 1452(a) (4)(A)).

## MODEL FOR TRUE PHS RESERVE CORPS

COA Executive Director Jim Currie [wrote](#) about his vision for a true PHS reserve component. Published by ROA on its blog **UnReserved** on November 22, 2016, Jim wrote, "There has been considerable discussion about the need to create a true reserve corps for the U.S. Public Health Service.

# Model for a True PHS Reserve Corps



The current PHS reserve does not provide the augmentation to active duty forces that are afforded to the federal military services by their reserve components.

This paper represents an attempt by someone who is familiar with military reserve forces, especially those of the U.S. Army, to suggest a workable structure for a true PHS reserve corps."

Read the complete article on the ROA blog UnReserved at: <http://www.roa.org/blogpost/1434064/262806/A-Proposed-Model-for-a-Public-Health-Service-Officer-Reserve>

## RETIREE PAYDAYS FOR CY 2017

Feb 1	June 1	September 29
March 1	June 30	November 1
March 31	August 1	December 1
May 1	September 1	December 29

## RETIREES – CONSIDER JOINING THE COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is a volunteer organization that supports the Coast Guard in many varied ways. Formed in 1939 as the Volunteer Reserve, we have continued to work closely with the Active Duty since that inception date.

Our mission is:

- To promote and improve recreational boating safety
- To provide a diverse array of specialized skills, trained crews and capable facilities to augment the Coast Guard and enhance safety and security of our ports, waterways, and coastal regions.
- To support Coast Guard operational, administrative, and logistical requirements

The only mission we do not support is law enforcement. Our missions include:

- Academy introduction mission (AIM) – a program for high school students interested in attending the Academy (conducted at the Academy)
- Administrative support to the Coast Guard – in a variety of ways at all levels of the Coast Guard
- Aids to navigation (ATON) – checking buoy positions and working with the Coast Guard, National Ocean Service and the Corps of Engineers
- America's waterways watch – similar to neighborhood watch only on the water
- Bridge administration – supports the Coast Guard Bridge Administration program
- Contingency preparedness – other than for law enforcement
- Merchant mariner licensing – work in those offices

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Information relating to non-federal entities is provided via this official Coast Guard newsletter as a matter of general interest to retired Coast Guard personnel. The organizations might engage in fundraising activities. The Coast Guard cannot and does not officially endorse these non-federal entities or their activities, including their fundraising activities. The Coast Guard cannot and does not urge anyone to donate to any non-federal entity.



## COAST GUARD LIGHTHOUSES AND THE HISTORY OF “THE FLYING SANTA”

**William H. Thiesen, Historian**  
**Coast Guard Atlantic Area Historian**

Throughout the history of the U.S. Coast Guard’s aviation branch, Service aircraft have come to the aid of the American public in emergencies and in time of need. However, the holiday season has provided a unique opportunity for private citizens to return the favor.



Portrait photograph of Captain William Wincapaw , originator of the Flying Santa program (courtesy of Friends of Flying Santa)

so popular that Wincapaw expanded it to include ninety-one found commercial sponsors to underwrite the cost of the parcels and the flights.

In the late 1930s, the program expanded requiring the services of a third Santa. The Wincapaws enlisted New England maritime historian Edward Rowe Snow to fill the position. During World War II, deliveries became more sporadic; however, by war’s end the Flying Santa visited an impressive 115 lighthouses and Coast Guard stations. In 1946, the program even tested the latest aviation technology using a helicopter to assist in airborne deliveries. The Flying Santa reverted back to fixed-wing aircraft the next year and helicopters would not be used again for over thirty years.

In 1947, Captain Wincapaw suffered a heart attack during a flight out of Rockland and died in the ensuing crash. Numerous lighthouse keepers, their families and representatives from the Coast Guard, Army and Navy attended Wincapaw’s memorial service. At the appointed time of the service, fog horns and lighthouse warning bells called out along the Maine coast to honor the man who established the beloved Flying Santa tradition.

After Wincapaw’s passing, Edward Snow took over the program, and Snow and his family became the heart and soul of the operation. With the support of dedicated pilots, Snow honored Wincapaw by expanding the flights to include nearly 180 lighthouses and boat stations. In certain years, the program even served installations along the shores of the west coast and Great Lakes, and remote locations, such as Bermuda and Sable Island, 100 miles off the Nova Scotia coast.

Beginning in the Great Depression, aviator William “Bill” Wincapaw began the tradition of “The Flying Santa.” Born in Friendship, Maine, Captain Wincapaw oversaw flight operations for the Curtiss Flying Service in Rockland, Maine. He came to admire Maine’s lighthouse keepers and their families for standing the watch in isolated and often inhospitable locations.

To show his appreciation for their dedication and self-sacrifice, Wincapaw decided to deliver gift parcels to local lighthouses on Christmas Day. Early in the morning on December 25<sup>th</sup>, 1929, Wincapaw loaded the packages of Christmas gifts into his vintage Travel Air A-6000-A airplane, featuring a single radial engine and wicker seats. That first year, he airdropped Christmas gifts to a dozen lighthouses located along the Maine Coast.

Wincapaw continued the tradition the next year and, over time, came to be known as “The Flying Santa” and the “Santa of the Lighthouses.” He began to dress the part and enlisted his son, Bill Jr., to pilot additional Christmas Day flights. His gift parcels included basic items, such as newspapers, magazines, coffee, tea, candy, tobacco, soup, yarn, pens and pencils. By 1933, the program proved lighthouses from Maine to Rhode Island and Connecticut. He even



A Flying Santa Tri-Motor delivers a parcel to Graves Light off Boston (courtesy of Friends of Flying Santa)

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In 1946, the Flying Santa used a Sikorsky S-51 for deliveries. It was the first used of a helicopter for Christmas deliveries. (courtesy of Friends of Flying Santa)

Snow continued the Christmas tradition for forty-five years. He retired in 1981, when failing health prevented him from taking part in further Flying Santa missions. That year, oversight of the Flying Santa program passed to the Hull Lifesaving Museum and helicopters replaced fixed-wing aircraft to transport the Flying Santa. In 1987, lighthouses underwent automation; however, the Flying Santa continued to visit Coast Guard bases and installations. In the 1990s, a number of retired Coast Guardsmen began volunteering to serve as the Flying Santa. And, in 1997, the all-volunteer Friends of Flying Santa was organized as a private non-profit to run the Flying Santa program.

The Flying Santa has been in operation nearly ninety years since Captain Wincapaw founded it. During that time, the Flying Santa has missed only the year, 1942, due to the security concerns of World War II. Today, the program delivers Christmas gifts to over 800 Coast Guard children at seventy-five units located from Maine to New York.

## COAST GUARD AUXILIARY, CONT'D

- Operational support of the Coast Guard – work with stations on small boats
- Port safety and security – boarding's, assistance to Coast Guard efforts
- Public affairs (PA) – support Coast Guard and Auxiliary PA programs
- Recreational boating safety (RBS) – public classes, vessel exams, recreational boating inspections
- Recruiting – assist Coast Guard recruiting efforts
- Search and rescue – search planning and assistance
- Training for Sea Cadets and Sea Scouts
- Inspection of commercial vessels – barges, T-Boats
- Waterways management

We assist in teaching courses to the Active Duty such as TCT, AUX-12 (for public affairs personnel), have helped with LAMS and may be back to doing it, and others. We need younger members, as the average age of the Auxiliary is in the high 50's – low 60's. While we do not get paid, we do reimburse for fuel when on orders, are paid full per-diem and travel when traveling on orders and have the satisfaction of working with the best service in the world.

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# USCG Retirements

Name	Grade	Date of Retirement
ABELS, JEANETTE	PSCM	20160901
ACOSTA, DAVID	BMC	20161201
ADAMS, CHAD	F&S4	20160901
ALCOCK, CHARLES	CAPT	20160901
ALHOLM, JENNIFER	LT	20160901
ALLEN, MICHAEL	MKC	20160901
ALLEN, LAVERN	BM2	20161201
ALUALU, AARON	DC1	20161001
ANDER, JOSEPH	DCC	20160901
ANDERSON, KEESHON	SKC	20160901
ANDREESSEN, DAVID	BMC	20161101
ANDRY, AUDIE	LCDR	20160901
ARBOGAST, JACLYN	LTJG	20161125
ARNOLD, JEFFREY	BOSN2	20161001
ARNOLD, DAVID	ET2	20161201
AROCHO, JULIO	EM3	20160908
AYTES, AARON	HS1	20160901
AZIZ, JAMES	MECM	20160901
BABCOCK, STEVEN	SKCS	20161001
BADILLO, RICHARD	BM3	20161129
BAILEY, DEREK	SK1	20160901
BAILEY, WILLIAM	YNCM	20160901
BAKER, EVAN	ET3	20161006
BAKIE, DEBORAH	PERS2	20161001
BALDWIN, AMMIE	LCDR	20161001
BALL, RAYMOND	MSSD3	20161001
BANKS, THOR	ELC4	20161001
BARRERA, WILLIAM	AMT1	20161001
BARRETT, STEVEN	MK2	20161001
BARRINGTON, BRAD	AVI2	20161001
BARTELS, EDWARD	HSC	20161019
BAXSTROM, JOHN	DCC	20160901
BEARDSLEY, MILES	ASTCS	20160901
BEAVIS, PETER	CDR	20161201
BEE, MICHAEL	CAPT	20161001
BEEH, JOSEPH	MK2	20161001
BEERY, MARK	EMC	20160901
BEITEL, SCOTT	AST1	20160901
BELLOT, JUQUELIA	MK3	20161129
BENSON, MICHAEL	LCDR	20160901
BENSON, KATHRYN	YN2	20161022
BENSON, CALEB	BM1	20161004
BIGGERS, WILLIAM	BM1	20160901
BIRDSONG, PHILLIP	SK1	20160907
BIRR, STEVEN	BM2	20160901
BLACKMON, JASON	MK1	20160901
BLAND, DUSTIN	BM2	20160901
BOLICK, JAMES	MST2	20160901
BONTEMPO, MICHAEL	BMC	20161001
BOOTH, DANIEL	AMT1	20161001
BOTBYL, BRIAN	FSC	20160901
BOWE, LUCAS	AET1	20160901
BOWMAN, TIMOTHY	BMC	20161001
BOZEMAN, JEREMY	MK1	20160906
BRABANT, MICHAEL	ELC4	20161101
BRACK, CLIFFORD	DCCS	20161101
BRACKINS, TOMMY	LCDR	20161001
BRAVER, TERENCE	ET1	20161001
BRAYMILLER, TRACEY	PERS3	20161001
BRICKER, ELLEN	LCDR	20161001
BRIGHT, RYAN	YNC	20161001
BRITTON, JOSHUA	OSC	20161101

Name	Grade	Date of Retirement
BROWN, KEITH	FSC	20160901
BROWN, THOMAS	CDR	20161001
BROWN, OMARR	FSC	20161001
BROWNING, STEPHEN	CAPT	20160909
BRUNZELLE, ERNEST	MEC	20161001
BUCHANAN, ROBERT	MK3	20161129
BURKE, RAYMOND	OSCS	20160901
BURKE, ERIC	ITC	20160901
BURKE, SEAN	AET1	20160901
BUTLER, YVONNE	SKC	20160922
BYRD, BRIAN	AMTCM	20161101
CALER, JEFFREY	LT	20161001
CALL, RICHARD	MEC	20160901
CALLIS, SHAWN	AMTCS	20160901
CAMERON, KEVIN	AMT1	20161001
CAMPBELL, SCOTT	ITCS	20160901
CAMPBELL, COLIN	CDR	20161001
CANNON, JAMES	CDR	20161001
CARDEN, JOSEPH	MK3	20161006
CARIRE, SALVADOR	ASTC	20161001
CARLSON, JAMES	CAPT	20161001
CARRASCO, ALBERTO	ME1	20161001
CARSON, JESSICA	SN	20161129
CASHER, RAYMOND	MKC	20160901
CASTIBLANCO, JONATHAN	FS3	20161006
CASTILLO, JASON	MSTC	20161001
CATES, VIKKI	MSTCM	20161001
CHALKER, GARY	BMCM	20161001
CHAPMAN, STEVEN	ISM4	20160901
CHRISTENSEN, RICHARD	CDR	20161001
CHRISTIAN, NATHANIEL	MK2	20160901
CLAFLIN, TINA	MKCS	20161001
CLERKIN, ROBERT	YNCS	20161101
CLINGAN, JOHN	ISM3	20161201
CLINTON, ROBERT	GM2	20160901
CLOER, LEARY	DCC	20160901
COBBLE, BRYAN	LCDR	20161008
COLBATH, VERONICA	LT	20161001
COLE, JOHN	MK1	20160901
CONCANNON, SEAN	BMC	20160901
COPLEY, JOSEPH	BM1	20161106
COPP, SHAWN	MEC	20161001
COURTNEY, CHRISTOPHER	LCDR	20161001
COVENY, JOSHUA	BMC	20161001
COWART, TERRY	AMTCM	20160901
CREECH, STEVEN	LT	20161001
CRIST, WILLIAM	BM3	20161024
CROCKER, KENNETH	BM1	20161013
CROCKETT, TIMOTHY	MK2	20161129
CRONIN, KORY	INV3	20160901
CROWE, JOHN	MSTC	20161016
CRUMRINE, GREGORY	AETCS	20160901
CUBANSKI, EDWARD	CAPT	20161001
CUNNINGHAM, MARY	DCCS	20160901
CUNNINGHAM, MINOR	OSC	20161001
CURREN, JOHN	LCDR	20160901
CURRIER, MICHAEL	AVI2	20161001
CURTH, CHAD	BMCM	20160901
DA PONTE, STEPHEN	LCDR	20161001
DABNEY, TREVIN	AVI2	20160901
DAOUST, JOHN	MKC	20161001

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DARDIS, DEAN	CAPT	20161001	GERAGHTY, EDWARD	CDR	20161001
DAVIDSON, FREDERICK	FSC	20160901	GIAMMANCO, JOSEPH	LCDR	20161101
DAVIS, TOMMY	AMTCM	20161001	GIBBS, CALEB	BM2	20161101
DAVIS, CHARLES	CDR	20161101	GILLESPIE, JAMES	CAPT	20161108
DAWSON, JOHN	BMC	20160901	GILMOUR, TAMMY	MK1	20160901
DEAN, ANDREW	ELC4	20161101	GIPSON, ROCKY	HSCS	20161001
DEGEORGE, MARK	AMT1	20160901	GLAESER, WESLEY	ET1	20161001
DELGADO, ANDRES	CAPT	20161001	GONZALES, MATTHEW	FSC	20161001
DELMORE, PAUL	MK1	20160904	GONZALEZ, ALFREDO	F&S2	20161001
DICKINSON, DAVID	BOSN2	20161001	GORDON, SCOTT	ASTC	20160901
DIEMER, MARK	EM2	20160904	GRAUN, JOSEPH	MSTC	20161006
DOGGETT, JOHN	LCDR	20160901	GREEN, JERRY	ISC	20161101
DORGAN, JAMES	GM2	20161022	GREER, GERARD	BMCS	20161029
DOTY, STEPHEN	BMC	20161001	GRIMES, JONATHAN	MSTCS	20160901
DOWNS, ROBERT	BOSN2	20161001	GRIMES, STEVEN	ISM4	20161101
DUBORD, RICHARD	AVI2	20160901	GUARINO, BRIAN	BMCS	20161001
DUCHOSSOIS, MICHAEL	F&S3	20160901	GUERETTE, ERIC	BOSN2	20161001
DUNN, BRITTANY	SN	20160912	GUERRERO, ARTURO	AET2	20161017
EBRIGHT, MARTY	AETC	20160901	GULDSETH, BRANDON	LT	20161001
EDMISTON, BRIAN	CDR	20161001	GUTHRIE, RUSSELL	DCCM	20161001
EDWARDS, TRAVIS	AMT2	20161001	GUTIERREZ, MARCELO	FS1	20160901
EGAL, RYAN	MSSR2	20161001	HAAG, JESSICA	OS3	20160912
ELDRIDGE, RACHEL	CDR	20161001	HAGERMAN, ZACHARY	HSC	20161101
ELLIS, WILLIAM	IT1	20161125	HALDEMAN, DON	ELC4	20160901
ELSASSER, STEVEN	BMCM	20160901	HALL, WILLIAM	FSCS	20160901
ENGLAND, ROBERT	BMC	20160901	HALL, JUNIOR	AMTCM	20160901
ENGLISH, THOMAS	LCDR	20160901	HALL, ZACHARY	LTJG	20161201
EPPERT, KEITH	MKC	20160901	HALLMAN, JOHN	CDR	20160901
ERNESTBURG, WILLIAM	AVI3	20161201	HAMILTON, STEPHEN	DCCM	20161002
ESSLER, BRIAN	FS1	20160901	HAMILTON, JOHN	FSC	20160901
ESTEP, ERICA	YNC	20161001	HANNAN, JONATHAN	LCDR	20161001
ESTILETTE, DALE	AVI3	20161001	HARVEY, RICHARD	AETCS	20160901
EVANS, CATHERINE	ENG3	20161001	HATFIELD, TERESA	LCDR	20161001
EVERS, CORY	BMC	20160901	HATZISTEFANOU, NICHOLAS	MKC	20161001
FARMER, JAMES	ASTC	20160901	HAWKINS, JAMES	SKC	20160901
FARRELL, SCOTT	ELC4	20161001	HEAD, JAMES	INV4	20161101
FEENEY, MATTHEW	ETCS	20161001	HEDGES, JEREMIE	MKC	20160901
FEENEY, GINGER	BM1	20161001	HEHR, CASEY	CDR	20161001
FELS, CHRISTOPHER	FSC	20161129	HELMS, JOHN	AMT1	20160901
FERGUSON, AARON	BOSN3	20161101	HENDRICKSON, DERRICK	LCDR	20161001
FEYER, KATHLEEN	YNC	20160925	HENNE, BRYAN	AETCS	20161001
FIELDS, DAVID	PERS3	20160925	HENNESSY, MICHAEL	LCDR	20161001
FIKE, RODGER	MK2	20161006	HENNIGAN, JOHN	CDR	20161101
FISCUS, BRIAN	BMC	20160901	HENRIQUEZ, CARIDAD	YN1	20160908
FISHER, MARK	ITCS	20160901	HENRY, ROBERT	ENG4	20161001
FITZPATRICK, JUSTIN	MKCM	20161001	HENRY, CLIFFORD	BMC	20160901
FJESTAD, AARON	BMC	20161001	HERRERA, CORNELIO	SKC	20161001
FLANAGAN, STEPHEN	MST2	20161012	HERRING, SCOTT	ELC3	20161001
FLESHER, JOSHUA	ITC	20160901	HERRING, RONALD	ELC2	20161001
FLETCHER, CECIL	YN1	20160901	HEWES, GERALD	LCDR	20160901
FLORES, LEOPOLDO	FSCS	20161001	HEWETT, LARRY	CAPT	20161001
FONTENOT, COREY	BMCS	20161101	HILTON, MARK	ET1	20161101
FORD, ZACHARY	OSS4	20161001	HINKEN, BRADLEY	BOSN4	20161001
FORT, BOBBY	AETC	20161001	HOLLING, PAUL	ETCM	20161001
FOSTER, SARAH	PACS	20161001	HOLLINGSWORTH, ROBERT	GMC	20161101
FOSTER, MICHAEL	MECM	20161201	HOLZMAN, MARK	BOSN2	20160901
FOURNIER, TYLER	ME1	20161129	HORSMAN, WILLIAM	MKCS	20160901
FOX, MARK	MK1	20160901	HOVANEC, ROBERT	LT	20161001
FRAZIER, JARED	PERS2	20161101	HUARD, JOHN	BOSN4	20161001
FRENCH, CHARLES	MK1	20161201	HUBBARD, CHARLES	ISM3	20161101
FROELICH, ROBERT	LT	20161201	HUBER, KEVIN	MKC	20160901
FULLER, DAVID	OSS4	20161101	HUGHES, JOHNNY	HSCS	20160901
GADSDEN, TYRON	CDR	20160901	HULSE, BRYAN	BMCM	20161001
GAGNON, JON	BMCM	20160901	HURST, STEPHANIE	LCDR	20161001
GALINDEZ, EMILIO	AET1	20161201	HUSBAND, JEREMY	OS2	20161107
GALLAGHER, KEVIN	ISC	20160916	ICARDI, GARY	SKCS	20160901
GANDY, CHARLES	SKCS	20161012	JACKSON, DAVID	MSSE4	20161001
GAULKE, JASON	FSC	20161001	JEFFRIES, JEROMY	BM1	20161001
GEE, ERIC	MK1	20161001	JENNINGS, MATHEW	MKCS	20161001
GEMAR, JACQUELYN	MSTCM	20160901	JEWELL, NATHANIEL	F&S3	20160901
GEORGE, MICHAEL	MK1	20160901			

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JOHNSON,KENNETH	F&S3	20160901	LEVECQUE,MICHAEL	BOSN4	20161001
JOHNSON,SHAWN	AVI2	20161001	LEWIS,TRACY	F&S2	20160901
JOHNSON,BRADFORD	YNC	20160901	LINDBLOOM,MELISSA	AMT2	20161119
JOHNSON,WILLIAM	EMCS	20160901	LISKO,BRIAN	CAPT	20160901
JOHNSON,DANIEL	MK3	20161005	LITTLE,JOHN	CAPT	20161101
JOHNSON,LEWIS	LT	20160901	LOCKWOOD,MEAGAN	OS3	20161107
JONES,PAUL	ENG2	20160901	LOIBL,PAUL	EM1	20160929
JONES,JAMES	DCCM	20160901	LOMBARD,CHRISTOPHER	BMCM	20161001
JONES,JEREMY	BMC	20161001	LONG,JASON	BMC	20160901
JONES,SANDRA	BMC	20161001	LONGMAN,SHAWN	BM1	20161124
JONES,MICHAEL	OSC	20160901	LOPEZ,JUAN	CAPT	20161001
JONES,THOMAS	ITC	20160901	LORENZEN,RICHARD	CAPT	20161001
JONSSON,MATS	LCDR	20161201	LOUGHLIN,JESSICA	HSC	20161107
JORDAN,TERRY	BMC	20160901	LOWRIE,LESLIE	YN1	20161001
JUSTINIANO,JOSE	YNC	20161101	LYON,JAY	MKC	20161001
KALBACH,TROY	AET1	20160929	MACE,BRYON	LCDR	20160901
KALEN,KEVIN	AMTCM	20160901	MACKINNON,JOHN	LCDR	20161001
KALITA,ERIC	DC1	20160901	MAHONEY,MICHAEL	BOSN4	20161001
KANYUCK,STEPHEN	AMTCM	20161101	MALAVE,ANGEL	MKC	20161001
KAPANTAIS,JANA	BM2	20161006	MALO,MATHEW	SKC	20160901
KASTEN,ANDREW	FSC	20161001	MANTEL,PETER	BOSN4	20161201
KASTNER,BRIAN	AMT1	20160901	MARQUARDT,ROBERTSON	LCDR	20161101
KEHOE,JULIE	BMCS	20161001	MARRATT,MICHAEL	AMTC	20161001
KELLEY,MICHAEL	BMCS	20160901	MARRS,DAVID	ELC4	20160901
KELLY,MICHAEL	DCCS	20161105	MARSHALL,MICHAEL	FSC	20160901
KEMPTON,JASON	FSCS	20160901	MARTYN,DAVID	CDR	20161001
KENDRICK,NATHAN	FSCS	20160901	MASONER,MARK	ME2	20161201
KEPLINGER,SWEETCHARITY	ENG3	20160901	MASSON,ERIC	CDR	20161001
KEPPEL,SCOTT	CDR	20161012	MATERS,DWIGHT	CAPT	20161001
KERCKHOFF,TRAVIS	LT	20161001	MATOS,JUAN	EMCS	20160901
KERNAN,BRYAN	HSC	20160901	MAURER,JENNIS,MARTHA	CDR	20161023
KILEY,LAWRENCE	AMT2	20161024	MAYO,ORLANDO	HSCM	20160901
KILLMER,PETER	BM1	20161201	MCAVOY,KYLE	CAPT	20161001
KIM,FAIR	CAPT	20161001	MCBRIDE,JAMES	LCDR	20160930
KIMMONS,KEITH	CAPT	20160912	MCCABE,PATRICK	DC1	20161129
KING,SHANNON	CDR	20161201	MCCAULEY,STEPHEN	EMC	20160901
KIRKPATRICK,DAVID	FS1	20161001	MCCONNAUGHY,EDWARD	BOSN4	20161001
KLOBUCHAR,JOHN	ENG3	20161001	MCDONALD,DANIEL	BOSN4	20161201
KNOOP,KEITH	CDR	20161001	MCDONALD,SEAN	YNM	20160901
KNOWLTON,MARC	MSTCM	20161001	MC FALL,CHAD	AMT1	20161201
KNOX,GARY	BMC	20160901	MC FEE,JOHN	OSCS	20161201
KOEHLER,JAMES	CDR	20160901	MCGOUGH,JOSE	ME1	20160901
KOHL,KYLE	MK1	20161014	MCKINNEY,TIMOTHY	MK1	20160901
KOKATA,DAVID	PERS4	20161101	MCLAUGHLIN,DAVID	BMC	20161010
KONDRATOWICZ,JOHN	BM2	20161017	MCNEAL,PATRICK	FSC	20160901
KOSICK,DAVID	MSTCM	20160929	MCSWEENEY,MARY	BMCM	20161129
KOUSCH,JOHN	CAPT	20160901	MEDINA,GARY	MSSE3	20160901
KOWALSKI,JASON	DCC	20160901	MEDINA,ARMANDO	MKC	20161101
KRAMER,ATHAN	LCDR	20161001	MELANCON,ROBERT	MSSE3	20161101
KRZYZANIAK,KRISTOPHER	AMT1	20160901	MELINO,MICHELLE	OSC	20160901
KUSCHEL,SEAN	DCCM	20160901	MELVIN,STEVEN	LT	20161201
LAMBERT,RUDY	SK1	20161001	MERCHEL,ANDREW	BMCS	20160901
LANDER,KARL	MSTC	20160901	MERCURIO,SCOTT	MSS4	20160901
LANG,JOHN	MKCM	20161001	MERRITT,ROBERT	MKC	20160901
LANGDALE,JOSEPH	CDR	20161101	MESA,PEDRO	LCDR	20161010
LANGESLAY,COLIN	CAPT	20161001	MEYERS,MICHAEL	FS2	20160901
LANIER,CHRISTOPHER	MK2	20160901	MILLER,DENNIS	CDR	20161001
LATHROP,TERRY	BOSN3	20161001	MILLER,KENNETH	ENG3	20161001
LATRONICO,RONALD	IT1	20160901	MILLS,EDWARD	OSCS	20160901
LATTANZI,PAUL	BMCM	20160901	MILTON,JANINE	SA	20161107
LAVEY,THOMAS	ITCM	20161001	MOHR,ERICA	CDR	20161001
LAYMAN,DOUGLAS	CDR	20161001	MONEYMAKER,JAMES	AMTCS	20160901
LEAHY,SCOTT	HSC	20160901	MORGAN,ALAN	AMT1	20160901
LEAS,JEFFREY	OSC	20160901	MORGAN,PAUL	DCC	20161001
LEE,WILLIAM	INV4	20161001	MORGAN,CHARLES	BMC	20161001
LEHMANN,ROBERT	BMC	20161001	MORGAN,JEFFREY	CDR	20161001
LEIBHAM,CHRISTOPHER	MEC	20161001	MORRISSETT,TIMOTHY	EMC	20160901
LEICH,DAVID	VADM	20161001	MORRISON,LESTER	MSTCS	20161006
LEON,DREW	BMCS	20160901	MOSKOWITZ,MATTHEW	BM1	20160901
	ITC	20160901	MOULDER,GREGORY	AMT1	20160901
	BM2	20161001			
	MSSD4	20161001			

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MUNOZ,ARTURO	MK1	20161101	RIVERA,ANGEL	MK1	20160901
MUNOZ,LUIS	BOSN4	20160901	RIVERAMONSERRATE,JUAN	BOSN3	20161001
NAFF,BETH	CDR	20161001	ROACH,LAL	LT	20161101
NAGEL,MATTHEW	BM3	20160901	ROBBINS,JOHN	BMC	20160901
NAGLE,KENNETH	MAT4	20161009	ROBINSON,PHILIP	BOSN2	20160901
NASH,DOUGLAS	CAPT	20161001	ROBINSON,JOSHUA	MST1	20161001
NEBLETT,ANTHONY	YNC	20161001	ROBINSON,STANLEY	LCDR	20161001
NECAISE,ELIZABETH	YNC	20160901	ROBINSON,ELINOR	SN	20161110
NELSON,MARK	LCDR	20161001	ROBINSON,JOSHUA	SN	20161017
NELSON,PAUL	MAT3	20161001	ROCHE,BRIAN	CAPT	20161101
NELSON,ROBERT	AETCS	20160901	ROMICH,SCOTT	FSCS	20160901
NEUBECKER,CRAIG	CDR	20160901	ROMMERDAHL,LINDA	SK1	20161023
NEUMANN,JEFFREY	CDR	20160901	RONAN,JOSEPH	ETCM	20161201
NIES,LANNY	SKCM	20161001	ROPP,PATRICK	CAPT	20161001
NOBLE,JAMES	INV4	20161101	ROSAS,ANTONIO	AMT1	20160901
NODAL,DAVID	SN	20160912	ROTHMAN,ROMAN	YNCS	20160901
NOONAN,CHARLES	OS1	20161101	ROWELL,ROBERT	ET2	20161201
NORMAN,GLEN	AMT1	20160901	RUSH,ORIN	CAPT	20161001
O'BRIEN,BEN	MK1	20161001	RUSSELL,ROBERT	PERS4	20160901
O'CONNELL,JOHN	FSC	20160901	RYAN,JOHN	MSTC	20160901
ODOM,DAVID	YNCS	20160901	RYAN,RANDAL	BOSN4	20161101
OGDEN,CECIL	OS3	20161119	RYMER,MATTHEW	CAPT	20160901
OHARA,JOHN	BOSN4	20161001	SADDLER,EMILY	CDR	20160901
ORTIZ,RAFAEL	CAPT	20160920	SAMBENEDETTO,RICHARD	F&S4	20161002
OSBURN,JENNIFER	LCDR	20161001	SAMP,DOUGLAS	OSCS	20160901
OVERHOLT,JOHN	AMT1	20160901	SANCHEZ,HOWARD	GM1	20161001
PADILLA,TERESA	HSC	20160901	SANDAHL,RONALD	EMCS	20161001
PAIVA,PAUL	CDR	20161107	SANTAFEDE,ERIC	MST2	20161001
PALM,BRIAN	CDR	20161001	SARGENT,ROSS	CAPT	20160901
PAPPAS,DAVID	F&S4	20160901	SATTERLEE,ZACK	AET1	20161006
PAQUETTE,ELI	BMC	20160901	SCHEIRMAN,SHADRACK	LCDR	20161001
PASHIA,PHILIP	BMC	20160904	SCHMALZ,CHARLES	MK2	20161113
PATRICK,BRYAN	AMT1	20160901	SCHMITT,CHANTEL	FSCS	20160901
PAUSER,DAVID	MK2	20160911	SCHNEIDER,CHANTEL	LT	20161001
PAYNE,STEVEN	AMTCM	20160901	SCHOFIELD,HAROLD	HSC	20160901
PEACE,ERIC	CDR	20160901	SCHRON,DAVID	AVI4	20160901
PEARSON,MICHAEL	LCDR	20160901	SCHUMANN,CLINTON	MK1	20160901
PECK,ANDREW	ME1	20161001	SCOTT,JOHN	ME2	20160928
PECK,JULIO	MKCS	20160905	SEMMLING,DIANE	MSTC	20160929
PENNO,DAVID	BM2	20161119	SEWARD,WILLIAM	CDR	20161001
PEREZ,JIMZON	MEC	20160901	SHACKELFORD,JOHN	DC1	20160901
PERKINS,JASON	BMC	20161001	SHAFFER,LANCE	MK2	20161006
PETERS,CHARLES	MK2	20160901	SHATERKIN,MAX	BM1	20161006
PETERSON,DAVID	OSCS	20160901	SHAY,MICHAEL	WEPS3	20161001
PIERCE,STEPHEN	IVC	20160916	SHELINE,MATTHEW	AET1	20160901
PIETROLUNGO,PATRICK	MK1	20160901	SHOWALTER,KEITH	OS1	20161024
PINTO,KEITH	AVI4	20161001	SIATKOWSKI,GARY	AETC	20161001
POLK,JAMES	MKC	20160901	SINGLETON,MICHAEL	BMC	20160901
POLLOCK,STEPHEN	BOSN4	20161101	SISK,STEVEN	MKCM	20161101
POOL,CHAD	LT	20160901	SITCH,STEPHEN	OS1	20161113
PRASKOVICH,ALISA	CDR	20161001	SKINNER,ROBERT	LT	20161001
PRESTON,MARSHALL	MKCS	20160901	SMITH,KEVIN	CDR	20161001
PRIESTMAN,ANNE	YNC	20160901	SMITH,CHRISTOPHER	ELC3	20161001
PRISCO,THOMAS	BM2	20160901	SMITH,GEORGE	ELC4	20161001
PRUDHOMME,DAN	ET2	20161119	SMITH,JEFFREY	ITCS	20160901
RANEY,STEPHEN	CAPT	20160901	SMITH,PAUL	ENG4	20161001
RAU,GEORGE	BMCS	20161001	SNYDER,JAY	SK1	20160913
RAZA,MOHAMMED	MEC	20160901	SOUTHWICK,SCOTT	MK2	20161201
REBHOLZ,JOEL	CAPT	20160901	SOWERS,CHARLES	DVCS	20161001
REECE,TODD	MK1	20160901	SOWERS,KEVIN	LTJG	20161015
REESE,JOHNNY	PERS3	20161101	SPARACIN,BENJAMIN	LT	20161201
REICHARD,JOHN	DC2	20161006	SPEER,DANIEL	MED4	20161001
RESTLE,JOSEPH	BMC	20161001	SPENCER,BRENT	LCDR	20161110
RESTO,GERALDO	AMTCS	20160901	SPERL,JONATHAN	FSC	20160901
REYNA,GILBERT	AET2	20161001	STAIER,MIKEAL	CAPT	20161001
RICHARDS,PAUL	PERS2	20161201	STANTON,JENNIFER	BMC	20160901
RICHIE,WESLEY	ETCS	20160901	STAPLES,KEVIN	ENG4	20161001
RILKO,DAVID	MKC	20161023	STEINBARGER,SCOTT	BMC	20161001
RIPLEY,FRED	ETCS	20160901	STEINMETZ,DALE	BMCM	20160901
RITTER,RONALD	MKCM	20161201	STEPHENS,CHRISTAL	MKC	20161001
RIVERA,EDWARD	YNC	20160901			

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STEPHENS, MATTHEW	BM2	20160901
STEPHENSON, CHRISTOPHER	MK1	20160901
STEVENS, MARK	BOSN4	20161001
STIERS, BRYAN	ENG4	20161101
STODDARD, PAUL	OSS4	20161001
STOLTZFUS, RICHARD	BMC	20160901
STONE, THOMAS	EMCM	20161201
STONE, MICHAEL	ELC2	20160901
STRANDFELDT, EILISH	MSSE2	20161001
SULLIVAN, CRAIG	YNCS	20160901
SULLIVAN, BRANDON	LCDR	20161101
SULLIVAN, JEFFREY	BMC	20161101
SUMMERS, KRIS	EMCS	20160901
SUMROK, CURTIS	CDR	20161001
SUSTACHEK, ADAM	AMTC	20160901
SWAFFORD, AARON	MKCS	20160901
SWEENEY, DANIEL	EMC	20160901
TADLOCK, CHRISTOPHER	HSCS	20160901
TAESALI, JASON	FS1	20160920
TALBOT, MAXWELL	IT2	20161116
TALY, CAROL	YNC	20160901
TARANTINO, ROBERT	CAPT	20160901
TAYLOR, THOMAS	DC1	20161024
TAYLOR, WILLIAM	LCDR	20160901
TAYLOR, DANIEL	HSC	20160901
TAYLOR, DONALD	OSCS	20160901
TAYLOR, JOSEPH	MK2	20161006
TENNYSON, SHIRLEY	PERS4	20161001
TESSIER, BRUCE	ETC	20160901
THALERAND, EMMANUEL	AET3	20161107
THOMAS, ERIC	ISM4	20161201
THOMAS, MICHAEL	CDR	20160901
THOMAS, JEFFERY	CAPT	20161001
THOMPSON, JON	LTJG	20161001
TOURNADE, MICHAEL	MKCS	20160915
TOWNLEY, BENJAMIN	ISS2	20161101
TRABEAU, CHRISTIAN	BMC	20161001
TRIBBLE, LESLEY	MK3	20161026
TRICE, HENRY	ISM4	20161101
TROWBRIDGE, SCOTT	AMT1	20160901
TUCKER, DUSTIN	BM2	20161124
TURNER, PAUL	LT	20161001
URBAN, STEVEN	BMCM	20161001
VAVREK, STACEY	BMC	20160901
VAZQUEZ, JESUS	BMC	20161001
VECCHIARELLI, KEITH	AMT1	20160901
VILLAREAL, TIFFANY	YN3	20161129
VORHIES, TIMOTHY	HS1	20161124
VROOMAN, KORKER	BMC	20160901
WALKER, MATTHEW	CAPT	20161101
WALKER, JAYSON	MK2	20161201
WALLIN, THOMAS	CDR	20161001
WALLO, THOMAS	AETCS	20160901
WALSH, PATRICK	AMT2	20161129
WALTER, DARRELL	MK1	20160901
WALUKEWICZ, PAUL	MKCS	20160901
WARD, EUGENE	ASTC	20160901
WARING, RICHARD	BMCS	20161001
WARNECKE, KATHRYN	OSC	20161201
WASSERMAN, ADAM	CDR	20161001
WEAVER, DENNIS	GMC	20160901
WEAVER, MICHAEL	LCDR	20161001
WEIR, TIMOTHY	ETC	20160901
WELCH, SCOTT	AVI4	20161001
WELCH, JEREMY	FS3	20161119
WELSH, MATTHEW	BMCS	20161201
WESCHREK, WAYNE	MST1	20160901
WESTMILLER, JUSTIN	LCDR	20161001
WHIDDEN, KELLIAN	BMCS	20161001
WHITAKER, THOMAS	BMC	20160901
WHITTY, ALEXANDER	IT1	20160901

WIEGARDT, DUANE	DCCM	20160901
WIGGEN, TODD	LCDR	20161001
WILCOX, JUSTON	OS1	20161101
WILDER, ERIC	AMT1	20160901
WILKINSON, KEVIN	LCDR	20161201
WILLIAMS, DOUGLAS	CDR	20161001
WILLIAMS, MATTHEW	FSC	20161101
WILLIAMS, KEITH	MK2	20160901
WILLIAMS, DALE	EMCS	20161129
WILLIAMS, WILLIE	EM2	20160905
WILLIAMSON, JOYE	YNC	20161101
WILSON, SECCO	SKC	20161001
WILSON, MONTE	MECS	20160901
WINDNAGLE, CHRISTOPHER	AMTCM	20160901
WINSLOW, TIMOTHY	SKC	20161001
WISE, BRIAN	ET2	20161001
WITBRACHT, CHAD	ENG4	20160901
WITKOWSKI, BIANCA	DC1	20160901
WITTIG, THOMAS	AMTC	20160901
WOLFE, CHARLES	MSSD3	20161001
WORKMAN, ROSALIE	GMC	20161201
WOTHERSPOON, DAVID	AETC	20160901
WOYTSEK, JOHN	HSC	20161001
WRIGHT, TED	AMTC	20161001
WRIGHT, DIONNE	YNC	20161001
WULFF, DONALD	MAT3	20161001
WUNDER, TOM	ENG2	20160901
YANKOWITZ, BARON	SK1	20161028
YODER, ROBIN	MK1	20160901
YOUNG, MARIA	SK1	20160901
YOUNG, BRADLEY	MK2	20160901
YOUNG, DOUGLAS	MKC	20160901
YOUNG, NIKI	MK3	20161129
ZAPPIA, JOSEPH	ET1	20160906
ZIMMERMAN, STEPHEN	DCCM	20160901
ZINCHUCK, WILLIAM	MEC	20161129



BERKOWITZ, ERIC	CAPT	20161001
CASKEY, JOHN	CAPT	20161001
DUNBAR, ADAM	CAPT	20161001
GLANG, GERD	RDML	20160901
SCHWEITZER, GREGORY	LCDR	20161123



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AMES, JARET	CAPT	20160901
ANDREASON, PAUL	CAPT	20161101
BAILEY, BRENDA	CAPT	20160901
BENINCASO, SILVIA	CAPT	20161001
BISCHOFF, JASON	CAPT	20161201
BRAYBOY, ANNIE	CAPT	20161001
BRISS, PETER	CAPT	20160901
CASPI, MARK	CAPT	20161101
CESPOY, KEITH	CAPT	20161001
COFFEY, RANDOLPH	CAPT	20161001
CONTOS, MICHAEL	CDR	20161101
COX, WESLEY	CAPT	20161001

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CRUZ, MARK	CDR	20160901
DAMON, INGER	CAPT	20160901
DAVENPORT, MARSHA	CAPT	20161001
DEMMA, ANDREW	CDR	20161001
DITBERT, STEVEN	CAPT	20160901
DONAHOE, STEPHANIE	CAPT	20161101
DUNN, SUSAN	CAPT	20160901
ECKHAUS, MICHAEL	CAPT	20160901
ELIZONDO, EPIFANIO	RADM	20161001
ELLISON, DAVID	CAPT	20161201
ENG, SIMON	CAPT	20160902
ESCALERA, ELIZABETH	CAPT	20161001
FELDMAN, LOUIS	CDR	20160901
FIGUEROA, LIZA	CAPT	20161201
FROST, BUCKY	CAPT	20161201
GOLDWASSER, STEVEN	CAPT	20161201
GRANICH, REUBEN	CAPT	20160901
GRAY, MARSHALL	CAPT	20160901
GRINNELL, RICHIE	RADM	20161001
GROGAN, LAURA	CAPT	20161101
GRUBER, TIMOTHY	CAPT	20161201
HAYSLETT, JAMES	CAPT	20161101
HSIAO, JOHN	CAPT	20161001
IMHOLTE, JAMES	CAPT	20161001
IMPSON, JEANETTA	CDR	20161101
JONES, PAUL	CAPT	20161101
KETCHER, GREG	CAPT	20161001
KINIRY, TIMOTHY	CDR	20160901
KOO, DENISE	CAPT	20161001
KORATICH, CHAD	CAPT	20161101
KOTHARY, MAHENDRA	CAPT	20160901
LONG, WILLIAM	CAPT	20161101
LYGHT, JOSEPHINE	CAPT	20160901
MARCHIORI, LOUIS	CAPT	20160901
MCBRIDE, TAMI	CAPT	20161201
MCLAUGHLIN, MICHAEL	CAPT	20161001
NORMAN, DENISE	CDR	20161201
OCARROLL, PATRICK	RADM	20161001
PANNABECKER, GARY	CAPT	20161101
PATTEA, SANDRA	RADM	20160901
PERKINS, VADA	CAPT	20161001
PERSAD, GERARDA	CDR	20161201
RAEL, MELISSA	CAPT	20161001
REED, JAMES	CDR	20161001
ROBERSON, RENEE	CDR	20161001
RUTHERFORD, DAVID	CDR	20160901
SHOULTZ, DAVID	CAPT	20160901
SMITH, MARIA-PAZ	CAPT	20160901
SMITH, DEBORAH	CAPT	20161101
STENBERG, WILLIAM	CAPT	20161001
STRAUSBAUGH, DANIEL	CAPT	20161001
STRUNK, JAMES	CDR	20160901
TANZILLO, JODI	CDR	20161001
TAYLOR, ALLEN	CDR	20160901
TURNER, RICHARD	CAPT	20160901
WASSERMANN, ERIC	CAPT	20161201
WEBER, CHARLES	CAPT	20161201
ZAJAC, ANDREW	CAPT	20161201
ZAZA, STEPHANIE	CAPT	20160901

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## MOVIE REVIEW: HACKSAW RIDGE

By Matthew O'Connell

Hacksaw Ridge, directed by Mel Gibson (of Braveheart fame), tells the story of Desmond Doss, the first pacifist Medal of Honor winner. Doss (February 7, 1919 to March 23, 2006), was a corporal in the US Army during World War II and distinguished himself during the battle of Okinawa.

The movie follows Doss (played ably by Andrew Garfield) from his early days in Lynchburg, Virginia where he becomes deeply religious following an act of animosity in which he injures his brother. Doss enters military service in 1942 but refuses to carry a weapon or work on Saturday (his Sabbath). In the movie, he is subjected to much harassment from his fellow soldiers who view him as a coward. Still, he perseveres and goes to war with them as a medic sans a weapon.

It is on Okinawa that Doss demonstrates the type of courage most warriors associate with defeating the enemy. Consistently and without regard to his own personal safety, he risks his life to save soldier after soldier who would have died had he not given them medical care and brought them to safety. The battle scenes are realistic and well filmed; the dramatic events of that year (1945) on a little island in the Pacific helped alter the course of the war. Desmond Doss was not alone in demonstrating marked courage in the face of enemy fire but he was alone without a weapon and only his faith to sustain him.

At the end of the movie, viewers get to hear the real Desmond Doss summarize the events of those few months. He was an unassuming fellow and Garfield captures both his humility and his stubbornness. His innate sense of right and wrong sustains him throughout the battle as it did for the remainder of his life.

## BOOK REVIEW: ALL THE GALLANT MEN: AN AMERICAN SAILOR'S FIRST-HAND ACCOUNT OF PEARL HARBOR

By Matthew O'Connell

When my son was just five years old, we moved to Hawaii where I assumed my duties as the Coast Guard's Housing Officer. It was also where my son developed his love for history. The Arizona Memorial impressed upon him the notion that we live in the historic moments of our country's past. The old William Faulkner comment about the old South—the past isn't even past—applies to Hawaii as well. No one who has lived in Hawaii will ever let a December 7th pass without pausing to reflect upon the momentous events of that day, now some 75 years ago.

At 8:06 a.m. on that fateful morning, Seaman First Class Donald Stratton was literally immolated while still alive. As his ship, the *USS Arizona* exploded, he approached a near-death state burned across two thirds of his body. This nineteen year old Nebraskan so very far from home, seeking adventure and a job as thousands of young men had during the depression years, managed to make it to a neighboring vessel.

In this first and only memoir written by an Arizona survivor, Stratton shares his memories with those of us born well after these events. He and four other sailors made it safely across a rope tethered to the neighboring vessel. One thousand, one hundred and seventy-seven of his shipmates perished that day. There was no rope for them as they became part of history's grim statistics.

Stratton was sent to various military hospitals where he stubbornly refused the doctor's advice to amputate his limbs. The Navy discharged him for medical reasons and no reasonable person thought they would see him in uniform again. On February 26, 1944, with his discharge papers in hand, he reported to his local draft board in Omaha and asked to return to active duty. Later that year, Don was back in the turmoil of the Pacific War on a destroyer, the *USS Stack*, as he saw action in New Guinea, Leyte Gulf off the Philippines (in which the Japanese inaugurated their *Kamikaze* program) and Okinawa.

Donald Stratton is 94 years old, has been married to his wife, Velma, for sixty-six of those years and currently resides in Colorado Springs as a member of the cadre of dwindling World War II heroes. He will not be forgotten.



# USCG TAPS

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GRADE	DATE	CITY	STATE
ACUFF	JOHN	LT	20160908	JACKSONVILLE	FL
ALDRICH	STEPHEN	CWO4	20161012	WASILLA	AK
AMUNDSON	FAYE	CWO4	20161019	ORMOND BCH	FL
ANDREWS	RONALD	RM1	20161115	ELLIKAY	GA
BALCER	ANTONIO	ENG2	20161031	WINTHROP	ME
BATALON	THOMAS	OS2	20160904	BLOOMINGTON	IN
BATTLES	DARRELL	FS2	20160905	GRANITE	IL
BELCHER	JOHN	ET2	20161118	WALNUT COVE	NC
BERTHIAUME	FRANCIS	MKC	20160830	TYNGSBORO	MA
BESTON	DANIEL	GMC	20161122	DANDRIDGE	TN
BEZDZIECKI	ZENNON	MKCS	20161028	NANTICOKE	PA
BIELSKI	JOSEPH	AMC	20161027	ELIZABETH CITY	NC
BILLER	RONALD	CDR	20160918	STATEN ISLAND	NY
BOGARDUS	WILLIAM	PS1	20161017	SEAFORD	DE
BOURKE	JOHN	TTC	20161125	WILDWOOD	FL
BOWLBY	ROBERT	CWO4	20160925	FT WALTON BEACH	FL
BOYER	CHRISTOPHER	MKC	20161017	GREEN BAY	WI
BRANDSMA	THEODORE	CAPT	20160924	LITTLETON	CO
BROWN	TERRY	OS1	20161125	WEST PLAINS	MO
BROWNELL	PRESCOTT	LT	20161105	CHARLESTON	SC
BUFFORD	JAMES	OSCM	20160909	HEATH	TX
BUNKERS	LUCY	TC2	20160913	CARLSBAD	CA
BURNS	GARY	ADC	20160910	PHOENIX	AZ
CARLIN	JAMES	ENG2	20160910	KITTANNING	PA
CARSON	ROBERT	LT	20161021	BILOXI	MS
CASTIN	HENRY	CSC	20161026	N LAS VEGAS	NV
CHARLES	MARTIN	SA	20161008	LAKEVIEW	OR
CHITWOOD	MANUEL	CWO2	20161013	CINCINNATI	OH
CHRISTMAN	STANLEY	PAC	20160831	WAUKEGAN	IL
CHRISTMAN	LLOYD	DCCS	20160911	GREEN BAY	WI
COLBURN	PAUL	ETCS	20161002	BROOKSVILLE	FL
COTE	RALPH	CWO2	20161011	GOODYEAR	AZ
CUMMINGS	HAROLD	BM1	20160915	HANCOCK	ME
CUMMINGS	THOMAS	LCDR	20160917	EAST LYME	CT
DAISEY	LEE	TTC	20160921	VIRGINIA BCH	VA
DAVIES	RICHARD	ENS	20161002	PORTSMOUTH	NH
DEBBAN	RODNEY	YN1	20161030	ROSEBURG	OR
DIAZ	ESTEBAN	FSC	20160916	PARANAQUE	MT
DOHERTY	CHAD	CAPT	20161107	ANNAPOLIS	MD
DORICS	THEODORE	SKC	20161022	CALIFORNIA	MD
DOYLE	JOHN	ETCS	20160930	PAHRUMP	NV
DRAKE	CALVIN	MKC	20161007	SUFFOLK	VA
DREWER	JOHN	CDR	20161030	BELLE HAVEN	VA
DUNK	ANDREW	LCDR	20160919	CARLSBAD	CA
DYCKMAN	MORRIS	CWO2	20161015	WINNABOW	NC
DYMEK	ROBERT	MKCM	20161017	PEMBROKE PINES	FL
EBERSOLE	JOHN	CDR	20161123	TELLURIDE	CO
EDGETT	BYRON	BM1	20161107	SPRING HILL	FL
EDWARDS	H	YN2	20161014	HARRISON	AR

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GRADE	DATE	CITY	STATE
<i>(TAPS continued from page 18)</i>					
EKMAN	JOHN	CAPT	20161022	N CONWAY	NH
ENDRES	JAMES	YN1	20160927	CHINOOK	WA
ERICKSON	DALE	HSCS	20161025	BUFFALO	MO
ERNE	RAY	LCDR	20160906	CONCORD	MA
EUBANKS	RICHARD	ITC	20161030	BARTON	VT
FEISTER	ALEXANDER	BMC	20161012	ALEXANDRIA	IN
FITZGERALD	JAMES	ENC	20160907	SENECA	SC
FLETCHER	FRED	CWO3	20161104	JUNEAU	AK
FULCHER	LEVEN	BMC	20161118	HATTERAS	NC
GILLESPIE	ROBERT	CDR	20161015	GAINESVILLE	FL
GODDARD	DAVID	MK1	20161103	ROCKFORD	MI
GOLEMBIEWSKI	JOHN	AEC	20161106	MOBILE	AL
GRAY	COLLINS	BMCM	20160913	AVON	NC
GRIFFIN	JAMES	PS1	20161016	SAN RAMON	CA
GRIMMETT	CECIL	LTJG	20160915	WEST PALM BEACH	FL
HARMS	JOHN	YNC	20160831	ASTORIA	OR
HARRISON	DENNIS	ETCS	20161112	EVERETT	WA
HASKETT	AUBREY	ADC	20161007	SAN ANTONIO	TX
HATCHER	FLOYD	DC1	20160901	JACKSONVILLE	NC
HELLDORFER	BERNARD	CDR	20161003	BETHPAGE	NY
HILL	DAVID	FS1	20161107	DULUTH	MN
HODGE	JOHN	BMC	20160925	SOUTHPORT	NC
HOLLINGSWORTH	CARL	ADC	20160920	FLETCHER	NC
HOLLINS	WILLIAM	FN	20161004	PORTLAND	OR
HOPKINS	LESLIE	CWO3	20161123	MCMINNVILLE	OR
HOPPER	LOUIS	CDR	20161111	TROY	AL
HORNING	DARYL	AMC	20161029	ANCHORAGE	AK
HOWARD	CHARLES	BM1	20161001	MYRTLE BEACH	SC
HUDDLESTON	RHYBURN	SKCM	20161119	ST AUGUSTINE	FL
HUECHTKER	EDWARD	CWO4	20161018	ORANGE BEACH	AL
HUGHES	WILLIAM	LCDR	20161104	EASTON	KS
IVEY	JOHN	MKC	20160923	BRANDON	FL
JACOBY	WALTER	QMC	20161016	SILVER SPGS	MD
JARREAU	IRVIS	ENCS	20160910	LEDBETTER	KY
JOBE	FRANKIE	MKC	20161018	LAMARQUE	TX
JOHNSON	JIMMIE	ATC	20161120	ARVADA	CO
JOHNSON	RONALD	BMC	20160929	JACKSONVILLE	FL
JOHNSON	ROBERT	CWO4	20160902	MODESTO	CA
KAPLAN	DAVID	BMCS	20161008	ASHTABULA	OH
KARASZ	CHARLES	EN3	20161010	BERLIN	NY
KAY	DENNIS	LCDR	20161001	SURPRISE	AZ
KEARY	ROBERT	LCDR	20161109	BEDFORD	NH
KNIGHT	GERARD	LCDR	20160915	ORLANDO	FL
KOSZEWSKI	HAROLD	MM1	20161013	SAN LEANDRO	CA
KOZBIEL	KENNETH	CWO3	20160929	ST AUGUSTINE	FL
KRAMEK	ROBERT	ADM	20161020	THE WOODLANDS	TX
KRONK	JOSEPH	AT2	20160909	LOVELAND	CO
LACHMAN	MICHAEL	RMCM	20161120	LONG BEACH	CA
LANCE	MORRIS	CWO4	20161007	ANACORTES	WA
LASHLEY	HUBERT	AECS	20160907	STEINHATCHEE	FL
LATNER	LUTHER	MST2	20160912	NORTHPORT	AL
LEONES	CESAR	FS1	20160928	AIEA	HI


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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GRADE	DATE	CITY	STATE
<i>(TAPS continued from page 19)</i>					
LEWIS	PLEASANT	CWO3	20161110	ST PETERSBURG	FL
LYONS	MICHAEL	RMC	20161110	ALVIN	TX
MALCOLM	RALPH	LCDR	20161109	ALEXANDRIA	VA
MANDEL	ARYEH ROBERT	DC3	20161014	DAVIE	FL
MARTIN	CHARLES	LT	20160922	SANTA ANA	CA
MASSEY	DEWEY	MKC	20161110	ABILENE	TX
MAYR	FREDERICK	LCDR	20160901	STEILACOOM	WA
MCBRIDE	NORMAN	LT	20161019	ANDERSON	CA
MCCLELLAN	MICHAEL	YNCS	20161007	MOBILE	AL
MCCREARY	CHESTER	CWO4	20160901	NEWPORT NEWS	VA
MOORE	RICHARD	EMCM	20161129	KENNERDELL	PA
MULCAHY	PAUL	SA	20160918	CLEARWATER	FL
MUNSON	ROBERT	RDML	20161022	KERRVILLE	TX
MURPHY	PAUL	MK1	20161106	OAKLAND	ME
NELSON	LARRY	MK1	20160903	DETROIT	MI
NUNES	JOHN	MK1	20161124	MANTECA	CA
OBARTUCK	PAUL	SA	20160909	WARE	MA
OREN	HARRY	AD2	20160914	AKIN	SC
PARKS	JAMES	GMCS	20161003	PHILADELPHIA	PA
PHELPS	GEORGE	BTC	20161127	GULFPORT	MS
PILANT	STEPHEN	LCDR	20160917	SHERMAN	TX
PIROLLO	LAWRENCE	SNYN	20161004	LEVITTOWN	PA
POMALES	DEMETRIO	PS1	20161108	BRONX	NY
POTHIER	JOSEPH	MKC	20161009	WINDHAM	NH
PRATT	KENNETH	BMCS	20161109	MIDDLETOWN	RI
PRINSELAAR	ROBERTO	LCDR	20161122	ST GEORGE	UT
PURDEY	DANIEL	SK1	20161014	WASILLA	AK
QUINN	JAMES	BMC	20161021	NEW SMYRNA BCH	FL
REED	DENNIS	BMC	20161016	JACKSONVILLE	FL
REHMER	ROBERT	SK2	20161024	CLEARWATER	FL
REYES	MARK	MSTCS	20161125	HOT SPGS VILL	AR
RODRIGUEZ	JOSE	DC1	20160913	JAYUYA	PR
ROMAN	WARREN	SN	20161107	RICHMOND	VA
ROSE	DONALD	MKC	20161107	LAKEBAY	WA
ROWE	HARRY	CDR	20161124	ACHILLES	VA
RUSSELL	WILLIAM	ETC	20161006	BROUGHTON	IL
SCHENK	SEAN	CDR	20161103	WEST BEND	WI
SCHIAVULLI	ALEXANDER	F&S2	20161124	WEST WARWICK	RI
SCHROEDER	JOHN	CDR	20160926	SUN LAKES	AZ
SCHWINDT	MARTIN	SN	20160912	DENVER	CO
SEASE	TIMOTHY	SKC	20161017	HAINES CITY	FL
SENA	GILBERT	CDR	20160901	LOVELAND	CO
SENOY	ROBERT	BMC	20161025	VALRICO	FL
SIMMONS	LLOYD	SN	20161028	BATH	NC
SIMPSON	DOUGLAS	LT	20160928	MANCHESTER	NJ
SKIPPER	GERALD	YN3	20160914	JACKSONVILLE	FL
SMITH	FORREST	CDR	20161110	HOLLY SPRINGS	NC
SMITH	HARRISON	CDR	20161109	LUTZ	FL
SMITH	LEON	MKCM	20161023	PORT ANGELES	WA
SOWDEN	MICHAEL	BOSN4	20161004	JAMES STORE	VA
SPERANZA	JOHN	F&S4	20160913	MADISON	WI
STARR	EDWARD	MK1	20160924	TAUNTON	MA
STEINFELDT	RALPH	LT	20160929	TUCSON	AZ

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STEMBLER	WALLACE	CWO2	20160927	MINNEAPOLIS	MN
STEWART	ROYAL	FS1	20160907	FRANKLIN	LA
STJOHN	ROBERT	CWO3	20160918	LAKE STEVENS	WA
STOWE	WILLIAM	MKC	20161010	BUXTON	NC
SULLIVAN	EARLE	CAPT	20161104	REIDSVILLE	NC
SWEENEY	WILLIAM	MK1	20161024	DESTIN	FL
SWINK	GORDON	LT	20161128	RICHARDSON	TX
TAYLOR	DAROLD	DC1	20161106	ELIZABETH CITY	NC
TAYLOR	ERNEST	YN2	20161018	ST PETERSBURG	FL
TOMASELLI	SANDY	PS1	20160923	HUMBLE	TX
TOMBOLILLO	ANTHONY	BMC	20161016	OSWEGO	NY
TOMELDEN	RUFO	FSC	20161006	LINGAYEN	PG
TORRES	CARLOS	CDR	20161014	VIENNA	VA
TRAHAN	CAMILLE	CWO4	20161118	NEW ORLEANS	LA
VENDL	BILL	CAPT	20161030	LONG BEACH	CA
WAY	GARRY	SA	20161013	GEERS FERRY	AR
WEINFURTER	ROBERT	MK1	20160831	KINGSFORD	MI
WELBURN	LYNN	CWO2	20161009	GLEN CARBON	IL
WERESKI	GREGORY	SN	20161108	WADESBORO	NC
WERLEY	JAMES	EMCS	20160929	HILO	HI
WHITEHEAD	DAVID	ENS	20161001	BRIDGEWATER	MA
WHITTENBURG	JAMES	CWO2	20161021	GAMBRILLS	MD
WILLIAMS	DANIEL	MKC	20161024	MACHIASPORT	ME
YODER	FRANK	ATC	20161027	HURRICANE	UT



### NOAA TAPS

MUNSON	ROBERT	RDML	20161022	KERRVILLE	TX
SANDQUIST	ROBERT	RDML	20161107	LAKEWODD	WA
TIBBIT	DONALD	CAPT	20161007	TEXARKANA	AR



### PHS TAPS

ADAMS	EDGAR	CAPT	20161110	CLARKSBURG	MD
BARTOL	HUBERT	CAPT	20160922	ALBUQUERQUE	NM
BLACKWOOD	CAROLYN	CAPT	20160926	HERNDON	VA
BOTHWELL	ERIC	CAPT	20161020	GAINESVILLE	FL
CHRISTIAN	JAMES	CAPT	20161020	GLENDALE	AZ
CONROY	WILLIAM	CAPT	20161022	PHOENIX	AZ
COONEY	DAVID	CAPT	20161008	BETHESDA	MD
EASTON	JOHN	CAPT	20160831	SAN DIEGO	CA
ENG	SIMON	CAPT	20160901	POTOMAC	MD
GREENE	JOHN	RADM	20161013	SAN RAFAEL	CA
GRMAILA	PATRICIA	CAPT	20161117	WILKES-BARRE	PA
HEITZ	CARL	CAPT	20161028	SALEM	OR
JONES	FRANK	CAPT	20161118	LAS VEGAS	NV

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LAUBHAM	JAMES	CAPT	20161010	PHOENIX	AZ
MORFITT	ROBERT	CAPT	20161029	BLACK HAWK	CO
REESE	RICHARD	CDR	20161102	WASHBURN	WI
SIEGEL	GORDON	CAPT	20161020	BETHESDA	MD
SULLIVAN	ROBERT	CAPT	20161104	NAVATO	CA
TREVER	ELIZABETH	CAPT	20161123	BOISE	ID

## THE NEWSLETTER GETS AROUND



BMCS Retiree Rob Wyco reads the Retiree newsletter story about Coxswain Bob Canavan from last month's news letter to inspire a Boatswain's Mate class he is sponsoring. Senior Chief Wyco has worked as a contracted instructor and Project Manager with Leidos on board Yorktown since retiring in 2004. He still participates with BM students when they PT, leads cadence and wrote a song called the Coast Guard Sea Shanty. He said he has had more "positive impact" as a retiree and contractor at Yorktown than he did in 22 years Active service.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPNdAW75AxA>

## NOAA RELEASES CHIEF SCIENTIST'S ANNUAL REPORT

The NOAA Chief Scientist's Annual Report provides corporate level overview of NOAA's research and development (R&D) activities, including a clear expression of the agency's research portfolio logic. As the nation's environmental intelligence agency, with a legacy reaching back more than 200 years, NOAA supports a research enterprise that is a rich blend of disciplines, methods and objectives. This document, a first of its kind, highlights NOAA's progress towards meeting agency priorities in R&D, scientific integrity and workforce development.

The report can be found at the following link: <http://research.noaa.gov/InDepth/Features/CurrentFeature/TabId/728/ArtMID/1884/ArticleID/12013/NOAA-releases-Chief-Scientists-Annual-Report.aspx>




## DEPENDENT TAPS

Name of Dependent	Relationship	Date of Death	Location
Mary A. Arnold	Wife of CDR John R. Arnold, USCG Ret	01 Jul 2016	Portsmouth, VA
Shirley A. Bishop	Wife of BMC Charles L. Bishop Sr., USCG Ret	01 Aug 2016	Vicksburg, MS
Sandra Brandenstein	Wife of CWO4 Robert W. Brandenstein, USCG Ret	23 Sep 2016	Buxton, ME
Linda J. Chappell	Wife of LCDR Gary Chappell, USCG Ret	30 Sep 2016	Woodbridge, VA
Mary Cohen	Wife of CAPT Steven Cohen, USPHS Ret	27 Aug 2016	Fairfield, CA
Pamela D. Copeland	Daughter of CWO4 Artis Copeland, USCG Ret	13 Jun 2015	Wash, DC
Linda M. Cunningham	Wife of CDR Timothy J. Cunningham, USCG Ret	02 Nov 2016	Jonesborough, TN
Barbara Davenport	Wife of MKC Robert L. Davenport, USCG Ret	08 Oct 2016	Port Neches, TX
Anne B. Davis	Wife of DCC David E. Davis, USCG Ret	20 Aug 2016	Fort Lauderdale, FL
Brenda Demontigny	Wife of CDR Douglas Demontigny, USPHS Ret	27 July 2016	Dunseith, ND
Margaret A. Dougherty	Wife of CWO4 Dennis Dougherty, USCG Ret	15 Aug 2016	Sault Ste Marie, MI
Jeannette F. Dubois	Wife of BMCM Jean Dubois, USCG Ret	18 Oct 2016	Columbia, SC
Patricia Freyenhagen	Wife of MKCS James Freyenhagen, USCG Ret	04 Apr 2016	Brunswick, ME
Evelyn G. Gogue	Wife of CWO3 David F. Gogue, USCG Ret	29 Aug 2016	Waipahu, HI
Elzora J. Hughes	Wife of AEC Paul A. Hughes, USCG Ret	25 Nov 2016	Waynesville, MO
Ruth H. Lynch	Wife of RMC William Lynch, USCG Ret	13 Apr 2015	Warren Grove, NJ
Patricia Nelson	Wife of VADM Robert Nelson, USCG Ret	12 Nov 2016	Fairfax Station, VA
Gertrude A. Ryals	Wife of QMC Austin T. Ryals, USCG Ret	30 Nov 2016	Lake Stevens, WA
Olivette A. Tanguay	Wife of CAPT Joseph M. Tanguay, USCG Ret (Dec)	15 Nov 2016	Panama City, FL
Geraldine M. Thomas	Wife of SKCM Donald A. Thomas, USCG Ret	13 Oct 2016	Sammamish, WA

If you have lost a loved one and would like their name printed in Dependent Taps, please contact [PPC-DG-RAS@uscg.mil](mailto:PPC-DG-RAS@uscg.mil) with their name, date of death, your name and retired rank, and city/state of residence. RAS will make appropriate updates and then forward to The Retiree Newsletter Editor. Or you can send your request in writing and mail to: Commanding Officer (RAS), Pay & Personnel Center, 444 SE Quincy Street, Topeka, KS 66683-3591. You may also fax your request to (785) 339-3770.

### VA BENEFIT: SPOUSE BURIAL

Burial benefits available for spouses and dependents buried in a national cemetery include burial with the veteran, perpetual care, and the spouse or dependent's name and date of birth and death will be inscribed on the veteran's headstone, at no cost to the family. Eligible spouses and dependents may be buried, even if they predecease the veteran. The veteran's family should make funeral or cremation arrangements with a funeral provider or cremation office. Any item or service obtained from a funeral home or cremation office will be at the family's expense.

(Source: [www.cem.va.gov](http://www.cem.va.gov))

### DEPUTY COMMANDANT FOR MISSION SUPPORT

The DCMS Watch is a 24X7 manned watch that is the primary point of contact for emergent mission support issues.

Typical DCMS Watch activities include monitoring urgent personnel issues, tracking significant logistical events for deployed assets, advising Service and Logistics Centers of significant events and natural disasters and tracking Coast Guard cutter casualties.

You may contact them at phone: (757) 398-6765 or via email at: [d05-smb-dcms-watch@uscg.mil](mailto:d05-smb-dcms-watch@uscg.mil).

**Editor's notes****Keeping Retiree & Annuitant Services Informed**

All retirees are reminded to inform PPC (**RAS**) as soon as possible following changes of marital status (divorce, death, annulment, marriage, just to mention some), death of a designated SBP beneficiary, or any other changes which could impact retired pay. Additionally, when you make a change with DEERS it **does not** constitute a change to your retired pay account since DEERS is a totally different system from RAS.

**State Tax Reminder:** As a reminder when moving from one state to another and updating your home mailing address, don't forget to change your state tax withholdings. The retiree must request a change for state tax as an address change does not automatically change or stop the state information that the tax is being paid to.

**Send your reunion or other notices to:**

The Retiree Newsletter  
Commanding Officer (P&D)  
U.S. Coast Guard Pay & Personnel Center  
444 SE Quincy Street  
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

E-mail: [PPC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil](mailto:PPC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil)  
Phone: (toll free, U.S. only) 1-800-772-8724 or (785) 339-2236

**PHS Statement of Service**

To receive instructions on how to obtain a **PHS Statement of Service**, contact: [alex.potter@hhs.gov](mailto:alex.potter@hhs.gov). For a **corrected** Statement of Service send your email to: [phsccassignments@hhs.gov](mailto:phsccassignments@hhs.gov).

**Coast Guard/NOAA/PHS Retiree Personnel Locator:** If you are searching for a Coast Guard, NOAA, or PHS retired individual, we can help. Place your personal correspondence to that individual in a sealed envelope, making sure to include how they can get in touch with you. On the outside of that envelope, address it to them with their full name and rank/rate (for military). Please write your return address and attach a stamp on the envelope. Then, place that envelope in a larger envelope and address it to:

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

RAS will complete the person's address and place it in the mail.

**Need a corrected DD-214?**

If your DD-214 is incorrect and you want a corrected form, you need to send your request in writing to:

DHS Office of General Counsel  
Board for Correction of Military Records  
Mailstop #485  
245 Murray Lane  
Washington, DC 20528  
Phone: (202) 447-4099  
<http://www.uscg.mil/legal/BCMR.asp>

Please include your name, rank/rate, SSN/Employee ID, and date of retirement.

**More DD-214 information**

Great news for veterans—the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to request a copy of their DD-214 online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>.

This will reduce the waiting time veterans have experienced in the past (waiting for copies of their DD-214s).

**Note:** Because a written signature is required on the form, you will still need to print it out and mail or fax it to NPRC to obtain a copy.

**VA compensation payments and federal income taxes**

If you retired from the USCG, NOAA or PHS based on years of service and are later given a retroactive service connected disability rating by the VA, your retirement pay for the retroactive period is excluded from income up to the amount of VA disability benefits that you would have been entitled to receive. The form 1099R reports the entire distribution because the income, when paid, was taxable under the law.

**A corrected form 1099R which could support the decrease in taxable income will not be issued by PPC.** This policy is contained in the DOD Financial Management Regulations, VOL 7B and also is stated in the IRS instructions for Form 1099R, which directs that the entire income distribution will be reported if a part is taxable and a part is not taxable.

Retirees who are affected by this policy should consult a tax preparer for assistance. The retiree should provide copies of the Form 1099R and the VA Award Letter to claim a refund of taxes paid on the excludable amount.

You may also claim a refund of any taxes paid on an excludable amount in previous years by filing an amended return on Form 1040X, subject to statute of limitations.



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

### 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**. Our 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 available from our website <http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/forms>

**E-mail: [PPC-DG-RAS@uscg.mil](mailto:PPC-DG-RAS@uscg.mil)**

**Website: <http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/ras/>**

### 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 available from our website <http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/forms> or directly from the 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

E-mail articles, dependent taps entries, reunion notices, etc., to [PPC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil](mailto:PPC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil) or call us at the numbers listed below. The deadline for the next issue is **Feb 9, 2017**

**RETIREE CUSTOMER SERVICE**

**1-800-PPC-USCG/1-800-772-8724**



## Other Important Phone Numbers and Websites

Medical/Dental Benefits	Phone	Websites/Notes
Eligibility (DEERS)/ID Cards	<b>1-800-538-9552 (TTY/TDD) 1-866-363-2883</b>	<a href="http://www.tricare.mil/deers">http://www.tricare.mil/deers</a>  In CA: 1-800-334-4162; In AK & HI 1-800-527-5602
Mail-Order Pharmacy	1-877-363-1303	<a href="http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/Prescriptions/Filling Prescriptions/TMOP">http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/Prescriptions/Filling Prescriptions/TMOP</a>
Retiree Dental Plan	1-888-838-8737	<a href="http://www.trdp.org">http://www.trdp.org</a>
TRICARE <b>Overseas</b>	1-888-777-8343	<a href="http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/Regions/RegionsNonUS">http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/Regions/RegionsNonUS</a>
TRICARE <b>United States</b>	Phone numbers on their website	<a href="http://tricare.mil">http://tricare.mil</a>
TRICARE <b>For Life</b>	1-866-773-0404	<a href="http://www.tricare.mil/tfl/default.cfm">http://www.tricare.mil/tfl/default.cfm</a>
TRICARE Eligibility—Pharmacy (Medicare info)	1-877-363-1303	<a href="http://www.tricare.mil/CoveredServices/Pharmacy/Eligibility.aspx">http://www.tricare.mil/CoveredServices/Pharmacy/Eligibility.aspx</a>
Federal Long-Term Health Insurance	1-800-582-3337	<a href="http://www.opm.gov/insure/ltc/">http://www.opm.gov/insure/ltc/</a>
CG Health Benefits Advisor	1-800-942-2422	
Veterans Benefits	Phone	Websites/Notes
Department of Veterans Affairs	1-800-827-1000	<a href="http://www.va.gov">http://www.va.gov</a>
Insurance Information	1-800-669-8477	<a href="http://www.insurance.va.gov">http://www.insurance.va.gov</a>
Veteran's Group Life Insurance		<a href="http://www.insurance.va.gov/sglisite/vgli/vgli.htm">http://www.insurance.va.gov/sglisite/vgli/vgli.htm</a>
<a href="#">New VGLI Applications and VGLI Reinstatements:</a> <a href="#">OSGLI</a> <a href="#">PO Box 41618</a> <a href="#">Philadelphia, PA 19176-9913</a>	1-800-419-1473 Overseas phone (973) 548-5699 Overseas fax# (973) 548-5300	<b>Death and accelerated benefits claims only:</b> Fax: 1-877-832-4943 All other fax inquiries: 1-800-236-6142 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:osgli.claims@prudential.com">osgli.claims@prudential.com</a> All other inquiries: <a href="mailto:osgli.osgli@prudential.com">osgli.osgli@prudential.com</a> <b>General Correspondence:</b> Office of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance 80 Livingston Avenue Roseland, NJ 07068-1733
Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents	1-800-827-1000	<a href="http://www.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current_benefits.asp">http://www.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current_benefits.asp</a> VA Pamphlet 80-02-1
Headstones and Markers	1-800-697-6947	<a href="http://www.cem.va.gov/hm.htm">http://www.cem.va.gov/hm.htm</a>
To join our mailing list to receive The Retiree Newsletter and other updates via email, send an email to: <a href="mailto:cgretired-owner@cgl.uscg.mil">cgretired-owner@cgl.uscg.mil</a>		

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<b>Other</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Websites/Notes</b>
Final Active Duty Pay	1-866-772-8724 Overseas (785) 339-2200	<a href="http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/ses/">http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/ses/</a> 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	<a href="http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/tvl.asp">http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/tvl.asp</a> 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	<a href="http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/">http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/</a> Write to: National Personnel Records Center Military Personnel Records 1 Archives Drive St. Louis, MO 63138-1002
Veterans or next-of-kin of a <b>deceased</b> veteran can log on <a href="http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records">http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records</a> and make requests. All others must write in and include complete name, rank/grade, SSN, dates of service and date of birth of the veteran. <b>DD-214s are also available via the website.</b>		
Social Security	1-800-772-1213	<a href="http://www.ssa.gov">http://www.ssa.gov</a>
WWII U.S. Merchant Marine Awards and Decorations	(202) 366-2646	<a href="http://www.marad.dot.gov/mariners/mariner-medals">http://www.marad.dot.gov/mariners/mariner-medals</a> Maritime Administration U.S. Department of Transportation 200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590
National Coast Guard Retiree Council Help Desk Telephone/E-mail "HOTLINE"	(202) 475-5381 or toll free 1-866-664-6245 (ext 55381)	E-mail: <a href="mailto:NRHDesk@gmail.com">NRHDesk@gmail.com</a>

**ARE YOU NEARING YOUR 65<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY? IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR MEDICAL BENEFITS**

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 65<sup>th</sup> birthday, you should log on to <http://www.ssa.gov> or <http://www.medicare.gov> to enroll in MEDICARE PART B. Additional information can be found on the TRICARE web site at [http://www.tricare.mil/Welcome/Eligibility/MedicareEligible.aspx?sc\\_database=web](http://www.tricare.mil/Welcome/Eligibility/MedicareEligible.aspx?sc_database=web) or by telephone at: 1- 866-773-0404. You may also call the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) at 800-538-9552.

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