

ALCOAST 157/09
COMDTNOTE 16114

SUBJ: RETIREMENT OF THE 44 FT MOTOR LIFEBOAT

A. PERSONNEL MANUAL, COMDTINST M1000.6 (SERIES)

1. THE RETIREMENT AND DECOMMISSIONING CEREMONY FOR THE COAST GUARDS LAST 44 FT MOTOR LIFEBOAT (MLB), 44301, IS SCHEDULED FOR 8 MAY 2009 AT COAST GUARD STATION CHATHAM, MASSACHUSETTS.

2. THE 44 FT MLB HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL BOAT DESIGNS IN COAST GUARD HISTORY. IN SERVICE FOR NEARLY A HALF CENTURY, COAST GUARD 44 FT MLBS AND THEIR CREWS SAVED THOUSANDS OF LIVES AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN PROPERTY. THE 44 FT MLB REPRESENTED THE CORE OF HEAVY WEATHER SEARCH AND RESCUE CAPABILITY TO THE AMERICAN BOATING PUBLIC FOR FORTY SIX YEARS. ITS STALWART PRESENCE WAS ALWAYS READY FOR THE CALL WHEN STORM DRIVEN WINDS, SEAS, AND SURF BEGAN TO BUILD. WITH SUPERIOR STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY AND SEAWORTHINESS, THE 44 FT MLB SWIFTLY BUILT A REPUTATION AS A BOAT THAT SAFELY BROUGHT BOAT CREWS HOME IN ALL WEATHER CONDITIONS.

3. THE OFFICE OF BOAT FORCES, FIRST COAST GUARD DISTRICT, SECTOR SOUTHEASTERN NEW ENGLAND, AND STATION CHATHAM WISH TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO COAST GUARD MEMBERS (ACTIVE DUTY, RETIRED, RESERVE, AUXILIARY, AND CIVILIAN) TO ATTEND THIS HISTORIC OCCASION. EVENT DETAILS WILL BE POSTED TO STATION CHATHAMS WEB SITE AND CONTINUALLY UPDATED AS THE DATE DRAWS NEAR. PERSONNEL PLANNING TO ATTEND ARE REQUESTED TO CLICK INTO THE SIGN IN SHEET ON STATION CHATHAMS WEB SITE (LINK BELOW) SO THAT AN ACCURATE COUNT IS AVAILABLE FOR PLANNING.

A. OPERATIONAL COMMANDERS ARE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE PERMISSIVE ORDERS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF (A) FOR THOSE MEMBERS REQUESTING TO ATTEND.

B. REQUEST WIDEST DISSEMINATION OF THIS MESSAGE THROUGH ALL EXISTING CHANNELS (RETIREE GROUPS, LOCAL CHIEFS MESS, CPOA, ETC).

4. POCS.

A. EVENT ORGANIZER. LT ROBERT GRIFFIN AT (508) 989-4802 OR ROBERT.E.GRIFFIN(AT)USCG.MIL.

B. OFFICE OF BOAT FORCES. LT LAWRENCE AHLIN AT (202) 372-2457 OR LAWRENCE.F.AHLIN(AT)USCG.MIL.

C. STATION CHATHAM WEB SITE:
[HTTP://WWW.USCG.MIL/D1/STACHATHAM/44RETIREMENT.ASP](http://www.uscg.mil/d1/stachatham/44retirement.asp)

5. RADM WAYNE E. JUSTICE, ASSISTANT COMMANDANT FOR CAPABILITY, SENDS.

6. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.