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## COAST GUARD CUTTER BERTHOLF, PATROL AIRCRAFT COMPLETE MILESTONE JOURNEY



WASHINGTON - Feb 11, 2008 - The U. S. Coast Guard's first-in-class national security cutter will complete its builder trials shortly, after successfully operating in concert with the service's new maritime patrol aircraft, the Ocean Sentry HC-144, and a newly re-engined HC-65 helicopter.

"I have nearly nine years of sea-duty and I wish I could roll back the clock and serve aboard this cutter when she becomes operational," said Rear Adm. Ron Rábago, the Coast Guard's program executive officer, who was on board Bertholf as it departed Pascagoula, Miss. on Friday. "As Bertholf completes her pre-delivery testing, we are very excited about the capabilities that this ship is going to bring to the Coast Guard."

The Coast Guard anticipates that acceptance trials - the next phase in the process of formally accepting Bertholf into its fleet - will be conducted in three to four weeks. The four days of builder trials test the cutter's systems and performance in advance of the Coast Guard formally accepting it later this spring, and commissioning the cutter for service this summer.

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"I'm both excited and proud to have Bertholf take another major step forward towards delivery. The Coast Guard is demonstrating that it can meet the many management and technical challenges to bring this complex of a platform on line," said Rear Adm. Gary Blore, the chief of Coast Guard acquisition.

The flagship in the Coast Guard's first new class of large cutters in 25 years, the 418-foot Bertholf is the Coast Guard's largest ever patrol cutter. It is the first of eight planned cutters in the Legend Class, which will modernize the Coast Guard fleet with increased range and endurance, more powerful weapons, larger flight decks, advanced hazardous materials detection systems, and state-of-the-art communication and intelligence systems.

Bertholf will be homeported in Alameda, Calif.

*(Source: Coast Guard Press Release dtd Feb 11, 2008)*

#### Editor's notes

## RAS Programmer Retires From Federal Service January 2008



**Ms. Charlotte Newman** recently completed over 30 years of Federal service, 25 of which were with PSC.

Charlotte came to the Coast Guard in 1982 from the Department of Agriculture and worked as computer assistant in RAS for 3 years and then moved on to IAD as the WANG programmer for RAS, a position she held until she retired. Charlotte has seen and been instrumental in numerous changes over the years, including the change from change forms and IBM punch cards to ARPS and finally to the Global Payroll System. She has also witnessed many personnel changes with her co-workers, both military and civilian.

Charlotte was very conscientious about her job and it showed! She was very thorough and took great pride in her duties. Charlotte is looking forward to spending time with her children, grandchildren and improving her golf game. We will miss Charlotte's sense of humor, devotion to duty and carefree attitude. We wish her all the best in any venture she may undertake during retirement and hope she enjoys health and happiness.

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### U. S. Coast Guard Personnel Service Center

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## TRICARE NEWS

The TRICARE Retiree Dental Program is starting off 2008 with a dynamic new enhancement to the Consumer Toolkit® for enrollees. The Toolkit, which can be found under the "Current Enrollees" section at [www.trdp.org](http://www.trdp.org), already enables TRDP enrollees to manage their program enrollment by allowing them to view their eligibility, benefits, claims and maximum information; print ID cards and claim forms; and much more. We've just added an online tutorial, which now lets enrollees learn about the TRDP at their own pace and makes using the Consumer Toolkit a breeze.

*(Source: TRDP Press Release)*

### Regional Contractors Help Make the Most of the TRICARE Benefit

February 06, 2008

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (Feb. 6)— For beneficiaries, managing their TRICARE health care is only a phone call or mouse click away. TRICARE managed care support contractors (MCSC) are standing by to answer benefit questions and provide health care services and support beyond what's available at military treatment facilities (MTF).

TRICARE partners with civilian managed care support contractors (MCSCs), Health Net Federal Services, Inc., Humana Military Healthcare Services, Inc., TriWest Healthcare Alliance, Corp., and Wisconsin Physicians Service (WPS) to administer the health benefit for more than 9.1 million Service members, retirees and their families.

"Health coverage is one of the most important benefits of military service," said Army Maj. Gen. Elder Granger, Deputy Director, TRICARE Management Activity. "We work consistently with the MCSCs to help them understand how important their role is to those who serve and have served our nation. They are there to answer questions and provide support. When beneficiaries need help we encourage them to contact the appropriate contractor first—it's the best way to get the right information," Granger said.

Beneficiaries in the continental United States belong to one of three regions—North, South and West—with each region assigned its own MCSC. The regional contractors manage the TRICARE Support Centers, or TSCs, which provide administrative support, such as enrollment, care authorization, and claims processing.

The regional contractors also distribute educational information in print and online to beneficiaries and providers. TRICARE beneficiaries overseas are supported by the TRICARE Overseas Program, administered by Wisconsin Physician Services.

In addition to administrative support, the regional contractors establish targets for the number of physicians required to ensure a sufficient supply of providers to TRICARE patients in civilian provider networks.

"The MCSC system has enabled TRICARE to gain control of quality of care," said Granger. "The contractors provide a tremendous service to our beneficiaries by managing a very large and diverse program."

Regional contractors do not provide retail pharmacy or dental claims processing services. For more information about these TRICARE benefit programs, visit the "My Benefit" portal at [www.tricare.mil](http://www.tricare.mil).

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*(Source: TRICARE press release)*

## VA NEWS

### **CERTAIN PAYMENTS TO DISABLED VETERANS RULED TAX FREE, SOME MAY BE DUE REFUNDS**

Issue Number: IR-2007-198

WASHINGTON — Payments under the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Compensated Work Therapy (CWT) program are no longer taxable and disabled veterans who paid tax on these benefits in the past three years can now claim refunds, the Internal Revenue Service said today.

Recipients of CWT payments will no longer receive a Form 1099 from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Disabled veterans who paid tax on these benefits in tax-years 2004, 2005 or 2006 can claim a refund by filing an amended return using IRS Form 1040X. According to the VA, more than 19,000 veterans received CWT in Fiscal Year 2007.

The IRS agreed with a U.S. Tax Court decision issued earlier this year, which held that CWT payments are tax-free veterans' benefits. In so doing, the agency reversed a 1965 ruling which held that these payments were taxable and required the VA to issue 1099 forms to payment recipients.

According to the VA, the CWT program provides assistance to veterans unable to work and support themselves. Under the program, the VA contracts with private industry and the public sector for work by veterans, who learn new job skills, re-learn successful work habits and regain a sense of self-esteem and self-worth.

**Any questions please contact the Department of Veterans Affairs at 1 800 827-1000**

Related Item: Revenue Ruling 2007-69 < <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/rr-07-69.pdf> >

*(Source: IRS News Release IR-2007-198)*

### **RETROACTIVE SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY RATING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA)**

If you retire from the USCG or NOAA based on years of service and are later awarded 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 will not be issued by the Coast Guard. 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 the policy should be advised that they need to report the amount of their retired pay on line 16a of the IRS 1040 or line 12a of IRS 1040A then on line 16b of the 1040 or line 12b of the 1040A, enter the taxable amount computed by subtracting from the retired pay the amount of VA compensation for the most recently completed tax year which ended on December 31. The Retiree must attach appropriate 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. For further information on retroactive VA awards, see IRS Publication 525, page 16 which provides information on what you need to do to adjust prior year returns.

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## VA Increases Travel Reimbursement for Eligible Veterans

January 31, 2008

Peake: Disabled Veterans Earned Increase

WASHINGTON – Over a million eligible veterans will see their mileage reimbursement more than double starting tomorrow, for travel to Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facilities.

“This increase helps veterans -- especially those living in rural areas -- offset some of the gasoline costs as they travel to VA’s world-class health care,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake. “Increasing the mileage reimbursement is one more step by VA to help veterans access the health care they deserve.”

The 2008 appropriations act provided funding for VA to increase the beneficiary travel mileage reimbursement rate from 11 cents per mile to 28.5 cents per mile. The increase goes into effect on Feb. 1.

After little more than a month on the job, Secretary Peake used his authority to establish the first increase in the mileage reimbursement in 30 years, fulfilling a pledge he made during his Senate confirmation hearing last month.

While increasing the payment, VA, as mandated by law, also equally increased the deductible amounts applied to certain mileage reimbursements. The new deductibles are \$7.77 for a one way trip, \$15.54 for a round trip, with a maximum of \$46.62 per calendar month. However, these deductibles can be waived if they cause a financial hardship to the veteran.

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*(Source: VA Press Release)*

## Volunteer Drivers

The Disabled American Veterans’ (DAV) Transportation Network operates a fleet of 1,700 vans to provide free rides to medical appointments for veterans across the country. It takes thousands of volunteer drivers to make this service possible and new drivers are always needed. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer driver, you must pass a physical exam, carry a valid driver’s license, have a safe driving record, carry current auto insurance, and attend training sessions. Contact the Voluntary Service Coordinator at your local VA medical center for more information.

## Letters to the Editor

Octogenarians George “Vince” Stauffer and F.J. “Dinty” Moore still exchange humorous memories as the only surviving “plank-owners” of the 17th CGD Office. In August 1949 SK Vince and YN Dinty shared a cabin on the Alaska **SS DENALI** that transported the initial crew from Seattle to Juneau.

Back in those days the “Territory of Alaska” was a real adventure, where men were men and the women loved us. Vince and Dinty would delight in any oldie-goldie anecdotes from survivors of that period.

Our favorite watering-hole was the “Arctic Bar”. Old Black Joe McNallen was the owner.

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## REUNIONS AND NOTICES

**HAWAII COAST GUARD RETIREE COUNCIL** will meet 1900 to 2100 at Club 14, Sand Island on the second Wednesday of every August, November, February, and May. Contact CAPT Lesperance at [jlesperance@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:jlesperance@hawaii.rr.com) if you have any questions.

**\*REUNION\* Coast Guard Training Center**, Governors Island NY. Any interest? Contact: BMC Gregg Best (Ret) at 198 Cherry Laurel Trail, NE, Cleveland, TN 37323. Phone: (423) 476-7776. E-mail: [gjmbest@charter.net](mailto:gjmbest@charter.net)

Those interested in joining the membership to the **COAST GUARD RETIREE COUNCIL** of Jacksonville, FL or if you have questions, contact YNCM Bobby Wester, USCG, retired at [Bwester2549@aol.com](mailto:Bwester2549@aol.com) (subject line: CG Retiree Council), (904) 645-5552 (leave message), or by regular mail to 3327 Brachenbury Lane, Jacksonville, FL 32225-3709 (please provide a telephone number where you can be reached).

**BERING SEA PATROL-ALASKA VETERANS** reunion will be held 30 July-3 August 2008 in Grand Haven, MI. For further information contact Dick Juge at (504) 566-6008 or e-mail [DickJuge@aviosk.com](mailto:DickJuge@aviosk.com)

**WEST COAST EMT/TT/IT** reunion to be held 25-27 July 2008 at Port Angeles, WA for any active, retired or 4 year coasties. Contact Bob Stephens at (360) 457-0817 or Rich Parris at [rgparris@peoplepc.com](mailto:rgparris@peoplepc.com) (503) 359-1442.

**USCG NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FORMER STEWARDS AND STEWARDMATES INC.**, will hold their 19th reunion 31 July-3 August 2008 at the Holiday Inn, Universal Maingate, Orlando, FL. For further information please contact CPO Norman McGlone, USCG, Ret., at (757) 640-8575.

**USCGC SOUTHWIND (WAGB-280)** reunion will be held 16-20 October 2008 in Charleston, SC. For further information please contact Ed Clancy at Southwinds website, [www.southwind280.com](http://www.southwind280.com) or at [clancyedward@bellsouth.net](mailto:clancyedward@bellsouth.net), by telephone at: (904) 242-9070 or mail to 888 6th Street North, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250. When responding please provide a telephone number where you can be reached.

**The Elizabeth City Chapter** of the Chief Petty Officers Association is hosting the Biennial Elizabeth City Coast Guard Reunion 20-22 June 2008 in Elizabeth City, NC at 514 Cardwell St. Information and forms can be downloaded from [www.ecitycpoa.com](http://www.ecitycpoa.com) or you can e-mail Dave Disbennett [davediz@inteliport.com](mailto:davediz@inteliport.com) for more information.

**NAS Jacksonville, FL** will hold a Military Retiree Seminar 12 July 2008 at the River Cove Catering & Conference Center (Officers' Club) from 0900 to 1200. For further information please contact the Retired Activities Office at (904) 542-2766 ext 126.

**USCG PT. ALLERTON REUNION** will be 2 Aug 2008 in Hull, MA. Exact time and details will come at a later date. Contact e-mail: [cwo4bob@aol.com](mailto:cwo4bob@aol.com) or CWO4 Robert A. Buotte, 1854 Sun Gazer Drive, Viera, FL 32955, phone: (321) 632-4639, or contact Elmer J. Borsos, 103 County Road 12, Adena, OH 43901.at: [eborsos@aol.com](mailto:eborsos@aol.com)

**TRACEN YORKTOWN** Retiree Council prides itself in maintaining contact with the Coast Guard retirees in the area. Office hours are 0800-1400, Mon-Wed, except all Federal Holidays, phone number (757) 856-2136. E-Mail: [Adrian.H.Rymer@USCG.Mil](mailto:Adrian.H.Rymer@USCG.Mil)  
[LFConley@USCG.Mil](mailto:LFConley@USCG.Mil)  
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**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COAST GUARD RETIREE COUNCIL** announces the 19th Annual All-Services Retiree Seminar 3 May 2008 at the Gresham Conference Center, Coast Guard Island, Alameda, CA. For further information contact: Commanding Officer, USCG ISC Northern California Retiree Council, Attn: PERS2 Juan Escamilla, Admin, Coast Guard Island, Bldg. 21, Alameda, CA 94501-5100, voice: (510) 437-3712.

**40TH ANNUAL CPOA CONVENTION** will be held from 18-22 August 2008 at the Marriot, Houston North at Greenspoint Hotel in Houston, TX. For further information please contact AETCM Tim Sheffler at (504) 232-7856 or (703) 941-0395. E-mail: [cgcpoa@aol.com](mailto:cgcpoa@aol.com). Hotel and registration forms can be downloaded from the CPOA website at [uscgcpoa.org](http://uscgcpoa.org). Also check out the next couple of issues of the CPOA Chief's Magazine.

**USCGC CAMPBELL ASSOCIATION W-32 & W-909** 23rd Annual Reunion — September 8-12 (depart date). Stonecastle Hotel, Branson, MO. Contact Gordon Bell, 723 Spring Lane, Lansdale, PA 19446, (215) 393-6195 or e-mail [USCGCCAMPBELLW32@comcast.net](mailto:USCGCCAMPBELLW32@comcast.net). See website for details and reservations. [www.campbellw32w909.org](http://www.campbellw32w909.org)

**COAST GUARD RESERVE COMPANY R14** fifty year reunion 1-3 May 2008 at Coast Guard Training Center, Cape May. For additional information please contact CDR Ron Biller, USCG, Ret., at (718) 984-7825.

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**Coast Guard Retiree Personnel Locator:** If you are searching for a Coast Guard 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 Personnel Service Center  
444 SE Quincy Street  
Topeka, KS 66683-3591**

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

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

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

E-mail: [PSC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil](mailto:PSC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil)

Phone: (toll free, U.S. only) 1-800-772-8724 or (785) 339-2236

**More DD-214 information**

Great news for veterans—the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214 online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>. This will cut the waiting time veterans have had in the past waiting for copies of their DD-214s.

**Need a corrected DD-214?**

If your DD-214 is incorrect and you want a corrected form (DD-215), you need to send your request in writing to:

Commander CGPC (ADM-3)  
United States Coast Guard  
4200 Wilson Blvd, Suite 1100  
Arlington, VA 22203-1804

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

**KEEPING RETIREE AND ANNUITANT SERVICES INFORMED**

All retirees are reminded to inform PSC (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.



**Global Payroll System Update #4**—After more than 2 years of hard work by our developers and RAS staff, the new retired pay system is going live effective April 1. Your May 1 pay will be delivered from the new Global Pay (Retired) System. Every retiree and survivor annuitant will receive a payslip about May 1 with their employee ID (EMPLID) which will replace the SSN for most routine transactions. Retirees with FSPA deductions will see a change in their pay and federal tax withholding which will be explained in greater detail on your May 1 payslip. Down the road, we will be implementing additional functionality for our customers including self-service transactions.





# USCG Retirements

Name	Rank	Date of Retirement	Years of Service
ABLES, JARMON	MKC	20080201	20
ABLOLA, RICARDO	YNC	20071201	29
ALLAIRE, CHRISTIAN	BMCS	20080201	20
ALLDREDGE, ALLEN	DC1	20071213	09
ALVAREZ, SAMUEL	EM2	20080120	20
AMACHER, DEBORAH	ENS	20071228	15
ANDERSON, DONALD	FS1	20071201	20
ANDERSON, ROBERT	OSC	20071201	20
ANTOSEK, JOSEPH	LT	20080129	20
ARMAS, RUBEN	PS1	20071123	26
BAILEY, JAMES	AMTC	20071201	28
BARNHART, DANIEL	OSCS	20071201	21
BARRETT, BRETT	OSCM	20071201	25
BARSTOW, ARTHUR	EM2	20071108	20
BASCO, DERRIN	YN2	20071211	05
BENKOWITZ, MARC	GM1	20080201	20
BERENZ, MARK	AET1	20071201	20
BERG, VINCENT	ENG2	20080101	26
BERGERON, ROLAND	BM1	20071113	33
BERGERON, STEVEN	CDR	20080201	19
BERKELEY, MARK	CDR	20071201	20
BERRY, NORMAN	OSCS	20071209	28
BERUTTI, CLIFFORD	PSC	20071231	24
BIBLE, JOHN	BOSN3	20071201	22
BLAIR, FRANK	AVI4	20080201	30
BLANCHARD, ADLEAN	YN1	20071212	26
BOPP, CRYSTAL	OSS2	20080201	20
BOPP, KYLE	AMT1	20071201	20
BOUNDS, RICHARD	AMT3	20071227	08
BOYER, KENNETH	MSS4	20080201	29
BRADFORD, SUZANNE	YN2	20080127	20
BRANNON, MICHAEL	MST1	20080114	22
BRIEST, JAMES	MKC	20080201	18
BROADAWAY, WILLIAM	F&S4	20071219	35
BROGAN, KATHRYN	FSC	20071201	20
BROOKS, DANIEL	BOSN3	20071201	25
BROOKS, DAVID	CDR	20071112	22
BROWN, FLORA	YN1	20071127	12
BROWN, RONALD	ETC	20071201	23
BRUDZINSKI, JAY	MED3	20071201	27
BRUNS, CLINTON	LCDR	20071229	26
BRYANT, ROY	EMC	20071218	21
BUBLITZ, CHARLES	AMT2	20080102	08
BURLESON, JERRY	OSCS	20080201	29
BUTLER, JOHN	LCDR	20071114	20
CAMERON, JOHN	CAPT	20071201	23
CANORRO, ANTHONY	CDR	20071127	30
CARDINAL, TIMOTHY	ETCS	20071201	26
CARR, HOWARD	LT	20080121	21
CARRINGTON, LAWRENCE	BMCS	20071201	29
CARROLL, THOMAS	LCDR	20080126	24
CARSON, WILLIAM	BNDM4	20080201	30
CASTAGNETTA, JOSEPH	PS3	20080111	21
CASTELLANOS-CORREA, ISABE	SK1	20080101	20
CATE, CLARK	BMCS	20071201	24
CHILDRESS, EMMETT	ELC4	20070801	29
CHILDS, MORGAN	LCDR	20071125	20
CHILES, JAMES	IT1	20080201	20
CHIRNSIDE, STEVEN	MK3	20071204	04
CHRIST, DOMINIC	MKCS	20071201	24
CIERECK, GEOFFREY	PSC	20080125	23
CLAY, LYNN	YN1	20071212	24

Name	Rank	Date of Retirement	Years of Service
COATNEY, JAMES	PSC	20071123	22
COKER, JOSEPH	BMC	20071201	21
COLE, DAVID	AMT1	20080201	20
CONNORS, HENRY	DCCS	20071201	22
COOK, LUKE	MKC	20071201	21
COOKE, DAVID	MSS4	20071201	27
COOKSON, ERIC	BMCS	20071201	25
COOPER, CRYSTAL	SN	20071127	02
COVEY, CHRISTOPHER	SNET	20071211	05
CRANE, BERNARD	BM1	20071231	22
CUMMINGS, DANIEL	MK2	20071121	21
CURATILO, CHRISTOPHER	LCDR	20071201	27
DARR, CHARLES	LCDR	20071201	20
DARSCH, JAMES	BMC	20071201	22
DAVIS, KINO	BMC	20071201	20
DAVIS, TIMOTHY	MKCM	20071201	28
DEJAGER, ERIC	BMCS	20071201	26
DELLINGER, DALLAS	SN	20071227	06
DENNING, BRYANT	AMTCS	20071201	26
DENNY, DAVID	ETC	20071201	21
DIAZ, JOE	PS1	20080126	05
DIAZ, MANUEL	LCDR	20080101	20
DIGGSLASSETER, DARLENE	MED2	20071201	30
DILLEY, MICHAEL	LT	20071116	22
DIO, ALBERT	OS1	20071213	07
DOYLE, STEVEN	LCDR	20071201	20
DUELL, JON	AMTCM	20071201	28
DUNNAM, JAMES	FSC	20071201	23
EMANUELE, THEODORE	MST3	20070712	20
ENGLER, MARK	BOSN4	20071201	30
EPPS, GARRY	DCCM	20071201	30
FALOO, RANDALL	MK1	20071218	23
FARMER, STEPHEN	AMTCM	20071201	30
FEENEY, DANIEL	MK1	20080101	20
FELDMAN, RONALD	YNCM	20071201	28
FERNANDINI, JOSE	SK2	20071205	22
FIELDS, REGINALD	PS1	20080120	21
FINK, ALFRED	PS3	20071202	23
FITCHETT, JEFFREY	ITC	20080201	20
FLOYD, FRANKLIN	CDR	20080106	24
FONTENOT, DWAYNE	ENG2	20080101	20
FORD, DAVID	PS1	20071231	20
FORTIN, DONALD	AMTCS	20080201	27
FRANKLIN, MICHAEL	AMT3	20080201	04
FREED, RICHARD	LT	20080101	23
FREITAG, HANS	ETCS	20071201	30
FUSCO, ELISA	MSTC	20071201	20
GARLAND, WILLIAM	PSS4	20071222	22
GEISER, LORRAINE	PERS2	20080126	25
GILT, DANIEL	WEPS4	20080101	30
GLENN, WILLIAM	PSC	20071127	39
GOLDEN, PATRICIA	MED3	20071201	30
GOODE, SANDRA	OS1	20071201	21
GORNALL, SHAWN	OSC	20071201	20
GRAHAM, BERNARD	MKC	20080201	20
GRANT, EMMITT	PS1	20080125	20
GRAY, JERRY	PSC	20080108	20
GURANICH, GREGORY	BM2	20080201	20
HADLEY, GUY	PSS4	20071220	24
HALL, DEREK	AMT3	20071220	06
HALL, GEORGE	OSCS	20071119	22

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HALL, JAMES	EM1	20071205	08
HALSTEAD, STEVEN	BMC	20071211	17
HAMMOND, MICHAEL	MSS4	20080201	30
HARDING, MALVIN	LCDR	20080125	20
HATHAWAY, MICHAEL	MKC	20071201	20
HEARD, RICARDO	F&S4	20071201	30
HEFFERNAN, TIMOTHY	AMTCS	20071201	30
HELBIG, ROBERT	BMC	20071127	25
HELM, TIMOTHY	PERS3	20071201	26
HELMS, EVE	YNC	20080201	20
HENTZE, PETER	MKC	20071201	24
HERITAGE, THOMAS	LCDR	20071012	26
HERNANDEZ, GERARDO	AMT1	20071201	21
HERWECK, EARL	EMCM	20071220	25
HICKS, ROBERT	MKC	20071211	37
HINOTE, HUGH	MKC	20071201	22
HISSOM, DAVID	AETC	20071201	28
HOBBS, JOHN	MK1	20080201	20
HODGES, RICHARD	BM3	20071219	11
HODGSON, ROBERT	PSCS	20071124	28
HOGGE, JENNIFER	BMC	20071201	23
HOLLEWAY, LEE	AMT1	20071201	23
HONGELL, RONALD	BMC	20080131	22
HOOKER, WILLIAM	OSCS	20080201	20
HORN, MICHAEL	MK1	20070220	22
HORSEMAN, CLAIRE	AMT3	20071113	04
HOWARD, MARK	ELC4	20071201	30
HUBBARD, JAMES	CAPT	20071201	26
HUDSON, BRIAN	LCDR	20060701	24
HUGHES, JOHNNY	MKCS	20080123	22
HUGHES, TYRONE	DCC	20071201	25
HURST, CHARLES	PS1	20071105	20
JACKSON, MICHAEL	YN1	20080201	20
JACKSON, RICHARD	HSC	20080101	20
JACKSON, ROBERT	PS1	20070724	22
JARRETT, JAMES	PS2	20071222	15
JETT, GERALD	OSC	20071201	26
JOHNSON, GARY	PS2	20070306	39
JOLING, HERMAN	HSC	20071201	20
JONES, DAVID	SKC	20071201	22
JONES, RANDALL	LT	20080128	20
JONES, TYRONE	LCDR	20080101	20
KASZUBOWSKI, GREGORY	HSCS	20071220	37
KAUFOLD, EDWARD	EM2	20080109	20
KEENAN, GWEN	CDR	20080101	20
KELEHER, LLOYD	BOSN4	20071201	32
KENNEDY, DAVID	BMCM	20080128	23
KENT, QUENTIN	LCDR	20080201	22
KERLIN, WILLIAM	EMC	20071201	20
KESSLER, VERNON	MK1	20071004	18
KEULER, MICHAEL	AMT1	20071201	24
KIMOS, ANDREW	CDR	20071201	20
KING, CLARENCE	SKC	20080121	29
KING, KENNETH	PERS3	20071201	24
KINNEY, DAVID	AETC	20071201	24
KLAFFER, DAVID	F&S3	20071208	20
KNAUER, GREGORY	LCDR	20071109	20
KOSKI, RON	ELC4	20080201	30
KRAYER, CASEY	SA	20071224	02
KUSTER, KARL	BM1	20080201	22
LADEGAST, ROGER	PS1	20080115	20
LEAL, JORGE	OSS2	20080201	30
LEMASTERS, GEORGE	SKC	20071201	20
LEWIS, DANNY	ENG4	20071201	33
LICKFIELD, BRIAN	AMT2	20080101	20
LINCOLN, BRIAN	ISCM	20080201	28
LINDER, DAVID	BM2	20071128	25
LORRAINE, JAMES	AMT1	20071201	29
LUTY, JAMES	OSC	20071201	20
MADEIRA, JOHN	CAPT	20080126	30

MAHER, MICHAEL	AMT1	20071201	24
MALCOLM, TIMOTHY	BOSN4	20080201	30
MARQUIS, CHARLES	CAPT	20071223	28
MASON, WILLIAM	DCCM	20080201	30
MATTINGLY, ROBERT	ET1	20071201	23
MAXEY, FORREST	BM3	20071213	04
MCCOMBS, JEFFREY	CDR	20080201	24
MCEACHERN, RONALD	BM1	20071209	21
MCFARLAND, GREGORY	MK2	20080112	19
MCFARLAND, SCOTT	CDR	20071201	27
MCNEELY, JONATHAN	GM2	20071227	15
MEDLIN, HERBERT	EMC	20080101	24
MEHALKO, PHILLIP	AETC	20080201	25
MESHAW, NORMAN	LCDR	20071230	24
METER, DARRELL	MK3	20071214	13
MILLIKEN, GEORGE	MKC	20071201	20
MILLS, ROGER	AMTCM	20071201	27
MOLAK, JASON	EM2	20071211	12
MOLINA, DAVID	OSC	20071201	20
MONTFORT, ROBERT	CAPT	20071205	26
MORELLI, ALAN	MK1	20080130	24
MORRIS, BRYAN	EMC	20071201	22
MOSS, CHARLES	BM3	20071204	05
MUNOZ, RAFAEL	PSC	20071110	28
NADEAU, STEPHEN	BM1	20071201	20
NARVAEZ, JESSE	GM1	20071201	20
NAULTY, KAREN	FSCM	20071201	26
NEGRON, ANTONIO	SA	20071221	01
NELSON, CARL	BM1	20071213	10
NEWTON, LORENZO	F&S4	20080109	30
ODELL, JOHN	CAPT	20071201	24
ODELL, RAYMOND	AMT1	20080201	21
OGRINC, VINCENT	AETC	20071201	21
OLSON, ROBERT	CDR	20071201	30
OQUENDOFLORES, JORGE	MK2	20071201	10
OTTARSON, EDWARD	MK2	20071111	20
OZELSKI, KADIE	BM3	20071211	04
PAMATIAN, ARNEL	FS1	20080101	25
PARRY, RUSSELL	IV1	20071216	20
PASCHALL, OLEN	BMC	20080123	20
PEELER, DAVID	SK1	20080201	23
PEREZ, JAVIER	SKC	20080201	29
PESSIER, BRUCE	PSC	20071209	26
PETERMEIER, BRIAN	EMCS	20071101	21
PIERCE, JOSEPH	PSC	20070910	27
PIERCE, THOMAS	AETCM	20071201	30
PITTMAN, EVA	YN1	20071201	20
PITTS, WILLIAM	BMCS	20071201	28
POHLER, DAVID	MKC	20071201	23
POLK, JAMES	AMTCM	20071201	30
POORE, JOHN	ET1	20071124	29
POTTER, DONALD	LCDR	20040701	24
PREUSSE, PAUL	CAPT	20071201	29
PROHASKA, DAVID	LCDR	20071201	32
PROUDFOOT, DAVID	BM2	20071208	19
PURVINE, STEPHEN	LCDR	20071217	26
RAGAN, MICHAEL	PS2	20071213	31
RALSTON, WILLIAM	PSC	20071109	29
RAYMONDSANDLES, MARGIE	YN2	20071201	20
REILLY, JAMES	LCDR	20071105	20
REYNOLDS, RALPH	COMM3	20080130	21
RICHARDS, BRUCE	MKCM	20071201	26
RICHEY, JAMES	EMCS	20071201	25
RIGG, JEFFREY	EMC	20080101	20
RIVERA, CESAR	AMT1	20080201	28
RIVERA, RODOLFO	SK3	20071215	21
ROBERTS, SCOTT	FSCS	20071201	22
ROBINSON, CHAD	F&S4	20071201	30
RODRIGUEZ, DAVID	SK1	20071110	22
ROETHLE, STEPHEN	SN	20071127	02

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ROMERO, ALLAN	BM1	20071201	20
ROTH, CHRISTIAN	FSC	20071201	20
ROTHSCHILD, STEVEN	YN1	20071204	28
ROWE, WILLIAM	ETCM	20071201	30
RYAN, BARRY	BOSN3	20080119	20
SANCHEZ, ALLEN	BMC	20071112	19
SANTIAGO, MARILYN	SN	20080122	02
SCHAEFER, RAYMOND	IT1	20071211	16
SCHAFFNER, PETER	DCCS	20071201	22
SCHELLHASE, ROBERT	LT	20050818	28
SCHOFIELD, STEVEN	OSCS	20071201	24
SCRIPTURE, RICHARD	BMC	20070930	25
SEMLER, EDWARD	LT	20071201	25
SEXTON, ERNEST	BMCM	20071201	30
SHAY, TIMOTHY	DC1	20080129	20
SHIELDS, JAMES	F&S4	20080101	30
SHIELDS, MYRON	MKCM	20071201	30
SIERRA, VINCENT	EM1	20071122	23
SIMONDS, WILLIAM	OSS3	20071201	30
SMITH, LARRY	SKC	20080102	21
SMITH, RALPH	CAPT	20050921	00
SMITH, STEPHEN	CDR	20080119	20
SOCORSO, SEAN	GM2	20071224	07
SPRAGUE, ROBERT	MK1	20071219	23
STEVENSON, MICHAEL	OSC	20071201	21
STEWART, STEVEN	LT	20080101	20
STIEFEL, NANCY	SN	20071211	02
STILLEKE, STEVEN	CDR	20071201	20
STRELLUF, RANDALL	CDR	20080130	22
STRICKER, WILLIAM	AMT1	20080201	20
STROUD, JACOB	BM2	20080108	08
SUMMERS, RICHARD	BMC	20071201	22
TARDIBUONO, THOMAS	CDR	20071201	24
THOMAS, WESLEY	YNC	20071121	18
TINSLEY, CHRISTINE	F&S4	20080201	30
TODD, DOUGLAS	DC1	20080101	20

TRACY, JOHN	MK2	20071211	11
TRAHAN, ALVIN	MK1	20071228	15
TRIMBLE, TIMOTHY	BMCM	20080201	30
VAZQUEZ, JUAN	EMC	20071201	26
VELAZQUEZ, GEORGE	FSCS	20071201	21
WALKER, GARY	AMTCS	20071201	28
WALKER, MARK	BM1	20071201	25
WALKER, RUBY	CDR	20080128	23
WALLACE, CHRISTOPHER	OS2	20071211	04
WEBSTER, BRUCE	MKCM	20071231	31
WEHRMANN, GARY	CDR	20071108	25
WERME, ROBERT	ELC4	20071201	30
WHITE, KENNETH	CDR	20071118	21
WHITE, RONALD	CAPT	20071112	34
WHITLEY, HAROLD	CDR	20071201	16
WIERZBICKI, JAMES	CDR	20071201	23
WILHELM, PAULA	BMC	20071201	26
WILSON, CYNTHIA	GM2	20071201	21
WILT, NEIL	PSCS	20071230	24
WOOLARD, LEONARD	PSS4	20080109	23
YORRO, DIGNO	SKC	20080101	30
YOUNG, GEORGE	MKC	20071201	21
ZEPPLIN, WILLIAM	F&S4	20071201	30



BROWN, RICHARD	CAPT	20071201	27
PETRAE, GARY	CAPT	20080101	29
WHITE, GEORGE	CAPT	20080101	28

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**COAST GUARD DEATHS 1950-1954**—Researcher seeking knowledge/data regarding Coast Guard Active Duty deaths during the period June 1950 to July 1954. Any information/details (including natural deaths, but excluding aviation accidents) will be appreciated. Please forward to:

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**OHIO NO LONGER TAXES MILITARY RETIRED PAY.** Ohio Governor Ted Strickland signed legislation that exempts military pensions from state income tax. Veterans in receipt of retired pay are no longer subject to paying state income tax to the State of Ohio. Retired Coast Guard members who are currently paying state tax to the state of Ohio may elect to have their state tax withholding stopped by contacting the Retiree and Annuitant Services Branch. Even though retirees are no longer subject to Ohio state taxes, they may elect to have state tax taken out for Ohio if they desire.





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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	RANK	DATE	CITY	STATE
ARNOLD	PHILLIP	LCDR	20071127	MIAMI	FL
ASHLEY	CLAUD	SK1	20071209	CHESAPEAKE	VA
AUDETTE	RONALD	DC1	20080216	FROSTPROOF	FL
AUGUSTINE	CLARENCE	YNC	20071112	MANSURA	LA
AYRES	HAROLD	ENCM	20080111	BENTONVILLE	AR
BANNAN	GEORGE	LCDR	20071205	SOUTH YARMOUTH	MA
BARRETT	DONALD	EM1	20080211	WINDHAM	ME
BARSZCZ	THOMAS	CWO3	20071102	PORTSMOUTH	VA
BAYERS	LOUIS	CWO4	20071229	RAYMORE	MO
BEACHAM	HOPE	CWO4	20071125	KITTY HAWK	NC
BELCH	WILLIAM	RDCM	20071211	FUQUAY VARINA	NC
BENNETT	WALLACE	EMC	20071124	AMELIA	OH
BISHOP	DANIEL	CDR	20080217	HONOLULU	HI
BLANDFORD	WILLIAM	CDR	20080122	HAYWARD	CA
BONNER	JOSEPH	MKCM	20080103	NEWCUMBERLAND	PA
BOYD	DONALD	CWO4	20071208	OCALA	FL
BRADLEY	RONALD	MKCM	20071027	HICKORY FLAT	MS
BRANDAU	EUGENE	LCDR	20071202	LAS VEGAS	NV
BRANSFIELD	GERARD	HSCS	20071130	PATCHOGUE	NY
BREWER	DAVID	LT	20080215	SOUTH DENNIS	MA
BRIERLY	RICHARD	LT	20080215	MOORHEAD	MN
BUSER	WARREN	ENC	20071229	KEAAU	HI
CALLAHAN	JAMES	MMC	20080218	NORWOOD	MA
CANADY	LESTER	MK1	20080201	VALDOSTA	GA
CARMAN	PAUL	CWO3	20071227	GRASS VALLEY	CA
CARROLL	DALE	MK2	20080114	HEMPHILL	TX
CHAMBERS	ALLEN	CS1	20071222	OAKLAND	CA
CLARKE	STUART	CWO3	20071130	JACKSONVILLE	FL
CLINE	JAMES	MKC	20071218	YADKINVILLE	NC
COAKLEY	EUGENE	MK1	20071024	MIAMI BEACH	FL
COKER	JOSEPH	BMC	20071201	URBANNA	VA
COLEY	NEIL	CAPT	20080123	SAN RAMON	CA
COLLINS	GILBERT	LCDR	20080127	FOLSOM	CA
COLONA	ARTHUR	LT	20071127	SEAFORD	DE
COOLEY	WILLIAM	CAPT	20071229	CARSON CITY	NV
COUSINS	ARNOLD	LTJG	20071214	WEST BALDWIN	ME
CROCKER	CURTIS	BM1	20080116	BROADDUS	TX
CUTLER	JAMES	CDR	20071212	KILLINGWORTH	CT
DAILEY	ROBERT	CWO2	20071229	LARGO	FL
DEAN	CARL	BM1	20071203	ROXBURY	MA
DEO	JAMES	MKC	20080123	JACKSONVILLE	FL
DIERSEN	FRANK	CAPT	20071201	CHESAPEAKE	VA
DIVERTY	JAMES	ENC	20080106	LAKE FOREST	CA
DORMAN	ROBERT	CWO4	20071205	ROGUE RIVER	OR
DUDLEY	ROGER	CAPT	20080207	TORRANCE	CA
DUNCAN	ROLAND	CSC	20080129	KIRKLAND	WA
DURLING	PETER	BM1	20071228	MUSKEGON	MI
EDGE	DAVID	EN1	20080208	TRAVERSE CITY	MI

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EPSTEIN	JILL	HS2	20071229	SNYDER	NY
EWERS	BERT	CAPT	20071212	SPOKANE	WA
FILSON	MAX	SKC	20080217	RENO	NV
FORTSON	HOWARD	YNC	20071224	COLBERT	GA
FOSS	JAMES	AD1	20071119	MILO	ME
FRACKLETON	JOHN	CWO4	20071208	WILMINGTON	MA
FREDLUND	ROBERT	CDR	20080130	SARASOTA	FL
FRENCH	CHARLES	CWO2	20071228	DALTON	GA
GALLAGHER	WALTER	QMCM	20071127	WEST WAREHAM	MA
GARDINER	DANIEL	TCC	20080101	GILFORD	NH
GARNER	JIMMIE	AM1	20071115	SAN ANTONIO	TX
GIANCOLA	JAMES	YNC	20071128	DALLAS	TX
GIBBONS	MARK	BM1	20071201	SCRANTON	NC
GILECK	DALLAS	MMC	20080109	STACY	MN
GILMAN	JAMES	CSC	20080204	VIRGINIA BEACH	VA
GRAY	WARREN	MKC	20080109	WAYNESBORO	VA
GREEN	FREDERICK	MMC	20080111	ABERDEEN	WA
GUNTER	AUREL	SKCM	20071214	BORING	OR
HAFF	HARRY	CDR	20071122	VIRGINIA BEACH	VA
HALL	ROY	MK1	20071119	MOULTRIE	GA
HANSETER	JOHN	AE1	20071121	REDGRANITE	WI
HARDEE	CARL	BM1	20080129	LELAND	NC
HARDEGREE	JERRY	BM1	20080113	MOBILE	AL
HARING	JAMES	AD1	20080124	TRAVERSE CITY	MI
HARVEY	JAMES	CSC	20080110	SUGAR HILL	GA
HAUCK	TERRY	CAPT	20080207	ROWLETT	TX
HAWKINS	PAUL	BMCS	20080109	CHARLESTON	SC
HELMS	ROBERT	PSCS	20080117	LINCOLN	NE
HENSLEY	CLYDE	ADCS	20080210	TAMPA	FL
HIGH	ROBERT	PS1	20071201	MONTICELLO	IN
HINZ	LLOYD	LCDR	20080101	RIVERSIDE	CA
HODGES	RICHARD	BM3	20071219	STATEN ISLAND	NY
HOWARD	WILEY	AECS	20071219	HOMOSASSA	FL
HSU	KWANG	CAPT	20071211	VIENNA	VA
HUFFMAN	PAUL	LCDR	20071210	NORTH LAS VEGAS	NV
HUNSAKER	ROBERT	BMCM	20080201	ARAB	AL
IFFERT	HERBERT	CAPT	20080128	SAINT JOSEPH	MO
JACOBY	WALTER	PSCM	20071115	PORTLAND	OR
JOHNS	GEORGE	MKC	20080104	SAINT LOUIS	MO
JOHNSON	DAVID	BMC	20071108	HERCULANEUM	MO
JONES	THOMAS	GM1	20071126	MARMET	WV
JUDD	RALPH	CDR	20071224	SEATTLE	WA
KALAMAS	CHARLES	BMCS	20071225	EUGENE	OR
KAPUS	ROBERT	ENCS	20071108	NORTHFIELD	NJ
KERR	RICHARD	CAPT	20080106	AUSTIN	TX
KILKAITIS	JOHN	CWO3	20071120	BOKCHITO	OK
KRUGER	FRED	SKC	20080201	SAN MARCOS	CA
KUSINA	STEPHEN	MMC	20080131	HOLLY HILL	FL
LANDER	LEROY	LT	20071205	SAN DIEGO	CA
LARSEN	PETER	ETC	20080115	BANDON	OR
LARSON	CLINTON	MKCM	20071216	MOBILE	AL
LEBLANC	JOHN	RMC	20080125	TITUSVILLE	FL
LIVESEY	RICHARD	BM1	20071226	ENGLEWOOD	FL

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LUMPKINS	CLARENCE	BMCM	20080120	SAN ANTONIO	TX
LYNCH	MICHAEL	BMC	20071116	SAINT PETERSBURG	FL
MAKREZ	LOUIS	BMC	20071221	MIAMI	FL
MALAIS	STEVEN	BM1	20080203	ANDERSON	CA
MARKS	SIDNEY	LCDR	20080104	CHARLESTON	WV
MARKUS	JAMES	YNC	20080123	SAN LEANDRO	CA
MARTIN	CHARLES	LCDR	20071226	FALLS CHURCH	VA
MARTY	HOMER	YNC	20080110	NEW ORLEANS	LA
MASON	JOHN	AD2	20080218	VADER	WA
MATTSON	RICHARD	CDR	20071230	SHOREVIEW	MN
MAXWELL	STEPHEN	LCDR	20080125	SAINT PETERSBURG	FL
MCCARTHY	BRIAN	LCDR	20080111	ALLENHURST	NJ
MCDOUGALL	WALTER	CAPT	20080126	BRADENTON	FL
MCKINLEY	THOMAS	BM1	20071025	PHILADELPHIA	PA
MEAD	ROBERT	CWO4	20080123	HAYDEN	ID
MENDOZA	HERMAN	SSCS	20071228	WEBSTER	TX
MERKLE	WILLIAM	LTJG	20080208	LYNN HAVEN	FL
MILLER	JAMES	BMC	20080111	ARAPAHOE	NC
MOORE	SAMUEL	CDR	20080214	KATY	TX
MULLEN	STEPHEN	BM1	20080124	PITMAN	NJ
MUNROE	WILBERT	BMCM	20071224	CHEBEAGUE ISLAND	ME
NANCE	EDWARD	CDR	20071224	ANAHEIM	CA
NEWBILL	JERALD	SKCS	20071126	KETCHIKAN	AK
NIXON	ALLAN	ENCM	20080219	ROHNERT PARK	CA
NIXON	JOHN	RMC	20071212	PALM COAST	FL
OLEGARIO	JOSE	SD1	20071110	WAIPAHUI OAHU	HI
PARKER	THOMAS	DCC	20071202	CHESAPEAKE	VA
PATTY	ROBERT	LCDR	20071215	FRAZIER PARK	CA
PETTIT	ROY	YNCS	20071201	PARMA HEIGHTS	OH
PETTY	JOE	SS2	20071206	TOMBALL	TX
PINA	WILBERT	CWO4	20071120	NORTH MASSAPEQUA	NY
PITZER	DAVID	FSC	20080131	VIRGINIA BEACH	VA
POULER	DAVID	ETCM	20080206	POCASSET	MA
POWELL	SIMM	BMCS	20071226	LOS FRESNOS	TX
PRIDDY	DAVID	LCDR	20080214	MESA	AZ
PROBST	LLOYD	LT	20071128	BELLEVILLE	IL
RAGLAND	DANIEL	ETC	20080203	HOBE SOUND	FL
RANDALL	WARD	MK1	20071229	LITTLETON	MA
RAPP	GLEN	RDC	20080206	SANFORD	NC
RATLIFF	JOHN	BMCM	20071102	CLARKSBURG	WV
REED	JACK	SS1	20071125	CINCINNATI	OH
RESOR	ROGER	CWO3	20071205	BEAUFORT	NC
RILEY	MARGARET	CAPT	20080130	EAST HAMPSTEAD	NH
ROBERTSON	JACK	MKC	20080212	RIDGEFIELD	WA
ROOK	ROBERT	ETC	20080106	SENECA FALLS	NY
ROOKS	JOHN	CWO3	20080206	NORTH FORT MYERS	FL
ROOT	RONALD	RMC	20071204	BUSHNELL	FL
ROUDEBUSH	RICHARD	CSC	20071217	COVINA	CA
ROWELL	NELSON	BMCM	20071216	MEMPHIS	TN
RUMFIELD	DAVIS	MKCS	20080220	PLEASANTON	TX
RUSSELL	HAROLD	EMCS	20071203	MOUNT PLEASANT	SC
SALANG	OSCAR	SS1	20080110	KATHLEEN	GA
SALAS	JULIUS	PS1	20071112	EXTON	PA

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SALMELA	FREDERICK	CAPT	20071105	SEATTLE	WA
SAWYER	GEORGE	ENCS	20080131	TUCSON	AZ
SCARBOROUGH	ORVILLE	BM1	20071126	AVON	NC
SHELLITO	PATRICK	CWO4	20071116	RICKREALL	OR
SHOOLBRED	WILLIAM	CWO3	20071209	LAND O LAKES	FL
SHUTE	ROBERT	WO1	20080108	SAN MARCOS	CA
SIMON	RICHARD	PSCS	20071206	PEWAUKEE	WI
SKINNER	GERALD	CDR	20071121	ORMOND BEACH	FL
SMITH	DON	CWO2	20071223	TIGARD	OR
SPEARS	SANDELLA	MST2	20080216	RAYTOWN	MO
SPEER	THOMAS	FSC	20071231	CASA GRANDE	AZ
STARRETT	ROBIN	LCDR	20080105	KODIAK	AK
STEACH	LYLE	HMC	20080102	MORGANTOWN	WV
STEWART	WILLIAM	RADM	20071130	MOBILE	AL
SWINBURNE	ALFRED	CWO4	20071224	HARRISON	ME
TALLEY	ROBERT	CDR	20071210	GREENBACKVILLE	VA
TAMAGE	CLARKE	ET2	20071123	ROY	UT
TANNER	ROBERT	CWO2	20071211	SILVERHILL	AL
TAYLOR	CHARLES	MKC	20071114	SPARTA	VA
TAYLOR	REGINALD	CS1	20080203	RIO GRANDE	NJ
TOWNSEND	EUGENE	FTCS	20071211	SALISBURY	MD
TREADWELL	HORACE	LCDR	20071229	NEW SMYRNA BEACH	FL
VANSCHOYCK	ROGER	LTJG	20071105	FRANKLIN LAKES	NJ
VAWTER	DONALD	CDR	20080109	TWIN FALLS	ID
WAAGE	CLARENCE	LT	20071231	DE PERE	WI
WALLAGE	MILO	CS1	20071218	MANTECA	CA
WARREN	JERRY	CWO2	20080218	LAS CRUCES	NM
WEIGNER	LEON	ADCS	20071215	DODGE CITY	KS
WELLS	RICHARD	ATC	20080130	COOKSON	OK
WEST	JAMES	LT	20071108	BOTHELL	WA
WETHERINGTON	WILLIAM	LT	20071223	SLIDELL	LA
WHITE	JAMES	BMCM	20071227	SHERWOOD	OR
WHITE	RUTH	CAPT	20080130	TALLAHASSEE	FL
WHITMER	ROBERT	CWO4	20071207	MESA	AZ
WILCZYNSKI	EDWARD	BMC	20071201	ATLANTIC CITY	NJ
WILLIAMS	CARLOS	RMC	20080111	COLUMBIA	MD
WILLIAMS	ROGER	CWO4	20080208	NEWPORT NEWS	VA
WILSON	ROBERT	CWO2	20071225	SPOKANE	WA
WINCHESTER	DAVID	CWO4	20071224	NORTH STONINGTON	CT
WOLTER	ROBERT	BMC	20071201	COTTAGE GROVE	MN
WOODSON	LEWIS	LCDR	20071228	WILLIAMSBURG	VA
WRIGHT	JAMES	MKC	20080120	MICKLETON	NJ
YAROCH	GREGORY	CDR	20071118	SANDWICH	MA
<b>NOAA</b>					
MIDGLEY	JAMES	CAPT	20080209	GERMANTOWN	MD
STONE	RAYMOND	CAPT	20080116	PIEDMONT	CA

## WHEN THE TIME COMES, WILL YOUR SURVIVOR KNOW?

- ◆ **How to file a death report**
- ◆ **How to claim final retired pay due**
- ◆ **How to get the elected survivor annuity started**
- ◆ **How to claim other federal benefits that may be due such as:**

1. Department of Veterans Affairs Entitlements
2. Dependency Indemnity Compensation
3. Social Security
4. ID Cards
5. Burial Flags

After a retiree dies the survivor is faced with applying for many benefits, with little knowledge of the often very confusing processes. All this happens while they are trying to deal with overwhelming grief. To help answer the many questions during that stressful time we have simplified our *Survivor Information Booklet*. By taking the time now to review this booklet, gather the supporting documents that are required and filing them in a location from which they can be readily retrieved, you can help to ease the stress that is experienced during this time. To further assist your survivors, we have initiated an Express Annuity Start system to simplify the processing and expedite payment of benefits. To take advantage of this new system, fill out the Form PSC-1884, (found in booklet or on our website at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/forms/psc1884.pdf>) sign, date and return to us.

**NOTE:** For those requesting by mail, booklets are printed on-demand at this time. After submitting your request please be patient and they will be mailed as soon as available. Although the booklet and the online version were updated in January 2004, mainly to reflect correct phone numbers and to add Web Links, most information in previous editions is correct.

The booklet "**Information for Survivors of USCG, USCGR, and NOAA Retirees**" is available on our web site: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/survivorguide.pdf>.

You may order by providing the below information to us either by mail, fax, or e-mail. Please provide all information.

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**E-Mail:** [psc-dg-ras@uscg.mil](mailto:psc-dg-ras@uscg.mil) (Be sure to include all the information requested above with the exception of the full SSN. Only send the last two digits of your SSN when corresponding with us by electronic mail)

## Dependent TAPS

Name of Dependent	Relationship	Date of Death	Location
Frances Gayle Laidig	Wife of CAPT Eldon L Laidig, USCGR, Ret	05 Nov 07	Arvada, CO
Jeri Lyn Bruner	Wife of MK1 James H Bruner, USCG, Ret	22 Dec 07	Panama City, FL
Patricia A Edgell	Wife of ENCM Paul H Edgell, USCG, Ret	03 Apr 07	Fairmont, WV
Thomasine (Tina) Langhorne	Wife of SKC Robert K Langhorne, Jr., USCG, Ret	18 Sep 07	Virginia Beach, VA
Fujiko Hughes	Wife of CWO4 Robert J Hughes, USCG, Ret	21 Dec 07	Lynnwood, WA
Elaine Rilko	Wife of MKC David Rilko, USCGR, Ret	07 Dec 07	Centerville, VA
Rachael E Jensen	Wife of BMCM Michael L Jensen, USCG, Ret	04 Dec 07	Clinton, MS
Anya L Flesh	Wife of CAPT Martin W Flesh, USCG, Ret	19 Jan 08	Mexico
Jean F Lee	Wife of CWO2 C R Lee, USCG, Ret	27 Jan 08	La Mesa, CA
Ann K Morrow	Wife of CAPT James C Morrow, USCG, Ret	29 Jan 08	Morris, IL
Thelma M Quattlebaum	Wife of MKC Tommy P Quattlebaum, USCG, Ret	02 Jan 08	Long Beach, MS
Margaret T Davies	Wife of CDR Ward J Davies, USCG, Ret	11 Jan 08	Brunswick, ME
Margaret E (Peggy) Guest	Wife of SKCM Robert A Guest, USCG, Ret	22 Nov 07	St Petersburg, FL
Elizabeth J Benner	Wife of BMCM Charles F Benner, USCG, Ret	09 Feb 08	Pasadena, MD

If you have lost a loved one and would like their name printed in Dependent TAPs, please contact **PSC-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 Evening Colors Editor. Or you can send your request in writing and mail to: Commanding Officer (RAS), Personnel Service Center, 444 SE Quincy Street, Topeka, KS 66683-3591. You may also fax your request to (785) 339-3770.

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### **USCGC Northland (WMEC 904) Reunion**

When: July 11 thru July 13, 2008

Where: Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel & Waterfront Conference Center ran by Marriott, Portsmouth, VA.

Contact: (Phone) Donna Dawson "Plankowner" 1-(386) 325-7391  
(email) Syfl\_dawson@msn.com

The hotel web site is: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/orfpt-renaissance-portsmouth-hotel-and-waterfront-conference-center/>

The rooms are ready to book - You have to make the reservations by phone in order to get the group discount rate. For information on this contact Donna Dawson before making reservations. The entire 2nd floor is blocked for Friday July 11th and Saturday July 12th 2008, so it would be great if we could fill it up with just the NORTHLAND crew! You can go to the web site to check things out and get all kinds of information about the area from that site. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in July and have many activities planned! Remember to get in touch with as many people as you can think of- the more the merrier!!



## Personnel Service 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 1099R (reporting taxable income)

#### or you need to change:

- ◆ Your and your dependents home mailing address (for Retired/Annuitant Statement, newsletter, 1099R, 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 PSC-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 PSC-7221 Retired Allotment Authorization Form, fax in the form or a written request, call us or send us an e-mail request). If you e-mail us with the request, your pay tech will call you to verify your information.
- ◆ 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 Personnel Service Center  
444 SE Quincy St  
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

*(\*) Note: forms available from our website  
<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/forms>*

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

**Website: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/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 PSC (RAS) for action and filing, per IRS requirements. PSC (RAS) cannot accept a faxed W-4 or W-4P. Please mail to:

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

*(\*)Note: forms available from our website  
<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/forms>  
or directly from the IRS*

### Report of Death

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

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

#### Or write:

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

E-mail articles, dependent taps entries, reunion notices, etc., to **[PSC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil](mailto:PSC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil)** or call us at the numbers listed below (phone menu option #4). The deadline for the next issue is May 9, 2008.

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

**If outside the U.S. (785) 339-3415**

## 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.osd.mil/deers">http://www.tricare.osd.mil/deers</a> In CA: 1 800 334-4162 In AK & HI: 1 800 527-5602
Mail-Order Pharmacy	1 866 363-8667	<a href="http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/tmop.cfm">http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/tmop.cfm</a>
Retiree Dental Plan	1 888 838-8737	<a href="http://www.trdp.org">http://www.trdp.org</a>
TRICARE Overseas	1 888 777-8343	<a href="http://www.tricare.osd.mil/overseas/">http://www.tricare.osd.mil/overseas/</a>
TRICARE United States	phone numbers available on web site	<a href="http://tricare.osd.mil">http://tricare.osd.mil</a>
TRICARE For Life	1 866 773-0404	<a href="http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tfl/default.cfm">http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tfl/default.cfm</a>
Senior Pharmacy Program	1 877 363-6337	<a href="http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/seniorpharmacy.cfm">http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/seniorpharmacy.cfm</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>
Veterans Group Life Insurance		<a href="http://www.insurance.va.gov/sglisite/vgli/vgli.htm">http://www.insurance.va.gov/sglisite/vgli/vgli.htm</a>
<b>New VGLI Applications and VGLI Reinstatements: OSGLI PO Box 41618 Philadelphia, PA 19176-9913</b>	1 800 419-1473 <b>Overseas phone</b> (973) 548-5699 <b>Overseas Fax #</b> (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 290 West Mt. Pleasant Ave. Livingston, NJ 07039
Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents	1 800 827-1000	<a href="http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current_benefits.htm">http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current_benefits.htm</a> VA Pamphlet 80-02-1
Headstones & Markers	1 800 697-6947	<a href="http://www.cem.va.gov/hm.htm">http://www.cem.va.gov/hm.htm</a>
Other	Phone	Websites/Notes
Final Active Duty Pay	1 866 772-8724 Overseas (785) 339-3550	<a href="http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/ses/">http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/ses/</a> Commanding Officer (SES) USCG Personnel Service Center 444 SE Quincy St Topeka, KS 66683-3591
Contact PSC (SES) for information on Severance Pay, Separation Pay, Disability Severance Pay, LES's, IRS Form W-2.		

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*(Continued from page 18)***Other Important Phone Numbers and Websites**

<b>Other</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Websites/Notes</b>
Travel Claims	1 866 772-8724 Overseas (785) 339-2200	<a href="http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/tvl.asp">http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/tvl.asp</a> Send final travel claim to: Commanding Officer (TVL) USCG Personnel Service Center 444 SE Quincy St. Topeka, KS 66683-3591
Service Records	(314) 801-0800	<a href="http://vetrecs.archives.gov">http://vetrecs.archives.gov</a> Write to: National Personnel Records Center 9700 Page Avenue St. Louis, MO 63132-5100
For copies of personnel records, medical & dental records, and service medals—requests must be in writing and include complete name, rank, SSN, dates of service and date of birth. <b>DD-214s are now available via the website <a href="http://vetrecs.archives.gov">http://vetrecs.archives.gov</a></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/contact_us.html">http://www.marad.dot.gov/contact_us.html</a> Attn: Patricia Thomas, Medals and Decorations Maritime Administration U. S. Department of Transportation 400 7th Street, SW, Room 7304 Washington, D.C. 20590
National Coast Guard Retiree Hotline Council Help Desk Telephone/E-mail "HOTLINE"	1 866 664-6245* (toll free) or 1 202 475-5381  *enter 55381 when you Hear the voice greeting	E-mail: <a href="mailto:NRHD@uscg.mil">NRHD@uscg.mil</a>

**Military Funeral Honors***By: Mr. Robert Casale, ISC New Orleans*

Military Funeral Honors (MFH) for Integrated Support Command New Orleans area of responsibility covers New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and the Panhandle of Florida (from Pensacola to Tallahassee). For Coast Guard Retirees and Veterans, I will be your point of contact for all MFH. I can be reached at 504-253-6361 from 0700-1515 Monday-Fridays or via my cell phone at 504-628-5270 after hours. I will do my best to provide at least two Coast Guard members for each funeral. But please be aware that due to distance and man power, it may not be possible to support your funeral request. I would prefer that you have your funeral director contact me for services. I will need the following information e-mailed or FAXED to me:

- A copy of members DD 214 or
- Discharge Papers or
- ID card or Veterans ID.
- Deceased individuals full name and Social Security Number.
- Funeral Home name, address, phone number and Point of Contact.
- Cemetery name, address, phone number and Point of Contact.
- Person to receive the Flag and relationship to the deceased.
- Date and Time of funeral.

Please feel free to contact me at the phone numbers listed above or e-mail [Robert.Casale@uscg.mil](mailto:Robert.Casale@uscg.mil) or FAX 504-253-6360.

Robert Casale, ISC New Orleans



INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
MEDIA RELATIONS OFFICE – NORTH TEXAS REGION

For Immediate Release

From: Clay Sanford

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“Leave no man behind” is a proud military tenet. It has a sacred meaning on the battlefield for the men and women of our armed forces. But it also has application in everyday life. Hundreds of thousands of veterans and their survivors are at risk of being left behind when it comes to the Economic Stimulus Payments that will be paid this summer.

Congress passed, and the President signed into law, a provision to pay so-called “rebates” to Americans who file tax returns. In so doing, they also extended the payments to include veterans and Social Security recipients who ordinarily do not have to even file a tax return. The minimum payment for those who qualify is \$300 for individuals and \$600 for married couples filing a joint income tax return.

The payments will be calculated by the IRS based on tax returns filed now through the end of 2008 reporting income received and taxes due for the 2007 tax year. But since some veterans and their survivors don’t make enough income to have to file a tax form there is great concern that they might miss the opportunity to receive money coming to them.

This year, veterans who do not otherwise have to file anything with the IRS will want to send in a tax form in order to receive a stimulus payment, according to the Internal Revenue Service. This applies to veterans and their survivors who receive certain pension and disability payments which are not taxable.

Veterans who have income other than veteran’s benefits and are required to file a tax return and pay taxes for 2007 have nothing more to do. They will automatically receive their economic stimulus payments after they file their tax forms, beginning this summer. This would include people who receive non-taxable pension or disability payments from the VA, but who also work and earn enough to have to file and pay taxes.

But veterans who receive VA pension or disability payments, sometimes in combination with Social Security or Railroad Retirement Tier I payments (generally none of which are taxable) will need to file an abbreviated tax form this year so the IRS can send them the stimulus payment they are entitled to receive.

Here is how it works.

Those who have no tax liability and are not required to file a tax return may qualify for a minimum payment of \$300 (\$600 if filing a joint return) if they send the IRS a simple tax return that reflects \$3,000 or more in qualifying income. For the purpose of the stimulus payments, qualifying income includes veterans’ disability compensation, and pension or survivors’ benefits received from the Department of Veterans Affairs in 2007. Specifically, compensation or pension received under chapter 11, chapter 13, or chapter 15 of title 38, United States Code will qualify.

The compensation under those code sections includes:

- Monthly payments to veterans of the armed forces who are disabled as a result of injuries or diseases incurred or aggravated during active service, i.e., who have “service-connected

disabilities.” Payments vary with degree of disability and numbers of dependents (spouse, children).

- Monthly payments to surviving spouses; children (if no qualified surviving spouse); and low-income parents of members who die in active service, or veterans whose deaths are “service connected” (the result of service-incurred or service-aggravated injuries or diseases).
- Monthly benefits paid to surviving spouses, or to children if there is no qualified surviving spouse, of veterans whose deaths are not service connected but who suffered from total, service-connected disability for specified periods immediately prior to their deaths.

Also included are those who receive a disability pension which is monthly need-based payments to certain wartime veterans who suffer from permanent and total, non-service-connected disability, or who are age 65 and older. Death pension payments are the final category which are monthly need-based payments to surviving spouses, or, if no qualified surviving spouse, children, of certain wartime veterans.

Here is what to do.

Those who are not required to file a 2007 return but whose total qualifying income (including earned income, Social Security, certain Railroad Retirement and any of the veterans’ benefits stated above) would equal or exceed \$3,000, should file a simple tax return reporting the income and benefits to establish eligibility. You can use a Form 1040A and report the total of your benefits on Line 14a, or you can use a Form 1040 and report the total of your benefits on Line 20a. Please note that both of these lines refer only to Social Security, but you should enter the total of all your benefits received there, whether your only benefits were veterans’ benefits, or a combination of any of the three (Social Security, Railroad Retirement, or veterans’). If you have any earned income, it is reported on a separate line, Line 7, of either form.

Your name, Social Security number and signature (those entries for both you and your spouse if filing jointly), as well as your address, filing status and whether or not you’d like to receive your payment via Direct Deposit, are the only other items needed on the tax return. No other lines need be filled in. A sample 1040A showing the minimal information needed can be viewed on the IRS Website at [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) and used as a model for completing the form.

The IRS emphasized that people with no filing requirement who turn in a tax return to qualify for the economic stimulus payment will not get a tax bill. People in this category will not owe money because of the stimulus payment. The stimulus payments are not taxable.

More information on these economic stimulus payments is available on [www.IRS.gov](http://www.IRS.gov). Just click on “Rebate questions” link. IRS wants to make sure that no one who is qualified for a payment gets left behind.

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